

2016 Regional Reports





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Nearly 500 participants representing 125 educational institutions attended the 2016 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in **Niagara Falls, Ontario** from October 16-19. The conference theme was “Navigating in a Climate of Change.” Keynote speaker Dr. Dave Williams—Canadian astronaut, aquanaut, and physician—spoke to the assembled audience about taking chances and managing risk. Plenary speaker Greg Johnson, a well-known Canadian storm chaser, captivated the audience with his stunning storm photography and his message of embracing passions to leave a legacy.

The 2016 conference was hosted by the Ontario Chapter of APPA (OAPPA) under the leadership of Richard Francki (York University) and Ron Swail (University of Toronto). The host committee created an engaging and thought-provoking educational program that included a five-track professional development program, APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, a Hall of Resources with a variety of business partners, and an evening of networking and local cuisine amid some of Niagara Falls’ most popular attractions.

There were five board members elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Kevin Mann (Salisbury University) was elected president-elect, Jessica Abbott (University of Hartford) was elected vice president for professional development, Patty Smith (New Jersey City University) was elected vice president for membership, Matthew Yencha (Cedar Crest College) was reelected vice president for annual meetings, and Jonathan Terry (Quinnipiac University) was elected secretary. Also at the business meeting, all of ERAPPA’s professional development scholarships were awarded and bylaw changes (minor, clarifying edits) were passed.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to outgoing



President Steve Peary



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Above: Participants were actively engaged in the breakout session on influential storytelling.

Left: The 2016-2017 ERAPPA Board of Directors.



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. Jessica Abbott, Peyton Gibson (University of Rhode Island), and Kevin Simpson (University of New Brunswick–St. John) were recognized with ERAPPA’s Rising Star Award. Andrew Feick (Temple University) was awarded ERAPPA’s Chapter Champion Award for the Delaware Valley Chapter of APPA (DVAPPA). ERAPPA President Beth Clark bestowed President’s Awards upon Larry Fitzgerald (TRC Environmental), Michelle Frederick (American University), and Arthur Walsh (University of New Brunswick–Fredericton).

Steve Peary assumed the role of ERAPPA president at the end of the annual meeting. Peary spoke of his motto for the coming year—sustainment—and

how it applies to ERAPPA and the perpetuation of the organization’s strategic plan, as well as how it applies to individual members through the pursuit of professional development opportunities.

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