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Happy Fall, y'all!!

I hope this finds you all well, into the routine of the academic calendar, and now finalizing your plans to attend next week's SRAPPA Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. That said, however, I am reaching out to let you know that it is **time to renew your TNAPPA membership - the Tennessee Chapter of APPA!**

Your TNAPPA membership is separate from your APPA/SRAPPA membership, and yet it allows you to take advantage of the many programs that APPA provides – the Facilities Management Institute, the Leadership Academy, Emerging Professionals programs, EFP credentialing, and CEFP certification, and more. To be clear, TNAPPA has scholarship monies available, separate from scholarships offered by SRAPPA, and we are just waiting for qualified people to apply. I am sure you will agree that the APPA programs are of very high quality, as well as instrumental in developing our people and critical in our succession planning. So, double down on your scholarship applications!

Your TNAPPA membership is a terrific means of networking with folks who face the same issues and challenges you experience each day at your respective institutions. With the many Business Partners who support our efforts, as well as underwrite a good portion of our annual conference, they are a tremendous resource as we seek the most cost-effective solutions, products, and services.

I want to invite you to attend the 2018 TNAPPA Annual Conference, to be held in Chattanooga, and hosted by the University of Tennessee – Chattanooga, on May 14 and 15, 2018. The theme for the conference is *"Sustainability Excellence in Operations"*, where we'll learn of Chattanooga's renaissance from one of America's dirtiest cities in the 60s and 70s, into a true bellwether of sustainability, and one of the fastest growing success stories in the Southeast.

We will be staying at the beautiful Chattanooga Westin Hotel, attending the educational sessions at UT-C's University Center, and sharing time with our Business Partners in the adjacent Maclellan Gymnasium. Other activities in the works include UT-C campus facility tours, a golf outing at the Jack Nicklaus designed Bear Trace at Harrison Bay, a Tennessee River gorge cruise, and a terrific evening in the Chattanooga Aquarium, where we will have it all to ourselves, including dinner. Look for details forthcoming.

You cannot enjoy all of the programs and benefits if you do not join TNAPPA. It has never been easier to join, as a membership form has been included with this letter. Don't start something else after you read this letter – fill out the form and join! Please also continue to browse the TNAPPA website, and stay up to speed with all of the great happenings within your state chapter.

I hope to see you all in Charlotte next week, AND Chattanooga in May!! Be well.

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