

The Social With the “Mostal!”

The 13th Annual Chapter Social held during APA’s Congress in Las Vegas proved to be a lucky one for this year’s winners in the Chapter of the Year Contest. With the competition as tight as ever, a little bit of luck can go a long way.

In hand to present the various awards were staff members representing each of APA’s national offices. Also in attendance and adding an air of distinction to the ceremony were members of APA’s Board of Directors and Board of Regional Advisors.

David Crudup, APA’s Manager of Chapter Relations, and Rosemary Birardi, Manager of Electronic Services, got things off to a roaring start by presenting the Chapter of the Year Banner and trophy to the Nashville Chapter. Rosemary then presented the Second Place banner to the Chicago Chapter. As the person responsible for maintaining APA’s Web site, Rosemary provided some insight into the Web site and passed on tips for starting and maintaining a local chapter Web site. If you are not yet familiar with APA national’s Web site, visit us at www.americanpayroll.org.

Lisa Calhoun, APA’s Manager of Corporate Resources, presented the Third Place banner to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter and took a moment to speak on the best ways to obtain local sponsorships for statewide and local chapter meetings. Next, Lisa Schnall, APA’s Manager of NPW, presented Honorable Mention Certificates to the Northstar Chapter, Atlanta Chapter, and Houston Chapter. She also relayed the latest news on NPW ’99.

The next segment of the ceremony was dedicated to the presentation of APA’s Gavel Awards. These awards are intended to recognize specific activities or aspects of a chapter.

Lorenzo Nastasi, APA’s Senior Manager, Media Relations, presented the 1999 Communicator Gavel Award to the Inland Empire Chapter. He also spoke on how chapters can go about obtaining media coverage for their NPW ’99 activities. Nola Wills, CPP, Director of Payroll Training, presented the 1999 Facilitator Gavel Award to the Atlanta Chapter and spoke briefly about multi-state issues and the San Antonio Learning Center. The presentation of the Innovator Award to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Award was made by Rita Zeidner, APA’s Manager of Government Relations and Scott Mezistrano, CPP, Manager of Government Relations, who also provided information on APA’s Government Liaison Officer program and related news about APA’s government affairs efforts. The presentation of the Mentor Gavel Award to the Chicago Chapter was carried out by Tim Crimmins, APA’s Manager of Professional Competency. Tim spoke on the Certification Program and Payroll Professional Learning Series.

Rounding out the fun-filled ceremony was the presentation of the Chapter Pictorial Awards. These new awards recognize those chapters that had created the most inspiring pictorials for the Chapter of the Year Competition. The First Place Best of Show Award went to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Second place was wrapped up by the Atlanta Chapter with their “wildlife” motif and the Greater Nashville Chapter secured the third place award.

Congratulations to all of the winners and also congratulations to all of the chapters that took the time to prepare entries for the competition. Any chapter member that took time out of their busy schedule to participate in this worthwhile event is a “winner” and displayed the spirit, dedication, and determination that show they care about their professional community. Lastly, remember it’s never too early to begin preparations for next year’s event!

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