

*Operate, Innovate, Elevate:
The Future of Facilities Starts
Here*

GAPPA 2026 Call for Programs

Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island, GA
May 23 – 27, 2026



GAPPA invites you to submit a program presenting solutions for improvement, sharing of best practices, or innovative approaches relevant to facilities professionals throughout the educational community.

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The GAPPA 2026 Annual Meeting and Tradeshow offers an opportunity for you to be part of the outstanding professional development program, to participate in discussions, and share effective strategies to the many challenges facing facilities professionals.

Our goal for programming is to meet the needs and interests of professionals and decision makers representing all aspects of educational facilities operations in public and private institutions throughout our educational community: Universities, colleges, community colleges and K-12. Proposals will provide a program that offers innovative, comprehensive, and diverse treatment of issues facing facilities professionals.

Submit proposals based on the following criteria (see attached proposed schedule for dates and times of the educational sessions):

- Submissions from GAPPA educational institute members
- Submissions from GAPPA Business Partners
- Relevant to 2026 theme: ***Operate, Innovate, Elevate: The Future of Facilities Starts Here***
- Length: 45-Minutes to include Q&A
- Title: 3 to 5 words in length
- Abstract: 5 to 7 sentences
- Three learning outcomes which support the conference theme
- Contact information for all proposed presenters (limit 4) to include: full name and title, name of institution/company, phone number, and email
- Short bio for each presenter (for session introductions)

Please be mindful that submissions should be **educational in nature**, not a company specific "sales pitch." Successful proposals are related to a project, program, process, service, method, idea, etc. Please share this "Call for Programs" with others in your organization who are interested in presenting but may not be on the GAPPA contact list.

Email submissions to david.vanhook@bartow.k12.ga.us no later than **January 31, 2026**.

Submission deadline: January 31, 2026

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Speaker Registration Requirements:

- Business Partner (BP) speakers (2) must be registered as either an event exhibitor/ sponsor attendee, or as a speaker. If your program is selected registration instructions will be provided.
- Educational Institute (EDU) speakers (2) must be registered as an attendee or speaker. If your program is selected registration instructions will be provided. Institutional registration opens March 1, 2026.
- Speaker registration (BP & EDU) includes full access to event:
 1. Educational sessions (Saturday – Tuesday)
 2. Tradeshow (Sunday & Monday)
 3. All event meals (Sunday - Wednesday)

Visit gappa.org for more information about GAPPA. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the “Call for Programs.” With your participation, we will have a great Annual Meeting and Tradeshow. We look forward to seeing you in May for **GAPPA 2026!**

Thank you,

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