



VSPMA

Fall/Winter 2025 Newsletter



“Adapting, Growing, and Learning: Maintaining and Improving Virginia Schools”

Our annual conference brought together educators and leaders to share strategies, strengthen connections, and advance excellence in Virginia’s schools. Explore the full recap and photo highlights inside

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President's Welcome

A Message From Our President For 2026



Thank you for your support

Thank you so much for joining us at the conference! We truly appreciate your time, energy, and participation. Your work is the quiet backbone of every successful day. While others walk through well-lit halls, safe spaces, and smoothly operating systems without a second thought, you're the reason everything just works.

Your dedication turns buildings into workplaces, structures into communities, and challenges into opportunities. You juggle the unexpected with calm expertise, transforming problems into solutions before most people even notice them.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, joy, and well-deserved rest. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Stacey L. Timmons Ed.D.

2025 Conference and Tradeshow Wrapup Inn at Virginia Tech October 12-15

by John Bailey, Ph.D

Region 2 Representative and Conference Pallner

A small glimpse into how the week kicked off

The Virginia School Plant Management Association gathered at The Inn at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia, for its 2005 three-day conference. The event blended learning with fun through socials that included Cornhole and a lively Casino Night. Monday began with student participation, highlighted by the Color Guard and Honors Choir from Pulaski County.

Monday afternoon was filled with energy as our business partners and attendees connected during a sold-out 97-booth tradeshow. The evening brought casual fun at our annual Casino Night.

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More Moments From the 2025 Conference

by John Bailey, Ph.D

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On Tuesday, we hosted 17 learning sessions, and the Virginia Department of Education's Facilities Services team met with school districts receiving federal grants for facility condition assessments. Our Diamond sponsors also joined a midday speed-dating style meet-and-greet. The day wrapped up with a formal dinner and karaoke.



On Wednesday, we closed the conference with a business meeting, a treasurer's report, new board positions for 2025–2026, and a few gift cards to end the event on a high note.



Warmest wishes for 2026.



Meet Our New Board Members

Get to know the dedicated individuals who guide our organization with their expertise and passion.

Keith Parker

Title: Region 1 Representative



- **Where are you from, and which community or region do you represent in your work, what is your current role?**
I am originally from Louisa County and now reside in Hanover County. I am representing Region 1 as a Facilities Coordinator for Henrico County Public Schools.
- **What inspired you to join this board, and what excites you most about serving?**
The VSPMA is a great way for facilities professionals to partner, share, and help each other through changes, challenges, and successes. I wanted to join the board to see the behind the scenes planning, and to collaborate with others on how the build upon the success of the VSPMA.
- **Outside of work, what activities or hobbies do you enjoy?**
Outside of work, I enjoy helping those in need, wood working, gardening, fishing, and being somewhere on the water with my family

Marshall Rutter

Title: Region IV Representative



- **Where are you from, and which community or region do you represent in your work and what is your current role?**
I grew up in Sterling and Haymarket, VA. I represent Region IV from Orange County Public Schools as the Director of Facilities and Maintenance.
- **What inspired you to join this board, and what excites you most about serving?**
I like how we are all here to help each other become better division leaders and to help make our schools a better place.
- **As a board member, what is one thing you hope to learn or contribute to the organization?**
My goal as a board member is to learn from other board members as well as increase the membership and conference attendance for Region IV school divisions.
- **Outside of work, what activities or hobbies do you enjoy?**
I fly giant scale remote controlled model aircraft and enjoy being on the water at Lake Anna. It is where I spent my childhood weekends at.

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Don Richardson

Title: Member At Large



- **Where are you from, and which community or region do you represent in your work and what is your current role?**
I am originally from Salem, VA; however, I recently relocated to Boones Mill, VA. I currently serve as the Maintenance Supervisor for Roanoke City Public Schools. And coordinate all inclement weather road patrols.
- **What inspired you to join this board, and what excites you most about serving?**
I plan to retire within the next five years. I tried to be a member 5 years ago; however, I contracted Hep A from a local restaurant and was unable to do anything for about 6 months. I want to feel that I helped make a difference before I retire, not just in Roanoke City, but throughout the State.
- **As a board member, what is one thing you hope to learn or contribute to the organization?**
I want to learn different processes that other districts use to complete tasks. I hope my knowledge can contribute to VSPMA.
- **Outside of work, what activities or hobbies do you enjoy?**
Woodworking and metal working and welding

We hope this gives you a glimpse into the backgrounds and motivations of our dedicated board members. Their collective expertise and passion are invaluable to our organization's success.



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VSPMA 2026 Annual Conference & Trade Show

October 11-14, 2026
Inn at Virginia Tech

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