



16th Annual Spring Conference Call for Presentations

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Galloway Township, NJ

March 11-13, 2026

Call for Presentations:

We are **BACK** and ready to bring you an excellent conference, but *we need your help* to deliver the **BEST** educational opportunities to our attendees. Therefore, the New Jersey Chapter of APPA (NJAPPA) invites you to participate in our open **“Call for Presentations”** to present at the 16th Annual NJAPPA Spring Conference taking place in Galloway Township, NJ, on March 11-13, 2026.

Conference Theme Abstract:

“Back to the Front – Elevating Operational Excellence.”

This year’s conference theme centers on empowering the frontline — the essential workers who are the heartbeat of facilities management. As industry evolves, so too must our support systems, training models, and strategic investments in those on the ground. The theme highlights the need to prioritize the experiences and effectiveness of frontline employees by equipping them with the right tools, technology, and support structures to drive daily operations with precision and pride.

The conference also emphasizes the critical role of leadership in fostering a culture of continuous improvement and operational excellence. Investing in leaders at all levels — from team supervisors to facility directors — is key to sustaining high-performance environments. Through focused discussions, presentations, and innovation showcases, attendees will explore how empowering people, refining processes, and leveraging data can create more resilient, agile, and efficient operations across the facilities management landscape within your institutions and organizations.

Join us as we bring focus back to the front—providing supervisors with the tools, insights, and confidence to elevate their teams and advance excellence across our campuses.

NJAPPA invites presentation proposals that help strengthen supervisory effectiveness and promote operational excellence across facilities organizations. We are looking for conversational, interactive, and engaging sessions that don't merely deliver a message.



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Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership and management skills for frontline supervisors
- Communication and team engagement strategies
- Performance management, coaching, and accountability
- Workforce development, mentoring, and succession planning
- Safety culture, compliance, and operational best practices
- Innovation, technology, and process efficiencies in facilities operations
- *Be creative, interactive, and bold!*

Audience:

Attendance at this conference will include approximately 100 educational facilities management, planning, design, and construction professionals and business partners from New Jersey and surrounding areas. Sessions will be 60-75 minutes in length and should allow adequate time for questions. Business Partners are encouraged to team up with institutions from across the region for joint presentations.

Selection Process:

Sessions must be non-proprietary (no sales, please). Member institutions and business partners are encouraged to create joint presentations that reflect the partnership and implementation of ideas and/or projects. The Professional Development Committee will review submissions and selections based on the following (in no order):

- Overall quality and interest in the topic
- Unique and innovative ideas
- Timeliness of the topic and how it relates to facilities, grounds, operations, planning, design, and/or construction
- Tangible takeaway(s) for attendees
- Relevance to the conference theme
- Qualifications of presenter(s)
- NJAPPA membership



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Learning Units and Professional Development Credits:

Sessions that provide credits should be identified. NJAPPA will assist in obtaining AIA CEUs if the content is applicable.

Submissions:

The [“Call for Presentations”](#) is **NOW OPEN** and can be accessed through our website through the link provided. Access to the portal will be closed as of COB on **Monday, January 5, 2026**. Selected presenters will be notified on Monday, January 16, 2026, with final presentations due on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Questions:

If you have any questions regarding the Call for Presentations please contact John Pereira, Director of Professional Development, at john.pereira@rutgers.edu

We look forward to receiving your submissions to help us develop a program that will be informative, engaging, and designed to provide attendees with takeaways that will help them fill their leadership toolkits with a wealth of exceptional knowledge.

Thank you for your participation.

The NJAPPA Professional Development Committee