

# 2016 Regional Reports





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It has been another exciting year for MAPPA! At the start of 2016, MAPPA President Greg Adams (Marquette University) set aggressive goals to promote MAPPA engagement and development. This resulted in MAPPA successfully awarding 123 credentialing scholarships in collaboration with Michigan APPA (MiAPPA), creating a fresh MAPPA website, and accomplishing six Drive-In Workshops.

In tandem with these accomplishments, hosts Maggie Hamilton, Jody Danielson, and Gina Holtzbauer of Iowa State University organized the 2016 MAPPA Conference. Needless to say, they rocked the conference! It was held October 1-5, in **Des Moines, Iowa**, and attracted 356 attendees, half of whom were first timers, as well as 63 business partner exhibits and 34 institutions.

Training sessions such as “Women in Facilities” and “Engaging and Motivating Today’s Workforce” supported this past year’s MAPPA goal of enhancing diversity within MAPPA. Keynote speakers Sam Glenn and Jeff Johnson provided refreshing and inspiring talks. Glenn reminded MAPPA to “serve people with our best,” and Johnson emphasized the teaching of “conscience” as we “influence the people we guide and the people we serve.” MAPPA was able to raise \$2,295 during the conference to donate to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

We celebrated the many awards that MAPPA members and institutions received this year:

- **APPA Pacesetter Award:** Dana Gillon
- **APPA Unsung Hero Award:** Maggie Hamilton
- **APPA Award for Excellence:** Ohio State University
- **APPA Sustainability Award:** Ohio University and University of Michigan



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Supervisor’s Toolkit, hosted at 2016 MAPPA Annual Conference.



MAPPA 2016-2017 Board.

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- **APPA Effective and Innovative Practices Award:** Michigan State University
- **MAPPA President’s Awards:** Sarah Ely, Becky Guelig, and Mike Hamilton

MAPPA welcomed Dr. Joseph Han as the new MAPPA president-elect. We celebrated the transition of Kristie Kowall (Illinois State University) to the chair of the APPA Regional Representatives after eight years of service on the MAPPA board, and Kris Ackerbauer’s (University of Wisconsin) transition off the MAPPA board after 16 years of service and hosting two regional conferences. Both Kristie and Kris have done exceptional work, and we are so grateful!

Tim Thimmesch assumed the role as the new MAPPA president and shared his teaching, learning, and collaborative (TLC) approach to support emerging professionals within MAPPA for the upcoming year. He emphasized MAPPA’s continued support for the growth of credentialing, mentor relationships, and

exceptional training opportunities. We then literally rocked the conference with “The Essentials” and their live rock ‘n’ roll performance.

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