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# MANAGING YOUR FACILITIES

Newsletter for the National School Plant Management Association



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*The Best is Yet to Come!*

**2019 in review - what a wild and wonderful year!** It has been a great ride with much opportunity for growth and accomplishment. Many of our hopes and dreams have begun to be achieved and many exciting opportunities remain. On the professional side I listened to our board and vigorously strove to incorporate the expressions and visions voiced. From my own perspective I put an emphasis on growth of membership and state affiliates. My very first action was to gather with my Executive Board (president, president elect, vice president, and past president) and shared my vision for their critique and to

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*Dr. Rick Walters NSPMA President; Kim Parahus NYSSFA incoming President; Mike Coghlan NYSSFA Past President; Paul Rooney NYSSFA outgoing President; and Keith Watkins NSPMA President-Elect (Photo from the 2019 New York State School Facilities Association Conference in October)*

incorporate their thoughts and ideas. For continuity I knew the critical nature of a joint perspective and common purpose. Their support and encouragement has been essential and greatly appreciated.

From an accomplishment perspective, I'm delighted at the empowerment of board members and business partners. We assigned specific tasks and achieved many results. New and even greater alliances were forged with many strategic business partners. Our board took on a very ambitious membership drive. As a result of my commitment to growth and personally reaching out to state organizations these past two years our state affiliates have doubled in number with many prospective members on the verge of joining our great organization. The dream is far from being

fully realized but indeed wonderfully encouraging as to what can be accomplished with shared vision and teamwork. I feel very confident that we are on the verge of even greater growth.

On a personal note I endeavored to attend many state conferences and strengthen my relationship with board members – I wanted to reach below the surface of meeting just once a year and to really get to know each other. What a wonderful bunch of folks we have. True professionals with commitment to the greater care and concern for our schools and children across this great nation. No matter the customs and intricacies and even regional concerns, we all share that same common bond within our hearts. I say welcome 2020 – ***the best is yet to come!***

## 2020 SCSPMA & NSPMA Conference Links

### 2020 Conference Registration Link

[2020 SCSPMA & NSPMA Conference](#)

### Call For Candidates Links

**NSPMA CANDIDATE APPLICATION 2020** –For the Position of Vice President

Click here for more information and to download the [CANDIDATE APPLICATION](#)

**NSPMA CANDIDATE APPLICATION** – For the Position of Member of Board of Directors

Click here for more information and to download the [BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE APPLICATION](#)



# LSFMA Conference 2020

The Louisiana School Facility Managers Association (LSFMA) held their annual fall conference at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana, on October 24-25th. The conference was attended by school districts throughout the state of Louisiana, and they welcomed two new school districts (Allen Parish School District and Tensas Parish Schools) to the LSFMA. The LSFMA had the following guest speakers present to the members:

Harry Schexnayder, who is the Director of Pesticides for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Harry presented important information on termites to the LSFMA members because southern Louisiana school districts deal with termites on a regular basis.

Michelle Krueger, who heads the Entergy Solutions Energy Efficiency Incentive Program. This program provides funds to school districts that want to change their light fixtures to LED lighting. It is offered through a joint venture between Entergy and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Freddy Crick with Mitsubishi presented information on the benefits of VRF HVAC systems in school districts.

Ray Adams with Beyond 3D Imagery Concepts presented the benefits of 3D imaging in schools districts.



*Rose Landry (speaker) is the LSU/NCBRT representative, which provides grants to States for School Emergency Management (GSEM) Program.*



*Harry Schexnayder who is the Director of Pesticides, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry giving a presentation on termites.*



*Kyle Bordelon (center) from Lafayette Parish Public Schools receiving the Zuber award from Dr. Bob Cage (left) and Pat Credeur*

Rose Landry who is the Special Projects Coordinator for the NCBRT/ACE at Louisiana State University (LSU). She presented information on a free program that her organization provides to school districts that are looking for ways to improve the school district's safe school program.

The LSFMA also made modifications to the organization's by-laws to ensure that the by-laws meet the needs of the organization and the LSFMA announced the winners of 3 \$1000 scholarships. The LSFMA would also like to welcome Ross Guidry from The Lafourche Parish School District and James Mitchell from The St. James Parish School District. Both of these gentlemen were elected as the two new Member Representative At Large.

The LSFMA looks forward to working with these two gentlemen, and we will lean on them as we continue with our membership drive. The conference was a big success, and the LSFMA truly believes that it has a very bright future for years to come. Come join us for the spring conference which is scheduled to be held at The Paragon Casino on April 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The LSFMA hopes to see you there.



# Scholarship Opportunity

## Deadline Approaching!

### NATIONAL SCHOOL PLANT MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The National School Plant Management Association seeks to assist students who are continuing their education by offering scholarships to those pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree.

Any graduating senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for a scholarship. A total of \$5,000 has been budgeted for the program for up to five individuals based on the selection criteria (financial need, academic achievement, co-curricular participation, community service, and essay response). The individual scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on candidate interest, evaluation results, and upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee.

#### 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS

Victoria Cline – Nursing  
Harmony Grove, AR

Amber Burks – Music Education  
Hindsville, AR

Kevin Felter – HVAC Associate Degree  
Branson, MO

Avary Lewis Payne – Finance  
Middlesex, VA

Each student was awarded \$1000.00 to further their educational goals.



#### 2020 NSPMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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