



SRAPPA Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the SE Region Association of Physical Plant Administrators

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President's Message



Hello SRAPPA members,

As we face this public health crisis, professionally, and personally, I hope that you, your loved ones, staff, students and faculty are healthy and safe.

APPA continues to provide valuable content and direction to us. If you have not already, please visit [APPA's COVID-19 Guide and Resources](#) website for information or join in the conversation on the APPA Community page.

Information on the situation is changing daily. COVID-19 has dramatically impacted this semester. This has put stress and strain on all of us. Please reach out to others for support. During difficult times, call your neighbor, friend, or your SRAPPA colleague for help. You may want to call and check on others to give them support. If there is anything the SRAPPA board or I can do to help you, please ask.

Be well,

Bill

Northern Kentucky University

SRAPPA 2020



SRAPPA 2020: September 26-30

SRAPPA 2020 takes place September 26-30 in beautiful Tampa, Florida, also known as the Cigar City. The Tampa Bay area features a large metropolitan area which includes Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, bordered on our west by the white sands and turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico and

surrounding the incredible estuary that is Tampa Bay. For more information and to register, go to [SRAPPA 2020](#).

The 2020 conference will focus on Sustainability, Technology, Leadership/Communications, and Facilities Planning & Construction as our main educational topics.

For information email us at conference@srappa.org.

SRAPPA 2019 Overview

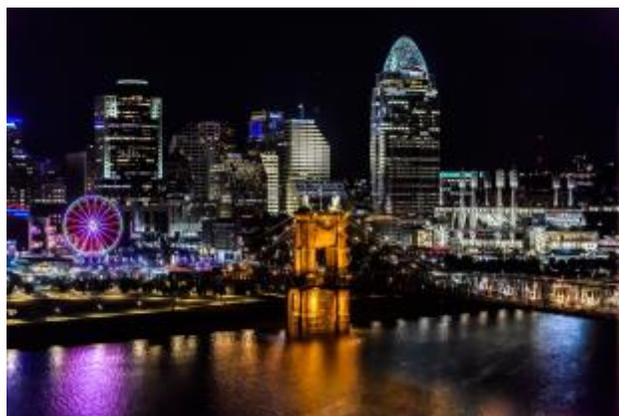
Northern Kentucky University served as host for the 68th annual SRAPPA Conference in the historic city of Covington, Kentucky. Located along the Ohio River across from Cincinnati, Covington provided the 318 attendees stunning views and unique tours. Twenty-seven breakout sessions focused on the four main areas of sustainability, technology, leadership and communication, and facilities planning and construction.

Attendees visited the beautiful NKU campus and facilities, participated in the golf tournament at the Highland Country Club, toured the New Riff Distillery, Rumpke Recycling, and Ark Encounter. Spouses and guests of the attendees were treated to a special tour of the Cathedral Basilica.

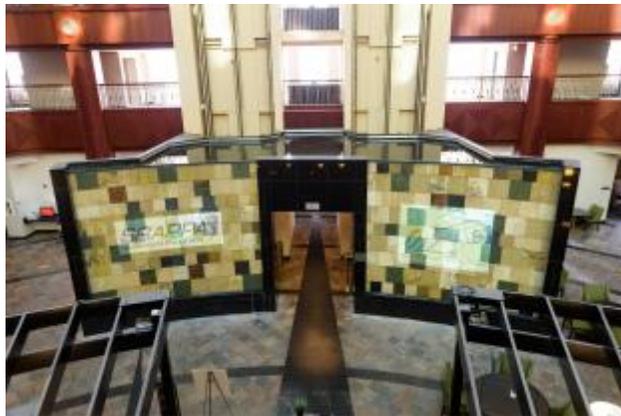
SRAPPA welcomed 120 business partners and enjoyed 51 booths in the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. The region is grateful for each of our business partners. Without the help of our business partners these conferences would not be possible.

The highlight of this year's conference was a riverboat cruise aboard The River Queen. Guests enjoyed spectacular panoramic views along the Ohio River of downtown Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

Click through the photo stack for highlights from the conference.















SRAPPA Mentor and Mentee Program



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“A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.” — Oprah Winfrey

Mentoring is defined as advising or training someone, especially a younger colleague as well as being a trusted counselor or guide. The value of proper mentoring over the course of a lifetime is invaluable, both personally and professionally. We can all remember those one or two people who took us under their wings and helped show us the way to success. SRAPPA takes this opportunity seriously and has created a program whereby we can connect mentors with mentee. Our workforce is in constant need for skilled, savvy thinkers who create successes all around them through team and strategy building. Some of this is learned through experiences and others are learned through training. There is a wealth of skilled, savvy leaders throughout our region and across APPA. This new program allows for the introduction and professional development and guidance of our current and future leaders in the education industry. Sometimes new employees don't know that they don't know but are eager to start the race with intents on winning. Mentors can contribute in many ways to helping stay the course from start to finish. A proper start with goals, objectives and milestones are an important strategy in laying out a career. Mentoring can do that. Helping employees understand their roles and influences can contribute to self-worth and validation. Mentoring can do that. This will in turn create career-oriented leaders instead of resume builders. Mentoring can do that. Proper mentoring can achieve faster progression within the career field by avoiding all the "land mines" and "pitfalls" that are part of everyday campus life. At the end of the succession development journey, we have created productive, competent, confident leaders in an industry that demands those skills. As a valued mentor, reach out and share your knowledge and experiences. As a newcomer, ask for the help that could help "leap-frog" you over your peers. It is a win-win, so volunteer. Be part of something special. Leave a potential legacy in your footsteps. Be a legacy. You can find applications to be a mentor and mentee at the link below and on the SRAPPA officers page.

[Mentor and Mentee Applications](#)

Drive-In Workshops



SRAPPA is looking to bring back the Drive-In Workshops this year. These are 1-day training opportunities sponsored by our business partners. This 3-4 hour training session is ideal for those within a 1-1 1/2 hour radius of the hosting school. Business partners that have a presence in the area are offered the opportunity to sponsor training and provide lunch to attendees. SRAPPA handles all registration for the workshop.

This also serves as an opportunity to introduce potential members to SRAPPA and APPA.

If you are interested in hosting a Drive-In Workshop, contact VP for Education [Andy Maddox](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities



Supervisors Toolkit

**As decision are made on the status of scheduled Supervisors Toolkits, we will update the website.*

The following STKs are scheduled:

- University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, June 1-5, 2020
- Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, June 22-26, 2020
- Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, July 13-17, 2020

[Register today!](#) Tuition for this five (5) day training course is \$499 per person.

For a limited time, host a Supervisor's Toolkit and receive 5 SRAPPA scholarships to send your employees through the session held at your location! This is a saving of \$2,495.00!!

The Supervisor's Toolkit has been specifically designed to meet the needs of the facilities management professional. It is a structured, open-ended, and pragmatic approach to developing supervisors. It is not so much a teach program as a development process, designed to help supervisors realize both personal and professional growth. The program is designed for a full week of training.

Contact [Andy Maddox](#) for more information.

Regional News



I encourage state chapter Presidents (or any Facilities Directors) to send me updates in your state on an on-going basis. Share stories about the Facilities departments in your schools that are standing out, making a difference, being innovative, any awards received or that you just want to recognize! Help me make this newsletter YOUR newsletter.

Send any updates to SRAPPA VP for Communications [Katie McFarland](#).

SRAPPA Region



Congratulations to SRAPPA's own Dave Irvin!

Dave (University of Tennessee Knoxville) is the President-Elect for the 2020-2021 APPA Board of Directors. He will be installed along with Margaret Tennesen from the University of Wisconsin Madison as the incoming VP for Member and Community Engagement at this summer's annual APPA conference. Congratulations, Dave, and we know you will proudly represent the SRAPPA region.



1 - SRAPPA Scholarship News

In the last year, SRAPPA gave over **\$70,000** in scholarships to regional members. These scholarships included attendance to attend APPA University, five Supervisor Toolkit scholarships to all host schools, CEFP reimbursement, and conference money the host institution. Don't miss the opportunity to further your career and save yourself (and your schools) some money!

For more information on how to apply for scholarships visit the [SRAPPA Scholarship](#) site.

Contact Us

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Visit [SRAPPA](#) for news, conference registration and information, scholarship and educational opportunities.