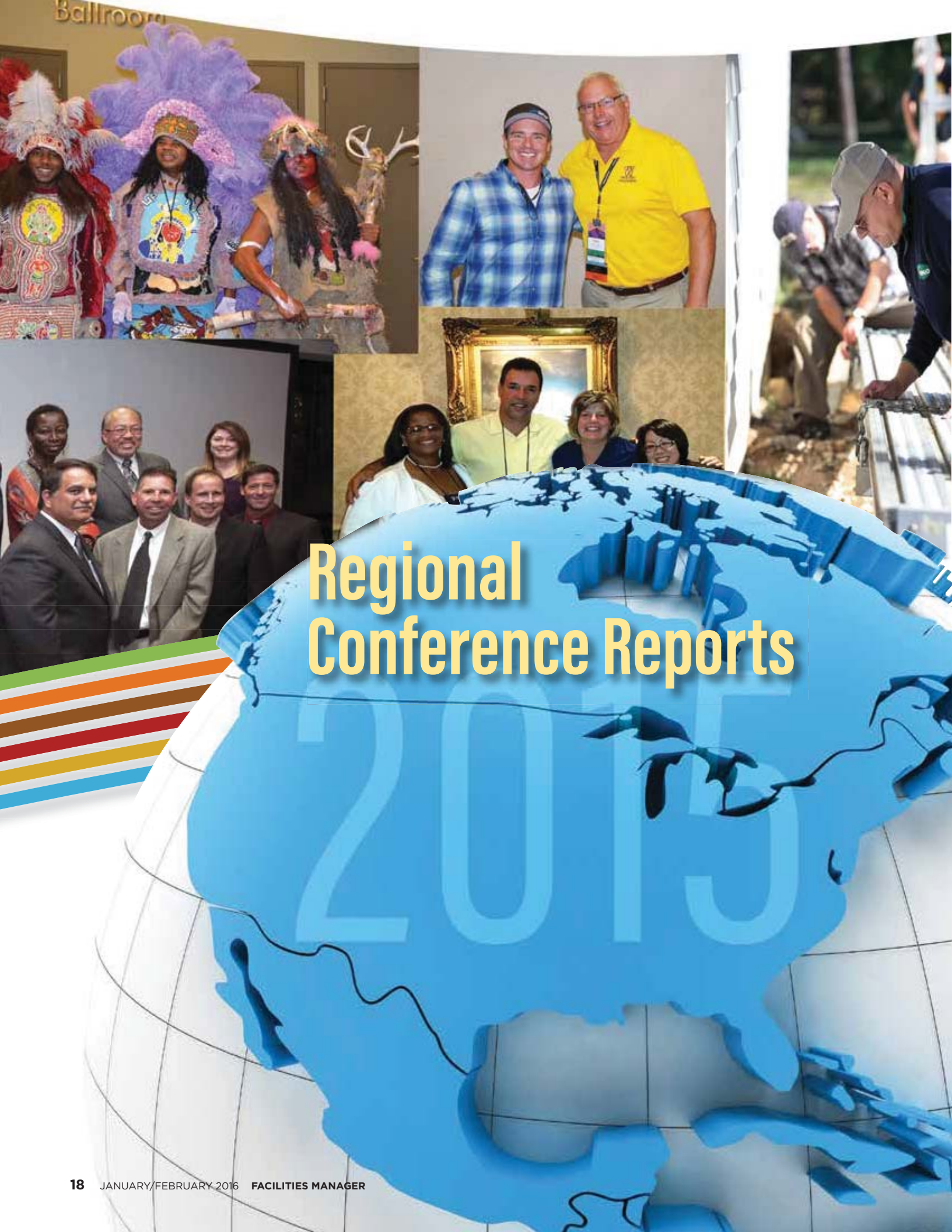

Regional Conference Reports

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More than 625 participants representing 124 educational institutions attended the 2015 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in **Providence, Rhode Island** from October 4 through October 7. The conference theme was "Lighting Our Future." Keynote speaker Bob Kelleher's presentation on employee engagement, workforce trends, and leadership was well received and quite timely. Plenary speaker Dr. Ned Hallowell encouraged the audience to slow down, disconnect from technology, and reconnect with each other during his "Crazy Busy" talk.

The 2015 conference was hosted by the Southern New England Chapter of APPA (SNEAPPA) under the leadership of John Cannon (College of the Holy Cross). The host committee delivered an engaging, thought-provoking, and thoroughly enjoyable program that included a five-track professional development program, APPA's Supervisor's Toolkit, a Hall of Resources featuring a variety of business partners, and an evening of autumnal splendor at the Roger Williams Park Zoo's Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular.

Four board members were elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Steve Peary (University of Vermont) was elected president-elect, Pete Buchheit (University of Pittsburgh–Bradford) was reelected vice president for chapter affairs, Paul Martin (University of Western Ontario) was elected vice president for technology & communications, and Arthur Walsh (University of New Brunswick–Fredericton) was reelected treasurer. Also at the Annual Business Meeting, the entire allotment of ERAPPA professional development scholarships was awarded—six educational scholarships, three credentialing scholarships, and ten ambassador scholarships.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to outgoing chapter presidents, ERAPPA committee members, and host committee members. Merit Awards were given to the host committee chair, outgoing ERAPPA liaisons to APPA committees, and outgoing board members. Rick Phillips (Penn State University), Todd Miller (Centenary College), and Chuck Bagley (University of Maryland) were recognized with ERAPPA's Rising Star Award. John Cannon and Penn State University were awarded ERAPPA's Chapter Champion Award for SNEAPPA and the Keystone Chapter of APPA (KAPPA) respectively. ERAPPA President Dale DeBlois bestowed President's Awards upon Pete Buchheit, Steve Peary, Keith Woodward (Quinnipiac University), and Dan Gearan (New England College).

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Above: A bird's-eye view of the ERAPPA 2015 Hall of Resources—110-plus business-partner booths and plenty of space for networking.

Left: This year's Annual Meeting included a Habitat for Humanity service project as a way of giving back to the host city of Providence.

Beth Clark assumed the role of ERAPPA president at the end of the Annual Meeting. Clark spoke of her motto for the coming year—"Think Differently"—and encouraged her ERAPPA colleagues to do the same as it relates to the ERAPPA organization, recruiting and retaining engaged employees, and our profession as a whole.

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