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Hail and Farewell!

Myrna Mandell, Immediate Past Chair



Jim and Myrna

As you all know I am now the past Chair of SIAM. I have given up the reins to an extremely competent person, Jim Svara. Jim and I have been working together for the past two years and I know that I am leaving you in good hands. He is energetic, innovative and great to work with and I know that all of you will soon learn this also.

As for me, I am not just the past Chair, I am also your National Council liaison. So, you can't get rid of me that easily! I will still be actively involved in SIAM and pledge to give you as much support as you may need. Not that the members of SIAM can't stand on their own, Thank You Very Much!

I am so very proud to be associated with SIAM. Our members are some of the best and brightest (sounds like a good quote — where did I hear that before?!) in both government and academia. Our members are at the forefront of what is happening at all levels of government and are able to help prepare future generations of students to meet the challenges they will face in the public sector.

But I think we can and should be doing even more. Since I teach in a College of Business I see the other "face" of the public sector. Just the other day, one of my colleagues made a very disparaging remark about the public service. Something to do with how lazy and incompetent public servants are. How wrong they are and how much more we need to do to educate even the educators!

Perhaps those of us in the public service don't have to

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Greetings From the Chair . . .

By Jim Svara

I am pleased to greet you as the new chair of SIAM. This section is important because it encompasses such a large part of the territory of public administration. Much of the content of the governance of society is shaped through national programs delivered through subnational governments, the work of state, regional, and local governments themselves, and the activities of nonprofit organizations working with governments. Furthermore, the quality of governance is affected by the resolution of issues that arise at the intersections between governments viewed horizontally and vertically and between the public and private sectors. Consequently, the scope of our interests and concerns is quite broad.

This is a time of transition in the leadership of SIAM. I want to recognize the contributions of Myrna Mandell who filled the chair's position with a high level of energy and enthusiasm. She has brought a high level of excitement to the work of this section that I will try to maintain. Our long-time treasurer John Vocino is stepping down. We are all indebted to John for his capable service (and we are not in debt because of his careful handling of our funds), and we are glad that he will continue as a member of the executive board. He will be capably succeeded by James Ward who already has been active in a number of areas in ASPA.

In the year ahead, there are significant opportunities for SIAM to pursue and important activities for us to be part of. Rick Campbell, editor of *State and Local Government Review*, has started the process of review that could lead to the journal being included among those monitored by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI). Inclusion in the ISI database and *Social Science Citation Index* would make the contents of the journal easier to access by academic and agency researchers and also make it a more attractive publishing outlet. Whatever the outcome of the review at this point, the request for review is part of a continuing effort to further improve the quality and recognition of *SLGR*. In the near future, we as a section will consider whether it is time to expand *SLGR* from three to four issues a year in order to increase the volume of material that we can provide to our members and other scholar and practitioner readers of the journal.

Discussions are underway about whether an organization to take over the

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Stone Practitioner and Scholar Awards

Congratulations to this year's Donald Stone Award Winners:

Stone Award for Academic

Dr. Beryl Radin, Professor
University of Baltimore
School of Public Affairs, Govern-
ment & Public Administration
Dr. Radin serves as managing edi-
tor of the *Journal of Public Admin-
istration Research and Theory*.
She is a fellow of the National



Carl Stenberg & Beryl Radin

Academy of Public Admin-
istration. You can read her bio online
by visiting: "[http://www.albany.edu/rockefeller/pad/
faculty/radin/radin.html](http://www.albany.edu/rockefeller/pad/faculty/radin/radin.html)" [http://www.albany.edu/
rockefeller/pad/faculty/radin/radin.html](http://www.albany.edu/rockefeller/pad/faculty/radin/radin.html)

Stone Award for Practitioner

Mr. Richard Sheirer, Director
New York City Office of Emergency
Management

Mr. Sheirer has received national ac-
claim for his office's response to the
terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.
You can read his bio online by visit-
ing: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/
html/sheirerbio.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/sheirerbio.html)



William Ciaccio accepting
award for Richard Sheirer

History of the Donald Stone Award

Donald C. Stone (1903-1995) was a giant among public ad-
ministrators. He was a founder of the International City/County
Management Association and the American Public Works As-
sociation. He was the first Director of the Public Administra-
tion Service, and the primary architect of the Executive Office
of the Presidency after the Brownlow Commission's report was
issued. He was the first Director of the Division of Administra-
tive Management of the Bureau of the Budget (within the Ex-
ecutive Office of the President). In this capacity, he helped
establish many of the civilian defense and wartime agencies
that helped America win WWII. He later became Director of
Administration for the Marshall Plan when it was established
in 1948. He went on to become one of the founders of the
National Academy of Public Administration.

The **Section on Intergovernmental Administration & Man-
agement (SIAM)** created the Stone awards in 1980 and they

were first awarded in 1981. The criteria for both the practitio-
ner and academic/researcher awards are based on :

- Significant continuous contributions to the
field of intergovernmental management (IGM)
over a substantial period of time
- Contributions that have made an impact in the
field of IGM as a whole rather than on a
specific organization, institution or function

We encourage you to consider **nominating someone** for next
year's Stone Awards. The **deadline for submissions is No-
vember 1, 2002**. Look for more information in the fall news-
letter on how you can submit a nominee.

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be reminded of how many dedicated men and women work
in the public service and what their work means to the Ameri-
can public. It was certainly obvious to everyone on Septem-
ber 11. Unfortunately, with time, the memory of how well
public servants do their jobs fades and those outside the pub-
lic sector fall back on the negative stereotypes of "bureau-
crats". This is not to say the public service is perfect. We all
know the faults of working in the public service. But we also
know how important it is to balance these images with the
images of the dedicated workers who go about their jobs of
helping the public in their quiet way.

We in SIAM are representatives of those "quiet, dedicated"
workers and we need to keep getting the word out. Beyond
our own disciplines and on a regular basis. For me, this is my
continuing job as a SIAM member. I pledge to do everything
I can to spread the word through my work in SIAM and ASPA.
I hope many of you will also get more involved and spread
the word.

WE DESERVE THE VERY BEST!

Fondly,

Myrna



SIAM Board

Back row, left to right: John Vocino, Tanis Salant, James Ward,
JoAnn Ewalt, Kendra Stewart. Front row: Fran Berry,
Jim Svava, Myrna Mandell.

ASPA News

ASPA Updates Online Council Information

ASPA has updated the pages on its web site related to the National Council, one listing Council contact information and the other containing biographies of Council members. Please visit <http://www.aspanet.org/about/council.html> to find out more about our National Council members.

ASPA Council Nominations Period Begins

ASPA is accepting nominations for candidates for its 2002-3 National Council election until July 15. In balloting to begin this fall, ASPA members will elect a vice president and Council representatives in five electoral districts. Look for a nomination form on the ASPA web site and in the May issue of *PA TIMES*.

2002-2003 Election Calendar

- May 1, 2002 - Recommendation period opens
- July 15, 2002 - Deadline for receipt of recommendations
- August 2, 2002 - Nominating Committee selects slate
- September 1, 2002 - Nominees announced in *PA TIMES*
- October 14, 2002 - Petition period for nominees closes
- November 18, 2002 - Ballots mailed
- January 16, 2003 - Deadline for return of ballots
- January 21, 2003 - Ballots counted
- February 1, 2003 - Election results announced in *PA TIMES*
- February 10, 2003 - Appeals period for elections ends
- March 15, 2003 - Election results announced at the 2003 National Conference

2005 National Conference Site

ASPA has received proposals from Des Moines and Milwaukee and expects one from Austin. The officers agreed to do a "straw poll" of the Council asking them to rank order the three.

2003 Conference Call for Proposals Deadline

ASPA is accepting individual and panel proposals for its 2003 National Conference until June 10. The conference, whose theme is "The Power of Public Service," will take place next March 15-18 in Washington, D.C. After June 10 proposals will be considered on a space available basis. For more information check out <http://www.aspanet.org/conferences/2003ConfProposal.html>. If you submit a proposal or have a suggestion for a panel, please contact Jim Svava (svava@social.chass.ncsu.edu).

ASPA Establishes Advertising Revenue Sharing Program

Last month, ASPA launched a revenue sharing program, whereby chapters and sections provide non-university recruitment advertising leads to the Society and in turn ASPA will give 20% of all recruitment advertising dollars (whether print or online) generated by those leads to the chapter or section which generated them. Contact Christine Jewett-McCrehin to learn more about

this innovative program.

Section News

SIAM Online

Please visit the SIAM website at <http://www.aspasiam.homestead.com> where you can find the section bylaws, membership information and the latest newsletter. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and feedback.

David Lowry of ASPA is currently developing a listserve for SIAM members - coming soon to your email!

From the Editor...

If you are interested in writing an article or suggesting a topic for future newsletters, please contact **Kendra Stewart** at kendra.stewart@eku.edu. A special thanks to Deil Wright for serving as SIAM photographer and contributing his art to this newsletter.

From the Chair

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data collection, analysis, and dissemination functions of the former Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations should be created. The National Academy of Public Administration is acting as convener of discussions about this issue. Our chair elect Pat Atkins attended the last meeting at NAPA as the representative of SIAM, and other section members are involved in the discussion. We will have a more extensive report in the next issue of the newsletter about the issues and options for creating a successor organization or network.

We are in the midst of a strategic planning process for SIAM and over seventy of you have already responded to a web-based questionnaire devised by Dale Krane, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. The survey was distributed by email, but many of the addresses were incorrect and you may not have received it. If you have not yet responded, you may still do so before July 1 by going to this web address –

<http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwpa/siam.html>.

The committee will prepare a summary and recommendations that will be circulated prior to the fall meeting of the executive board. As part of this discussion, we will present options to the section members for the section name and logo. Based on prior discussions at board and general membership meetings, there are mixed reactions to changing the section name but general acceptance of the idea that a better logo could be designed. If you have suggestions regarding either, please let me know.

In closing, let me encourage you to submit proposals for presentations at next year's annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Svava

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