NEWS BULLETIN
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Let’s welcome our two new non-profit partners.

APPA & CSHEMA

The Center recently announced agreements with two new non-profit partners: APPA & CSHEMA. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide members and followers with additional details explaining our agreement, and also to provide an understanding of these two organizations.

APPA

APPA is the acronym for The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers. APPA promotes leadership in educational facilities for professionals seeking to build their careers, transform their institutions, and elevate the value and recognition of facilities in education. APPA is the association of choice for more than 7,000 educational facilities professionals throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad.

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APPA has extensive expertise in the supervision, management, and technical training of educational facilities professionals responsible for construction, management, operations and maintenance of campus buildings, grounds, and infrastructure. They are actively engaged in standards and codes development activities related to fire and life safety.

The Center and APPA believe it is vital to strengthen their collaborative relationship for the betterment of the educational facilities sector and to enhance fire and life safety knowledge and best practices. Areas both organizations will address include:

Educational Conferences & Training: Sharing of breakout sessions beginning with the APPA Centennial Conference in July, Campus Fire & Life Safety Course offerings for APPA’s Facility Management Program, and a series of jointly produced live webinars.

Codes and Standards Activities: There is much opportunity for both groups to work in this arena and several very important projects in the works to educate member institutions and facilities professionals on current and emerging trends in standards and codes impacting educational facilities and campus infrastructure. More on this topic will be forthcoming throughout 2014.

Periodicals, Newsletters and more! Both organizations have Resources Centers packed with useful tools for professionals. We will continue to develop tools that can be shared. Currently, The Center is writing a chapter for APPA’s Book of Knowledge. This will be shared with members from both organizations when released.

CSHEMA
CSHEMA is an acronym for The Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association. CSHEMA provides information sharing opportunities, continuing education, and professional fellowship to people with environmental health and safety (EHS) responsibilities in the education and research communities. CSHEMA leads by listening to its members, organizing their efforts, developing leadership that responds to the needs of the education and research communities, and striving for excellence in everything it does. Several of The Center’s members are CSHEMA members.

The CSHEMA partnership began in 2013 at The annual Center for Campus Fire Safety Forum in St. Louis. The relationship was announced by President Paul D. Martin at the opening session.

The Center will be available to CSHEMA as a fire safety resource to answer fire safety related questions, and to provide fire safety training when requested. Both CSHEMA and Center representatives will attend, exhibit and speak at each others conferences. We were pleased to have both Mark Bagby (Washington University, St. Louis) and John DeLaHunt (University of San Antonio) speak at our recent conference. Both organizations will continue to work together to develop an ongoing strategic partnership to enhance fire safety education in today’s college and universities.

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