

SIAM NEWSLETTER

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From the Chair...



Over the past four years, I have enjoyed my service as Vice Chair and Chair of SIAM. I want to thank Jim Svava and the other members of the Executive Committee involved in my selection for extending to me the invitation to be involved. The work has been interesting. I've enjoyed getting to know many good people involved with our section.

At the ASPA Conference in March we will welcome Jack Meek as our new Chair. I appreciate Jack's willingness to serve our section. I also want to thank all the officers and members of the SIAM Executive Committee for their service. I encourage SIAM members to consider volunteering to serve on the Executive Committee or in any other positions that are available. Indeed, SIAM needs a colleague to manage our SIAM home page. If you are interested let Jack Meek know.

As this will be my final "From the Chair" column, I decided to offer a few comments about the vitality of SIAM and ASPA. The membership of ASPA has declined steadily for many years. We should not be surprised then that SIAM membership also has declined, although we continue to have one of the largest memberships of all sections. Marketing the sections may well be the key to ASPA retaining and growing the membership. Sections offer academics and practitioners the focus they seek in their professional affiliations.

My personal view is that SIAM is rightly positioned to do well in retaining and growing its membership, as well as being part of a marketing effort to attract members to ASPA. I offer five reasons to support this optimism.

First, interest among practitioners and academics in intersectoral and intergovern-

mental matters is high. We have the right focus to attract and retain members.

Second, our research journal, *State and Local Government Review*, publishes articles of interest to academics and practitioners. The peer-reviewed character of the SGLR articles is an important feature for academic members who have to meet publication standards for tenure and promotion in their universities.

Third, our *Newsletter* is a versatile medium that we could enhance. While we continue to publish news and announcements about SIAM section activities, we should increase the number of short articles that offer an analysis and explanation of how practitioners solved intersectoral and intergovernmental management challenges. I'm reminded of Ralph Hummel's argument, in his "Stories Managers Tell" article in a 1991 issue of *Public Administration Review*, that well-told stories are a valid form of knowledge upon which to base an action. Our *Newsletter* seems to me an ideal medium for the exchange of management "stories." I'd like to see academics provide excerpts from their published

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studies that succinctly describe how an agency or government leader solved a problem. I'd like to see practitioners submit stories of how they solved a management problem. The inclusion of such stories can make our *Newsletter* a useful forum for the exchange of management knowledge.

Fourth, our dues are affordable. We are likely to need to raise dues a small amount in order to meet the increased costs of publishing SLGR. Even with a dues increase in 2008, our section dues will be less than most other sections.

Fifth, our section offers three "Stone" awards annually to recognize excellence. Named to honor the public service of Donald and Alice Stone, the awards recognize the career achievements of an academic and a practitioner and the best paper written by a graduate student. By granting these awards, SIAM is doing its part to honor public service careers and inviting the next generation of students to study the intergovernmental and intersectoral management challenges we face.

I encourage you to attend the General Business Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 9 from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Continental Room to join me in congratulating our 2008 Stone Award recipients:

Dr. Carol Weissert (academic)
Dr. Bruce D. McDowell
(practitioner)
Mr. Steven Putansu (doctoral student)

See you in Dallas,

Craig Wheeland



2008 CONFERENCE
Dallas, Texas
March 7-11, 2008



The Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas, is the location for this year's ASPA 2008 Conference, being held March 7-11, 2008.

While there, you are invited to join SIAM at its annual membership meeting, where two Donald Stone Awards will be presented; one to a practitioner, and one to a scholar. Also, the Junior Stone Award will be presented to a graduate student. See *From the Chair* for more details.

SIAM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Continental Room

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sunday, March 9, 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, March 9, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING- SIAM BOOTH #38*

Saturday, March 8, 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Sunday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 10, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (closing time)

*If you are able to assist with the SIAM Booth, this is a wonderful networking and SIAM recruiting opportunity. Your help is very appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Craig Wheeland: craig.wheeland@villanova.edu

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please try to visit the SIAM Booth, #38, in the Exhibit Hall.

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2008 ASPA CONFERENCE March 7-11, 2008 Dallas, Texas

- The 2008 ASPA conference is cited as being "the most comprehensive public administration conference of the year. "
- Attendance at the conference is anticipated to bring together over 1200 attendees.
- Professional development workshops offer the choice of over 100 concurrent sessions in 14 tracks.
- SIAM endorsed panels begin on page 4.



ENDORSED PANELS, ASPA 2008 CONFERENCE
Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, Texas

TRACK: Citizen Engagement, Community Based Collaboration and Action Research

Business Improvement Districts: Mobilizing and Investing Public and Private Capital for Local Revitalization
Monday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tools for Participation
Sunday, March 9
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Transforming Collaborations through Action Research
Saturday, March 8
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Transforming Government Services Against All Odds
Saturday, March 8
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TRACK: Public Service Networks and Complexity

Complex Adaptive Systems, Network Analysis, and Organizational Survival
Sunday, March 9,
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Public Service Networks and Collaboration in East Asia
Tuesday, March 11
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Public Service Networks, Collaboration, and Partnerships: Quantitative and Qualitative Assessments
Saturday, March 8
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Public Administration for the Next Generation: Networks, Collaboration, and Loyalties
Monday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Networks in Public Policy & Administration
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

TRACK: The Environment, Globalization, Transformation of Governance

Lessons for the Environmental Negotiator: The Role of Public Servant
Tuesday, March 11,
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Policy Issues in Environmental Justice and Maintaining a Clean Environment
Sunday, March 9
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Transforming Environmental Policy
Saturday, March 8
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Transforming Governance
Monday, March 10,
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Subnational Government and Environmental Policy
Saturday, March 8
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TRACK: Federalism, Intergovernmental Relations and New Service Delivery Systems

Public-Private Partnerships in Long-term Disaster Recovery: The successes and challenges

of Katrina Aid Today, a Nationally Coordinated Recovery Effort
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Toward a Theory of Horizontal Intergovernmental Relations: Exploring Collaboration by Local Governments
Monday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Transforming Transportation Mega-Projects: The Challenges of Interconnectivity across Modes, Sectors, Jurisdictions, Organizations, and Interests
Monday, March 10
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Actor-Centered Regionalism
Tuesday, March 11,
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Government and Governance: Ensuring a Satisfactory Quality of Life for All Citizens
Sunday, March 9
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Action versus Reaction: Promoting a Neutral Space to Confront Contemporary Security Challenges in Public Service
Sunday, March 9
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Local/State/Regional Sustainability
Saturday, March 8
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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The Changing Face of Homeland Security, Disaster Response, and Recovery
Sunday, March 9
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Innovation of an Evolving International Profile
Monday, March 10
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cooperation and Coordination: IGR at the Local Level
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

The Many Expressions of Privatization
Sunday, March 9
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Housing and Local Government
Friday, March 7
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Use of State Police Services for Local Policing: The Case of New Jersey
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Assessing the Impact of Regulatory Processes on Municipal Business Start-up Decisions
Tuesday, March 11,
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Teaching the American Legal System: The Incredible Perpetual Transformational Machine
Saturday, March 8
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Professional Sports Team Ownership Alternatives and Community Development: The Case of the Memphis Redbirds Baseball Foundation
Sunday, March 9
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Government Collaboration Decisions: Uncover the Three Competing Rationalities
Saturday, March 8
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Governance Issues in Transportation Public Private Partnerships: The Concessionaire Approach
Monday, March 10
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

TRACK: Founder's Forum

Emergency Management Post-Katrina: A Guided Discussion with ASPA's Katrina Task Force (KTF)
Monday, March 10
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Issues in State Government Administration
Sunday, March 9
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

TRACK: Transforming Health Care, Education and Human Services

Collaborative Management of Community-Based Care System in Florida
Sunday, March 9,
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

TRACK: Organizational Design and Development

Exploring Innovation Management in Local Governments
Monday, March 10
11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

TRACK: Immigration and Homeland Security

Homeland Security & PA Theory: Insightful Concepts and Frameworks
Sunday, March 9
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Show Me The Money: Hurricane Katrina and Public Spending
Monday, March 10
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Effective Regional Collective Action
Tuesday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TRACK: Finance, Budgeting, Accountability, and Performance

Is there a Performance Premium from Council-Manager Government?
Sunday, March 9
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Fiscal Stress
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

TRACK: Transformational Leadership and Transforming the Image of PA

Transformational Public Leadership: Improving Public Organizations and Communities
Monday, March 10
9:45 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.
