

# FEFPA

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## Welcome from President John Trecastelli



I hope all is well with you as we start another school year here in Florida. I am pleased to be writing to you as your new President of the Florida Educational Facilities Planning Association and I'm extremely honored to preside over and serve this organization for the next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing president Bill Smith for his leadership and fellowship in this past year. I know I have big shoes to fill.

For those of you that may have missed the 2011 FEFPA Summer Conference, held at the Boca Raton Resort, it was an outstanding event and very well attended. I would like to thank all of our many sponsors for making events like this Summers Conference a reality. Without their continued support we would not be able to provide the quality programming and landmark venues our membership has enjoyed over the years. I would also like to give a big shout out to the FEFPA Board, sponsors, and volunteers for the support, time and effort they have given to the organization throughout the year and especially at these conferences. There's real gumption in these folks!

As we are all keenly aware, the past several years have qualified the importance of being thrifty and FEFPA is doing its part. Your FEFPA Board is working hard to minimize expenses, while still providing our organization with excellent programs and meaningful conference events. Our Program Committee and Chair, Lisa Cook, are committed to bringing our membership the most relevant programs available. In the last two years our organization single-handedly provided our membership architects with more CEU's than required for the 2009-2011 Florida licensure renewal period. As always we welcome and appreciate any and all input that will improve our programs and events.

Please allow me to introduce our newest board member, Darrell Phillips, A.I.A., a Senior Project Architect in Plan Review and Training for the Office of Educational Facilities. Darrell is our new DOE Representative on FEFPA's Board and a welcome addition to our 2011-2012 Board of Directors. I would also like to recognize Vicki McGrath and Jon Hamrick who are unfortunately departing from our Board. There's no doubt that Vicki will now be able to spend more time circumnavigating the globe in search of the next great adventure. Jon will most likely take more time to further hone his skills as a master craftsman in the woodworking arts. I want to commend them both for their many years of service with FEFPA. We hope that Vicki will return with some exotic stories from her travels and Jon will continue to provide us with DOE Updates at the next Winter and Summer Conferences.

The upcoming 2012 Winter Conference promises to be another exceptional event and will be held at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, on February 1 -3, 2012. Please consider using our online registration services for early bird registration that will open in November. Also, please note that our CEU topic request form and our winter conference program information are both available on our website. The annual Architectural Showcase will also be held at our winter conference and consistently displays the best Educational Facilities currently being designed and constructed around the State.

Over the years your FEFPA membership has undoubtedly contributed to our affiliated professions, our organization, and most importantly to Florida's educational institutions. I'm certain that FEFPA has provided you with access to resources to help in your professional success. As we move forward FEFPA hopes that our collective efforts will help give back to the next generation of facilities professionals that will continue our legacy in making a difference in the lives of students throughout our great State of Florida. For those of you that are considering our organization I invite you to please take a look through our website at [www.FEFPA.org](http://www.FEFPA.org) to learn more about FEFPA, our programs, and our conference events.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to extend our appreciation in your enduring support of our organization. I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Winter Conference, in Ponte Vedra Beach!

All the Best,  
John P. Trecastelli  
President

## Sponsors and Exhibitors



Thank you for your support of FEFPA for our 2011/2012 Sponsorship year!

Plans for our 2012 Winter Conference are well underway. Please remember that with your current sponsorship, you receive free registrations for the upcoming 2012 Winter Conference as follows: Gold Sponsors – 3 Free, Silver Sponsors – 2 Free, Bronze Sponsors and Exhibitors – 1 Free. Please remember to register your attendees for the conference, as well as make your hotel reservations.

Also, as a reminder, it is time to renew your sponsorship for our 2012/2013 Sponsorship year. In fact, our 2012 Summer Conference Exhibit Hall is filling up quickly. We will be returning to the Boca Raton Resort and Club. If you have not registered as a 2012/2013 Sponsor/Exhibitor, please remember that exhibit spaces will go quickly as the Summer Conference approaches. If you are interested in sponsoring /exhibiting, you may register for sponsorship by visiting our website at [www.fefpa.org](http://www.fefpa.org). As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 407-648-9956 or [mcornell@hksinc.com](mailto:mcornell@hksinc.com).

Thank you all for your continued support of FEFPA. We look forward to seeing you at our 2012 Winter Conference.

Melanie Cornell  
Associate Member Representative

## Winter Conference 2012



The FEFPA Winter Conference will be held at Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, February 1, 2 and 3, 2012.

Sawgrass has 508 guest rooms and 56,000 square feet of meeting space that will provide an excellent venue for our meetings and activities. The Board and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

**THE FEFPA ROOM BLOCK IS OPEN—For Reservations CALL 800-457-4653.**

Let the operator know you are attending the FEFPA 2012 Conference to get the conference room rate of \$149.00.

**BOOKING OUTSIDE THE BLOCK:** If you do not give the above information or book on the internet you may be booked outside the FEFPA room block and have a higher room rate. FEFPA will not get credit for room nights booked outside the room block.

**The conference room rate for run of the house guestrooms is \$149.00 + taxes, single or double.** The conference room rate will be offered to FEFPA attendees two days before and two days after the conference based on room availability.

In an effort to prevent room attrition costs like we experienced last year, we have reduced our room block for this year's conference. I strongly recommend that you book your room early to insure that you have a room in the Sawgrass Marriott. Please book only the number of rooms you need.

Sawgrass Marriott offers our attendees a variety of leisure and recreational activities including tennis, miniature golf, walking and jogging trails, 24-hour fitness center, three heated pools, spa, golf on the renowned Players Stadium and Valley Courses and much more!! (A room reservation at Sawgrass is required to make a tee time).

We encourage you to make your room reservations ASAP because our room block is a lot smaller than last year. Sawgrass is a popular destination and the rooms may go quickly.

If you have questions or problems regarding reservations or the Resort, feel free to contact me at **727-543-5725** or e-mail **jmembsu@verizon.net**

Jim Miller  
FEFPA, Hotel Coordinator

## Conference Programs



The FEFPA Summer 2011 conference in Boca Raton was another good one, especially for continuing education hours. We had 15 hours for architects; eight (8) hours for contractors and inspectors; and 10 hours for engineers. FEFPA would like to thank all of our presenters for helping to make our summer conference a success. We hope the programs you attended were of benefit to you.

Fall has arrived and we are underway with plans for the Winter 2012 conference. Programs already lined up for winter include: *Rewards of Sustainability in Educational Facilities*; *Designing for 2030-Integrated Building Technology*; *Facility Optimization-From Design Through Operation*; and *Energy Equilibrium-Making Smart Choices*. Dr. James T. Brown will be back, *presenting on Productive Team Meetings and Stakeholder Management*. There are several programs still in the works - check the FEFPA website at [www.fefpa.org](http://www.fefpa.org) for the

latest agenda as we get closer to the conference. We will also have our usual K-12 and college/university roundtables, so please bring any questions you have, or advice you'd like to share and be ready to participate!

Our keynote this winter will be Dr. Sandy Shugart, President of Valencia College. His presentation, *Designed for Learning - A Cultural and Architectural History of Education* is sure to inspire!

We are always building our presentation/program base. If you have a presentation, or would like to recommend a presenter/presentation, please visit the website at [www.fefpa.org](http://www.fefpa.org) and download the CEU topic form (which is a Word document). Fill it out and email it to me at [lisa.cook@fldoe.org](mailto:lisa.cook@fldoe.org). Thanks for your help and your continued support of FEFPA. We look forward to seeing you at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach in February!

Lisa M. Cook  
FEFPA Program Chair

## Twenty Third Annual Golf Tournament | \$6,000 Raised for 2 Student Assistantships



The Twenty Third Annual Golf Tournament was held again this year at the Boca Raton Resort & Club to benefit of the FEFPA Assistantship program. All funding for the FEFPA Assistantship program is taken from net proceeds of the golf tournament. Thanks to our generous golf sponsors we were able to provide two \$3,000 assistantships to two deserving students in Florida colleges and universities.

The tournament had a great group of participants sign up to enjoy the beautiful Resort Course. Complimentary box lunches and beverages during the round, courtesy of our sponsors, added to the enjoyment of a typical Florida summer afternoon. A morning of rain that dissipated in the afternoon was enough to cool down the course and make playing conditions unusually mild and pleasant for a July afternoon. Those who participated had a fun filled afternoon of team building and networking.

1st 2nd and 3rd place gift certificates and skill prizes were given away to participants who attended the awards breakfast on Friday morning. Golf sponsors were appreciated and recognized on the course with tee box signs.

Winners were determined based on net scores after deducting 25% of the team's average handicap. In first place, with a net 56, was the threesome of Kevin Glenn, Bob Sanders, and Jerry Howes. Second place, also with a net 56\*, went to the foursome of Dan Lamorte, Jim Baker, Tom Donaudy and Bob Griffith. The third place team, with a net of 57, was the threesome of Bill Dumas, Jeff Mock and Mark Kaiser. Skill prizes went to Kevin Glenn for closest to the pin on hole #6, Jerry Howes for closest to the pin on hole #13, Kirk Stetson for closest to the pin on hole #15 and Bob Sanders for longest putt on hole #2.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated! We look forward to seeing all of you again next summer at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. For those who decided not to participate due to the rain or for other reasons, we missed you and hope you will come back again next year.

Our golf sponsors have allowed FEFPA to stay committed to the Assistantship program this year and we greatly appreciate their generous contribution. We also appreciate the companies that provided promotional materials for the golf "goodie bags." If you are interested in supporting next year's golf tournament either as a sponsor or to provide promotional materials, please contact our golf activities chairman via email as listed below.

Bob Griffith, FEFPA Director - University Representative  
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\* Second place was determined according to USGA rules governing the event of a tie.

## Architectural Showcase: FEFPA Endorses the NALB Program



FEFPA is providing another opportunity to comply with No Architect Left Behind (NALB). Supporters of NALB claim one of the most positive points of the program is the increased exposure that is provided to the Architect and their school design. According to NALB, architects are allowed to enter an annual FEFPA Architectural Showcase that will judge the Architects skills on a specific school project. This yearly Architectural Showcase is the main tool used to promote an Architect's school design to their target market. Past entrants have discovered that the FEFPA attendees provide a Rich Target Environment (RTE). If your project is not entered in the Architectural Showcase, you may face decreased exposure and other ramifications.

According to current supporters, this program assists potential clients realize the significance and importance of choosing the correct Architect and design, and how it affects the construction outcome. Opponents to this program base their objections on exposure concerns by stating that the punishment hurts the Architects that do not enter because they do not get noticed. If Architects do not live up to NALB standards, clients may choose to move their business to different firms.

In addition to, and in support of the above points, proponents claim that No Architect Left Behind:

- \* Links academic facility design with client representatives
- \* Measures architectural performance: an architect's progress in educational facility design should be measured annually through standardized FEFPA judging
- \* Provides information for client representatives by allowing architects to give detailed information on schools and their designs
- \* Establishes the foundation for schools and school districts to significantly enhance opportunities for selection of the Architect for an upcoming project

So Architects, this is an opportunity to display your work. The Architectural Showcase provides you with a forum to display your school designs and create interest with both new and existing clients. FEFPA attendees are your target market. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and enter your school project in the 2012 Architectural Showcase.

The categories will include elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. The evaluation criteria will include the following:

- \* Innovative response to educational program
- \* Flexibility for community use
- \* Green design
- \* Site development
- \* Aesthetics and use of materials
- \* Technology provisions
- \* Relationship of spaces and expandability

Don't be a victim of NALB. Architects not compliant with NALB will be transitioned to the Lack of Significant Exposure (LOSE) program.

Brochures will be mailed out soon. You may also go to [fefpa.org](http://fefpa.org) for more information.

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