

General Attendee Registration Deadline: May 13, 2026

GAPPA 2026 ANNUAL MEETING AND TRADE SHOW

**OPERATE, INNOVATE, ELEVATE:
THE FUTURE OF FACILITIES STARTS HERE**



**Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island Georgia**

**Full Event:
May 23 – 27, 2026**

**Tradeshow Only:
May 24 – 25, 2026
(Memorial Day Weekend)**

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the GAPP Board, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to this year's GAPP Annual Conference. We are honored to gather with facilities professionals from across the state who share a commitment to excellence in the environments where Georgians learn, work, and grow.

Our 2026 conference theme, "**Operate, Innovate, Elevate: The Future of Facilities Starts Here,**" reflects both the foundation of our profession and the forward momentum that defines it.

Operate speaks to the essential work you perform every day. From maintaining complex building systems to ensuring safe, clean, and welcoming spaces, your dedication keeps our institutions running. Operational excellence is not accidental—it is built on discipline, expertise, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to service.

Innovate challenges us to think beyond routine and embrace progress. Facilities management is evolving rapidly through technology, data analytics, sustainability initiatives, and new models of workforce development. Innovation is no longer optional—it is essential. By adopting smarter systems, leveraging emerging tools, and sharing best practices, we position our institutions for long-term success.

Elevate calls us to raise the standard of our profession. Elevating facilities means strengthening safety and risk management, advancing environmental stewardship, empowering our teams, and enhancing the experience of those we serve. It means recognizing that facilities professionals are strategic partners in institutional success—not just support services. When we elevate our operations, we elevate our campuses and communities.

This conference is designed to support all three pillars of our theme. Through educational sessions, peer networking, industry partnerships, and leadership development opportunities, you will gain practical insights and fresh perspectives that can be implemented immediately. More importantly, you will connect with colleagues who understand both the challenges and the immense impact of our work.

The future of facilities does not happen by chance—it begins with professionals like you who are willing to learn, lead, and innovate. I encourage you to fully engage during your time here. Ask questions. Share your experiences. Explore new ideas. Build relationships. The conversations you have this week may spark the solutions that shape tomorrow's operations.

Thank you for your continued dedication to GAPP and to the institutions you serve. Your expertise, resilience, and commitment are what make this organization strong. Together, we will operate with excellence, innovate with purpose, and elevate the future of facilities management.

Welcome to the conference. I look forward to a productive and inspiring event.

Sincerely,
Katie Twining
President, GAPP 2024-2026

GAPPA is THE Best Place to Connect with Your Vendors

Our daily schedules are often jam packed, and we don't have time to meet with vendors to discuss best practices, new products, or innovative solutions. Over 130 vendors are exhibiting and sponsoring at GAPPA 2026 and eager to talk with you about your campus needs.

- Enter exhibit hall during scheduled hours only.
 - Sunday 3:00 – 6:00 PM
 - Monday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- The tradeshow is a family friendly event, and lots of fun. Please keep guests and children with you when making the rounds.
- Exhibitors and sponsors make our event possible. We urge you to visit with them and pick up some swag.
- Don't miss the opportunity to enter to win vendor door prizes (Limited to conference attendees; Guests have an opportunity to win door prizes on Wednesday morning).
- **Everyone needs a name badge to enter tradeshow.** If you have an unregistered guest, stop by registration to pick up a visitor's pass.

Registration Information

Registration Fee Includes:

- 20 - Educational Sessions
- 5 - Event Sponsored Meals
- Tradeshow

Early Bird Registration Fees - Register by April 10, 2025 (Prices increase after this date)

- Member Educational Institute Employee - \$375
 - \$450 after early bird deadline
- Non-Member Educational Institute Employee - \$450
 - \$525 after early bird deadline
- Retired Educational Institute Employee - \$125
 - \$200 after early bird deadline
- Approved Speaker - Registration fee waived with promo code.

Refunds

Refund up to 80% if cancelled by May 1, 2025. Contact registration@gappa.org with questions regarding cancellations or to transfer registration to another individual without additional cost.

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Optional Items

In keeping with the Fun and Family Friendly theme, there's more!

Golf - The Sunday Golf Tournament is a great way to network with peers and vendors - \$50

Family/Guest Items:

- All-Inclusive Guest Package - Includes Sunday cocktail reception, 5 event sponsored meals (Mon – Wed), Monday bingo and a dolphin tour on Tuesday - \$75 each (valued at \$130)
- Individual Meal Tickets – We offer individual meals for those who don't need the full guest package (Breakfasts and Lunches @ \$15 each)
- Bingo Only - \$5, While this is primarily an adult activity...
 - Parents may bring their children 12 and under at no cost (no prizes for this group).
 - Teens (13-17) must be accompanied by an adult and are charged full price (age-appropriate prizes for this group).
- Guest Tour Only - Adult \$25
- Guest Tour Only - Child \$15 (age 3-12)
 - Children age 0-2 - Free
 - Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Preorder items to receive the discounted pricing. Only a limited number of items are sold on-site at full price.

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Proposed Educational Sessions

SATURDAY		SESSIONS
1:00 - 1:45 PM	S1A	Innovating Georgia's EV Future
1:00 - 1:45 PM	S1A	Capital Planning in Tight Fiscal Environments
2:00 - 2:45 PM	S2A	Implementing Demand Response: Peak Shaving
2:00 - 2:45 PM	S2B	Quantifying Engagement to Determine the Facility's Needs
SUNDAY		GOLF - 7:30 AM & TRADESHOW - 3:00 PM
1:00 - 2:45 PM	S3A	About Us: First Timers, Scholarships and Certification
1:00 - 2:45 PM	S3B	The Anatomy of Roofing Failures
2:00 - 2:45 PM	S4A	Carving Out Time for Quality
2:00 - 2:45 PM	S4B	Electrified Heating: Water-to-Water Heat Pump Systems & Applications
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM		TRADESHOW
MONDAY		SESSIONS
7:30 - 8:30 AM		Opening Breakfast & SRAPPA Update
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM		TRADESHOW
12:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Sponsor Appreciation Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 PM	1A	Culture Drives Facilities Experiences
1:00 - 1:45 PM	1B	Asset Management Innovation at Savannah Tech
TUESDAY		SESSIONS
7:00 - 8:00 AM		Breakfast & Annual Meeting
8:15 - 9:00 AM	2A	Scalable Practices for Energy Management
8:15 - 9:00 AM	2B	Thermal Battery Energy Storage
9:15 - 10:00 AM	3A	Modernize & Optimize: Spelman College Science Center
9:15 - 10:00 AM	3B	Leading Facilities Teams for Maximum Impact
10:15 - 11:00 AM	4A	Planning is a Team Sport: TCSG's Data-Driven Facilities Strategy
10:15 - 11:00 AM	4B	The Advantages and Risks of Design: Vertical Openings
11:15 - 12:00 PM	5A	Managing the Move: Relocation, Logistics, and Change Management During Capital Renovation Projects in Higher Education
11:15 - 12:00 PM	5B	Building a Collaborative Network for Statewide Energy Performance in Georgia
12:15 - 1:15 PM		Lunch & APPA Update
1:30 - 2:15 PM	6A	FCA's are Just the Beginning
1:30 - 2:15 PM	6B	Adaptive Reuse for Healthcare Innovation

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Proposed Schedule

DAY	DESCRIPTION	
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Workshops: 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM 	
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Registration: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM • Golf Tournament: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM • About Us/First-timers 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM • Educational Sessions: 1:00 PM – 2:45 PM • Tradeshow: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM • Golf Awards: 5:30 PM (at tradeshow) • Cocktail Reception: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <p align="center"><i>New: Dinner on your own</i></p>	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Breakfast & SRAPPA Update: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM • Tradeshow: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM • Door Prize Drawings: 11:30 AM (at tradeshow) • Sponsor Appreciation Lunch: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM • Educational Sessions 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM <p align="center"><i>Dinner on your own</i></p>	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast & Annual Meeting: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM • Educational Sessions A & B: 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM • Lunch & APPA Update: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM • Educational Sessions A & B: 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM <p align="center"><i>Dinner on your own</i></p>	
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Breakfast: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM • Experience Exchange: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM <p align="center"><i>New: No Break for Hotel Check-out</i> <i>Name badges must be turned in by 8:30 to be included in drawing</i></p>	
Registration Hours:	Saturday	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
	Sunday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
	Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
	Tuesday	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
	Wednesday	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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Stipends

Application deadline is April 24, 2026

GAPPA is offering stipends to member institution attendees (limited to **3 per** institute).

Stipend

- Travel expenses are reimbursed up to \$1250 per applicant.
- Registration fee - Approved stipend applicants will receive a promo code to waive fee.
- Submit application to registration@gappa.org

General Eligibility:

- Member Institute must be current on dues.
- Applicant must be current employee of a member institute.
- Approved applicant must complete online registration for the Annual Meeting & Trade Show (using promo code provided).

Reimbursement to Member Institution:

- Reimbursement will be post-Annual Meeting and Trade Show.
- Reimbursable expenses include:
 - Mileage - at state rate
 - Lodging
 - Meals - at state per diem rates (only those meals not included at event)
- Complete reimbursement form and submit with applicable receipt(s)
- Submit reimbursement request to:
Sheree Srader
registration@gappa.org

Submission Deadline: July 31, 2026

Note: Stipend applications will be taken on a first-come basis and will be approved based on description of need and allocated funds available.

***Reimbursement Checks are Made Payable to Member Institution
Employee is Reimbursed by Their Institution***

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Conference Hotels Listing

Hotels provide a limited number of rooms at the courtesy rate. Consult with individual hotels regarding Minimum Stay Requirements, Resort Fees, cancellation Policy, etc. Most properties require you to register early April to secure group rate.			
Property	Dates	Room Description	Price
The Courtyard Jekyll Island 912-635-2416 Courtyard by Marriott-Residence Inn for GAPPA 2026	May 24 - 27	Island View Ocean View	\$279 \$299
Hampton Inn & Suites 912-635-3733 800-426-7866 Group: Hampton Inn & Suites Jekyll Island	May 22 - 27	Double Queen Suite King Suite Standard Double	\$262 \$262 \$232
Holiday Inn Resort 912-635-2211 877-834-3613 Group: GAPPA 2026 - Holiday Inn Resort Jekyll	May 23 - 26	Oceanview Guestroom	\$259
Home2 Suites by Hilton 912-319-6019 800-774-1500 Group: GAPPA 2026	May 24 - 27	Studio Suite	\$279
Jekyll Island Ocean Club 800-535-9547 Group: GAPPA JOC	May 22 - 27	Ocean View Suites	\$533
Jekyll Island Club Hotel 800-535-9547 Group: GAPPA JIC	May 22 - 27	Standard Room	\$279 - 359
Residence Inn Jekyll Island 912-635-2764 Courtyard by Marriott-Residence Inn for GAPPA 2026	May 24 - 27	Island View Rooms Ocean View Studio	\$295 \$315
Seafarer Inn and Suites 912-635-2202 Group: GAPPA 2025	May 23 - 28	King	\$199
Villas by the Sea 912-635-2521 http://www.villasbythesearesort.com/ Group: GAPPA	May 24 - 27	Mini Villa/Studio Island Side 1 Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom	N/A \$199-229 \$269-309 \$369-409
Westin Jekyll Island 912-635-4545 Opt #1 800-937-8461 GAPPA Conf Rm Block 2026 Group: Westin RESLINK	May 22 - 27	Traditional Double Traditional King Ocean Front Suite	\$299 \$329 \$729

Exhibit Level Sponsors (As of 3/5/2026)

DIAMOND	
Mingledorff's Inc.	OFS

PLATINUM	
Allegion	John Q. Bullard Associates
DAIKIN APPLIED	Trane/METUS
Georgia Power Company	

GOLD	
Acuity Brands Lighting Associates	Garbutt Construction Company
Aeiro, LLC	H.E. Hodge
AFTERDISASTER	Johnson Controls
Automated Logic Corporation	McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
Bowman	PBK Architects
Caliber 1 Construction, Inc.	Portable Air and Power
CGL Companies	REPCO SALES OF GEORGIA
CONTROL CONCEPTS, LLC	Siemens Industry
Cotton Global Disaster Solutions	The Hoffman Family of Companies
CROFT & Associates	Tom Barrow Company
Current Edge Solutions LLC	Walker Consultants
DCCM	Wiley Wilson
Door Specialties, Inc.	

SILVER	
BrightView Landscape Services	JMA Architecture, Inc.
Building Maintenance Optimization Consultants	MasterCorp Commercial Services
Cooper Carry	Multivista
CPL Architecture Engineering Planning	NBP Engineers, Inc.
Fellowes Brands	Paint Applicators
First OnSite Property Restoration	Pond & Company
FMX	Red Hat Painting LLC
Frazier Service Company	RMF Engineering
Gaco	Roth IAMS
Geo-Hydro Engineers	Sheridan Construction
Heat Transfer Systems of GA	Tecta America Southeast, LLC
Holden & Associates	Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance
Inpro Corporation	Turnkey Facility Maintenance
Intertek	Victaulic
Invision Technologies	

Exhibit Level Sponsors (cont'd)

BRONZE	
Air Filter Sales & Service	Miracle Method of Atlanta
Allstate Construction Group	New Restorations
Altius US, Inc.	OperationsHERO
ATS Waypoint	Patcraft
BELFOR Property Restoration	Piedmont Construction Group
Boiler Supply	Proxess LLC
Britt Peters	Ready 2 Respond
Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc.	Stromquist and Company
Clark Nexsen, Inc.	
E. Sam Jones	
Five Star Painting	
Green Air Environmental	
HES Facilities Management	
Impact Cx, LLC, a Salas O'Brien Company	
Insight Partners	
Interior Environments	
IPG, Incorporated: Architects and Planners	
JE Dunn Construction	
Laboratory & Biosafety Systems, Inc.	
Lowe Electric Supply	
Merlo Energy	
Michael E. Clark and Associates, Inc.	

Promotional Level Sponsors

Attendee Registration Bag
Attendee Registration Gift
Attendee Badge
Walker Architects
Hospitality Suite
Golf Tournament & Awards
Comprehensive Program Services
Winter Construction
Sunday Cocktail Reception
Flynn Finderup Architects
Jericho Design Group, LLC
Setty
Shear Structural

Standard Non-Exhibit Sponsor (As of 03/05/2026)

Abode Engineering	Philip Edward Contracting
Palacio Collaborative	SP Design Group, Inc.
Pape-Dawson	WSP

Golf Tournament

The **Golf Tournament** is a highlight of our Annual Meeting. The format is a shotgun start/scramble. All groups tee off at the same time from different holes.

Box Lunch Provided

Golf Awards: Moved to Tradeshow (5:30 PM)

When: Sunday Morning, May 24, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM Check-in

8:30 AM Tee Time

Where: Jekyll Island Golf Club
322 Captain Wylly Road

Cost: Tournament

Institute Players - \$50

Vendor Players - \$75



Participants must be registered for the GAPPA Annual Meeting and Tradeshow, or as the guest of a registrant.

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Proposed Guest Schedule

*Purchase of Guest Package includes tradeshow access,
6 event sponsored meals, bingo and guest tour.*

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Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tradeshow: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM • Cocktail Reception: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dinner on your own</i></p>	
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	Sunday	12:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
	Tuesday	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Guest Tour

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Jekyll Island Dolphin Tour

Cost:

- Included with All Inclusive Guest Package
- Adult Tour Only - \$25
- Child Tour Only - \$15 (12 years and under)
- Age 16 & under must be accompanied by an adult

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 AM (8:15 check-in)

Bring Your Camera, Bottled Water and Sunscreen

Lunch Included: 12:00 PM at the Jekyll Island Convention Center



Departs from the Jekyll Wharf

Tour is limited to the first 45 guests to register. Those purchasing a guest package have first priority.

See dolphin frolicking in their natural habitat as you explore the marshes, the sound and tidal rivers. Comfortable, shaded tour boats offer plenty of move-about room to get a great view of these delightful creatures. The captain and crew share an entertaining overview of our coastal environment, captivating young and old alike on this wonderful water excursion -see you on board!

Our 90-minute narrated adventure is a "must-do trip"! Our boats are sun protected and USCG certified with restrooms aboard.