



Regional Conference Reports

2015

Southeastern Region

SRAPPA



By the SRAPPA Board

Red, Hot, & Rouge, SRAPPA's 64th annual conference, convened from October 10-13 in **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**. The educational program "Facility Professionals Advancing the Education Mission" gave over 180 participants representing 58 institutions along with 197 business partners the opportunity to attend 34 awesome educational sessions. Louisiana State University hosted SRAPPA 2015 and included an Exhibit Hall of 80 booths providing solutions to the issues facing our institutions.

SRAPPA is all about family and giving back to our communities. SRAPPA volunteers made 1,000 sandwiches and packed 500 lunches for St. Vincent de Paul's Bags of Hope program to be distributed to local homeless people, and also made a \$375 donation.

Peter Strazdas, APPA President, and Lander Medlin, APPA Executive Vice President, conducted the general session, emphasizing engagement among educational institutions as well as sister organizations and stressing what each of us can do to make APPA even better.

Keynote speaker Lieutenant General (ret.) Russel L. Honoré, Joint Task Force-Katrina Commander, discussed



Mardi Gras Indians at President's Banquet.

operating in the "new normal," and that to be effective, one must "See First, Understand First, Act First." The Monday night "Get Your Game On" tailgate was a combination of fun, BBQ, dancing, and friendly competition of both cornhole and MashBall, as teams threw against each other for supremacy. Plenary speaker Ira Blumenthal's presentation, "Change Is Mandatory, Growth Is Optional," illustrated how people and institutions need to change in order to remain relevant and be successful.

On the final night, conference goers danced from the "Celebrating Red Hot Success" reception to the President's Banquet, led by a trumpeter and Mardi Gras Indians.

The President's Banquet provided a fitting end to an exciting conference, as the outgoing president, Jodie Sweat, recapped the



Jodie Sweat passes gavel to incoming president, Dave Maharrey.

region's successful year and awarded the SRAPPA President's Awards to Andy Maddox and Mark Cutlip. She also recognized board members who received awards for their service to the board: Dan Young, Chris Ziolkowski, and Andy Maddox. David Gray received the SRAPPA Emeritus Award, and recognition was given to SRAPPA members who received APPA awards in July at the Annual APPA Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

APPA President Peter Strazdas installed the 2015-16 SRAPPA board, and the night and conference concluded with fabulous music, and as always, more dancing.

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