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John Paul Rome Jr.,
Incoming NSPMA
President,
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As a president, I have outlined a few goals that we hope to achieve as an organization this upcoming year:

- Build our Bank of members and vendors...these groups represent the lifeblood of our organization.
- Customized Coursework...classes and trainings tailored to the needs of members will add value to membership and help the organization become sustainable; this will not happen overnight, but we must start by collaborating to establish a direction for the future
- Collegial Conversations...this organization is comprised of great minds and passionate people; we need to tap into this bank of knowledge and experiences through think tanks, idea/program sharing, webinars, and potential facility/site based visits/tours
- Political Posture...legislators and decision makers need to hear our voice; we know our business- we know schools, we know teachers, we know students.

With great pleasure, I welcome you to what promises to be a tremendous upcoming school year. I am truly honored and humbled to have been chosen to lead the NSPMA for 2018-2019. With the support of great state organizations from across America and a dedicated, hardworking, and collaborative NSPMA Board, I am extremely confident we will have a successful year.

The NSPMA held its 2018 Conference and Expo in conjunction with the NJSBGA at the Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ this March. The conference was an immense success due to the leadership of our past president Kimberly Keener and the entire NJSBGA and NSPMA Board of Directors. On behalf of the NSPMA, I would like to thank the New Jersey contingency for their hospitality, but more importantly, for the partnerships and friendships that were formed.

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SAVE THE DATE

LSFMA & NSPMA JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE & EXPO FEBRUARY 24-27, 2019

Join us at L'Auberge Casino & Hotel in
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The week preceding the world famous
Louisiana Mardi Gras Celebration!



JOHN F. ROME JR.
President, NSPMA 2019;
Past President & Executive
Board Member, LSFMA

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the NSPMA President for the 2017- 2018 year as well as the NJSBGA Vice President. I was very proud to bring the NSPMA to my home state of New Jersey to partner both groups for this year's event.

Harrah's Resort and Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ brought together over 1,000 attendees and exhibitors for engaging keynote speakers, training workshops of critical current value, a sold out tradeshow floor, many social and resource networking events. The annual banquet provided entertainment from the Robbinsville High School Jazz Ensemble and the mesmerizing String Angels. Many were recognized at the dinner and our scholarship auction was a great success! Please visit www.nspma.org and www.njsbga.org for highlights of the conference and award winners.

Thank you to the amazing group of 18 individuals that served on our NSPMA Executive Board this year as well as participating Past Presidents. I greatly appreciate your hard work, dedication, and friendship. The NSPMA wishes to thank the NJSBGA Executive Officers, Past Presidents, Chapter Presidents, Representatives, Members, and Associate Members for supporting our partnership and collaboration on this year's Conference & Expo. Extra special thanks to the NJSBGA Executive Director, Keith Gourlay, and Committee Chairs, Bruce Doty and Henry Rodrique.

Our 2018 theme, **Together We Can**, truly speaks to our collective commitment to help and support each other in our profession.

Together We Did!!!

With deepest New Jersey pride and appreciation,

~kim



Kimberly Keener, NSPMA Outgoing President, NJSBGA Vice President

New president's letter continued

Only with everyone in this organization on board can we achieve these goals. I know we can, we will, we have to, as creating a safe and well-maintained environment conducive to learning is all of our daily work and life's mission!

NSMPA and LSFMA have collaborated on a joint conference! We are excited to announce the 2019 LSFMA & NSPMA Joint Spring Conference & Expo at the L'Auberge Casino, Hotel, and Conference Center in Baton Rouge. We anticipate a large and diverse attendee and vendor representation from across the nation.

The joint conference and expo will feature facility specific training sessions, product and service demonstrations, a trade show, dynamic guest speakers, hospitality events, and an awards banquet. Plans are in the works for a spouse/guest tour package. The conference dates were strategically selected as they fall in the week preceding the world famous Louisiana Mardi Gras Celebration. Many more details to come, but for now...please save the date, February 24-27, 2019. Go to www.nspma.org.

John



John Paul Rome Jr. and Dr. John Bailey man the NSPMA booth.

NSPMA

2018 Conference/
Expo

Harrah's Waterfront
Conference Center
Atlantic City, NJ

March 12-14, 2018



Keynote Speaker, Walt Coleman, NFL Referee



L to R: John Noel, NSPMA Treasurer; Jim Vicar, Conference Planner; Art Bode, NSPMA Past President



L to R: Rick Walters, NSPMA President-Elect; Kim Keener, NSPMA Past-President; Dr. John Bailey, NSPMA Conference Planner



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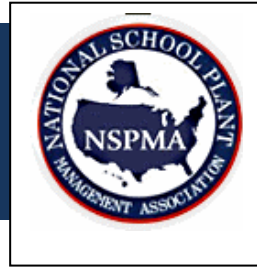
NSPMA Banquet Winners



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NSPMA
at this year's
Baltimore
EXPO!!!



NSPMA President-Elect, Rick Walters, and NSPMA Board Member, AJ Nordt, recently exhibited at the NFMT2018 Expo at the Baltimore Convention Center. The event had over 1,000 exhibitors and 5,000 attendees. NSPMA wishes to thank Laurie Vega, the ProFM Team, and NFMT for their professional generosity and sponsorship. Rick and AJ networked with industry leaders and colleagues sharing the NSPMA mission and goals. The experience was mutually beneficial and valuable as we continue to grow our membership, offer resources of current critical need, and develop a national certification program.



2018-2019 Upcoming Events

**LA School Facility
Managers Assn. Conf.**
[\(link\)](#)

April 26-27, 2018
Marksville, LA

**OK School Plant
Management Assn. Conf.**
[\(link\)](#)

September 19-21, 2018
Sequoyah State Park, OK

**NY School Facilities
Managers Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

September 30-October 3
Saratoga Springs, NY

**KY School Plant
Management Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

October 18-19, 2018
Lexington, KY

**TN School Plant
Management Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

June 18-20, 2018
Pigeon Forge, TN

**FL School Plant Management
Assn. Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

September 23-28, 2018
Orlando, FL

**AR School Plant
Management Assn. Conf.**
[\(link\)](#)

October 1-3, 2018
Hot Springs, AR

**CT School Buildings
and Grounds Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

November 2018
Hartford, CT

**MS School Plant
Management Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

July 30-31, 2018
Pearl, MS

**MO School Plant
Management Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

September 30 - October 2 2018
Branson, MO

**VA School Plant
Management Assn.
Conf.** [\(link\)](#)

October 14-17, 2018
Midlothian-Richmond, VA

**NSPMA [\(link\)](#) with
LA School Facility
Managers Assn. Conf.**
[\(link\)](#)

February 24-27, 2019
Baton Rouge, LA

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