



More than 160 participants representing 38 institutions had the opportunity to attend 21 educational sessions with 107 business partners at this year's 2014 SRAPPA Conference in Huntington, West Virginia. The 63rd annual conference was hosted by Marshall University, October 4-7, 2014 under the direction of Mark Cutlip.

Glenn Smith, APPA Immediate Past President and John Bernhards APPA Associate Vice President, conducted the General Session by recapping some of the videos seen at APPA's 100th Anniversary Conference held in July, 2014 in San Diego.

Keynote speaker Bruce Wilkinson shared stories about motivating people and inspiring excellence, service and accountability in the workplace. The Monday night football dinner was a combination of fun, food, dancing and friendly competition of corn hole as teams played each other to win beautiful military themed corn hole boards. Plenary Speaker, Abby Rike spoke about her journey through an unbelievable tragedy and how she was able to push through the devastation finding her inner strength and courage and teaching us how to find our own. She was truly an inspiration.

The President's Banquet concluded our conference as the outgoing president, Jay Williams recapped the region's successful year and awarded the SRAPPA President's Award for Emeritus Status to Jay Klingel. Also recognized were the board members who received the President's Award for their service to the board: Paul Wuebold, Heather Hargrave, Lee Richey and Larry Blake. The SRAPPA region recognized those who received APPA awards presented in July: Marion Bracy, Xavier University – Meritorious Service Award; Jay Klingel, University of Virginia - Meritorious Service; Xavier University - Effective and Innovative Practices Award; University of North Carolina Charlotte - Award for Excellence; Andy Maddox, University of Alabama - President's Unsung Hero Award; Mark Goska, Standards and Codes Council - President's Award; North Carolina State University - Sustainability Award. Glenn Smith, APPA Immediate Past President (Bryn Mawr College) installed the 2014-2015 SRAPPA Board.

Joe Castillo, one of the top finalists on "America's Got Talent" concluded the banquet with a phenomenal 'live art' presentation using sand, light and music.

The 2015 SRAPPA Conference "Red, Hot & Rouge!" will be hosted by Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana October 10-13, 2015.