

NYAPPA MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Fall 2026

A Message from Your NYAPPA President

As we settle into another busy academic year, I'm pleased to share updates on what NYAPPA has been doing and what's ahead. Earlier this year, we introduced a more intentional approach to conferences, professional development, and what we call member investment. This summer, we began putting those plans into action ... and the strong response has been encouraging!

Member Investment ... Putting Our Commitment into Action

NYAPPA supported several opportunities this summer to bring practical, affordable professional development closer to our members.

Turf Management & Grounds Training | Spencerport School District

In July, approximately 50 facilities professionals gathered at Spencerport School District for a hands-on training session focused on turf and grounds management. Offered at no cost to participants, the event provided an opportunity to learn practical techniques, exchange ideas, and connect with colleagues from across the state. A special thank you to Spencerport School District for hosting and helping make this event such a success!

Regional Drive-In | Clarkson University

Our July 21 Drive-In brought approximately 30 participants together for professional development, networking, and sharing ideas. Thank you to Clarkson University for hosting!



NYAPPA Drive-In at Clarkson University, July 2026

APPA Supervisor Toolkit | SUNY Cortland

In September, SUNY Cortland hosted APPA's three-day leadership program for facilities operations supervisors. NYAPPA sponsorship significantly reduced the registration cost, and seats sold out in just a few days! Due to this strong demand, another Supervisor Toolkit is being planned for March 2027 in Binghamton. Watch for registration details.

A Dedicated Commitment to Member Investment

The NYAPPA Board approved a \$35,000 Member Investment Budget to support training subsidies, scholarships, and other professional growth opportunities. We are also working to simplify scholarship applications. Our goal is to thoughtfully reinvest organizational resources in the people and institutions we serve.

Save the Date! 2027 NYAPPA Annual Conference

February 23–25, 2027

The Saratoga Hilton

Saratoga Springs, NY

Our first expanded annual conference under NYAPPA's new model!



Planning is underway for an exciting conference combining educational programming, business partner exhibits, networking, and professional connections into one major event. We're also developing a leadership panel featuring experienced facilities leaders.

Registration is anticipated to open in November ... we hope you'll join us!

New to NYAPPA? We Have Something Special for You!

Is your institution new to NYAPPA or considering attending our annual conference for the first time? We're exploring special scholarship and registration assistance opportunities to help more educational institutions experience the professional development, networking, and collaboration that NYAPPA has to offer. Stay tuned for additional details as we prepare for our February 2027 conference in Saratoga Springs!

In Memoriam: Robert "Bob" Britton

We are saddened to share the passing of Robert "Bob" Britton of Fayetteville, NY, on September 22, 2026, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. Bob was deeply involved in NYAPPA and ERAPPA and helped organize the 2004 ERAPPA Conference in Syracuse. He worked for many years at Syracuse University before leading a hospital facilities team until his retirement. Bob will be remembered for his service to our profession, his collegiality, and his encouragement of others to get involved. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Dee, their three daughters and their partners, seven grandchildren, and all who knew him.

Stay Connected!

We're already looking ahead to more regional events, hands-on workshops, and leadership development in 2027. What training would benefit your team? Would your institution be interested in hosting a Drive-In? We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support and for the work you do every day to strengthen educational facilities across New York State.

Warm regards,

Juanita Larrabee
President, NYAPPA

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