

CAPPA Winter Board Meeting

February 21, 2013

Report of the Jr. Rep to APPA

At the summer APPA Board Meeting a proposed amendment to the APPA Bylaws was presented to allow for creation of Councils. The immediate case, this was to make more permanent the Code and Standards Task Force; it became the APPA Standards and Codes Council (ASCC). The APPA President was identified as the ASCC representative to the APPA Board. At the winter APPA Board Meeting, the bylaws changes were approved. The APPA Standards and Codes Council serves as an advocate and bridge between other organizations that create/amend/advocate for various building codes and standards. The Council has representatives from all APPA regions; CAPPA's members are: David Handwork, Ted Weidner, and Kevin Folsom. The Council has looked at NFPA, ASHRAE, International Code, and other areas to influence and advocate for educational facilities issues. There have been several successes but there are many more issues on the horizon. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the Council to address and/or identify code and/or standards issues affecting their institution.

I have also had the opportunity to represent CAPPA as a member of APPA's Credentialing Board which oversees the EFP and CEFP credentials. I have been an instructor and external supporter of the Credentialing Program for several years and have taught six Prep Course classes in the last year. While initially an individual member or institutional effort, some APPA regions and chapters have embraced the Credentialing Program and have gotten dozens of people certified. The first program delivered in CAPPA is February 19, as part of CAPPA Tech; 16 people are enrolled and have the opportunity to be sit for the examination the next day. Over the life of the program, there are 265 who are EFP (56 in CAPPA) and 102 who are Certified Education Facility Professionals (14 in CAPPA). The CAPPA Tech program makes it possible to double the number of CAPPA members who are CEFP.

In addition to CAPPA Tech, APPA is working to increase the number and distribution of Prep Course deliveries and examination opportunities. The exam is now available on-line and can be administered through any higher education testing center where the examinee can be proctored. There is work on-going to make the Prep Course available on-line or through some kind of asynchronous delivery method. A video was made at a recent prep course and a consultant is engaged to assist with the delivery medium; the course content will remain solely with APPA. Finally, the study guide for the exams continues to be updated and refined based on comments and editorial reviews. The major challenges of the certification effort is maintaining alignment with the BOK (which has moved to a continuous update cycle), creation of additional exam questions, retirement of old exam questions, and coordination of the prep course (and study guide) with the BOK and exam questions. The coordination effort crosses multiple committees and volunteer groups in APPA.

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