

# ASPA Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

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The annual American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Chapter, Annual Awards and Installation Banquet was held on July 21, 2011 at the CA Endowment in downtown LA. ASPA is a 9,000 member organization of government and nonprofit administrators, scholars, educators and students. ASPA advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration through its programs and services and fosters core public values including: accountability and performance, professionalism, social equity, and ethics at the local, national and international levels. The event's emcee was Denise Ovrom, a Past Chapter President, who along with her husband, Bud Ovrom, were the 2010 recipients of the Will Baughman Chapter Development Award. The Guest Speaker was Bob Hertzberg, Co-chair of California Forward and Founder of G24 Innovations, and a former

Speaker of the CA State Assembly. The photographer was Mason Fong, the 2007 recipient of the Will Baughman Chapter Development Award, and LACAAEA Editor-in-Chief.

A contingent of current and former LACAAEA Board members attended the event, including Mason Fong, Jackie Guevara, Irene Hamada, Brian Lew, and Wendy Watanabe. They also witnessed another LACAAEA member, Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender, garner the Clarence A. Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government. The award was presented to Janice by LACAAEA member Robert Meneses, Administrative Deputy for the Alternate Public Defender's Office.



In addition to Janice's award, the other recipients were:

Will Baughman Chapter Development Award:

Carol Rush, Associate Dean, Student Affairs Department, USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development and Regina Nordahl, Associate Dean, USC School of Policy, Planning and Development

Tom Bradley Equal Opportunity Award:

CA State Assemblyman Mike Davis, 48th District

Winston Crouch Award for Innovation in Government:

Los Angeles County, Parks After Dark Program

Henry Reining Outstanding Organization Award:

The Advancement Project, Connie Rice, Skirball Cultural Center

Harry Scoville Award for Academic Excellence:

Richard Callahan, Associate Dean for State Capital and Leadership Programs, USC School of Policy, Planning and Development

Earl Warren Outstanding Public Service Award:

Chet Newland, Professor, USC School of Policy Planning and Development

Chapter President's Award:

University of California Irvine Zot Wheels Program

Following the presentation of awards, the installation of officers was approved, including Debbie Dillon returning for a second term as Chapter President.