The Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association Awards Program

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS DUE FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST 2018 by 5:00 pm

The APA Utah Chapter is accepting nominations for awards to recognize outstanding plans, projects, programs, and individuals that are making a significant contribution to Planning in Utah. Awards help APA reward individuals that further planning practice in Utah and also helps encourage others to learn from and incorporate lessons learned from outstanding planning efforts. Utah APA strongly encourages planners to apply: share your story, your lessons learned and lets build the practice in Utah! It is the intention of Utah APA to promote these award winners throughout the year following announcement of the award.

I: Awards Categories

Below are the various categories within which you may apply:

Achievement Awards and Awards of Merit

Awards need not be given annually, but only when warranted. The Awards Jury may allow multiple awards within a category to distinctly different but well qualified nominations. The awards jury may announce an achievement award and/or an award of merit in any of the following categories:

Regional Plan

A collaborative plan, project, or study prepared by two or more organizations creating a coordinated effort across jurisdictional boundaries to address concerns such as environmental quality, travel, economic development or land use compatibility.

General Plan/Element

A document containing a set of land-use policy statements for a jurisdiction. Policies are related to specific planning elements guided to implementation by goals and objectives as provided in the Utah Land Use, Development and Management Act. The nomination may focus upon an element of a general plan. The plan shall have been adopted by the jurisdiction.

Project/Study/Master Plan

A plan for or a completed public or private project that is concept, problem, or site specific. The plan or project blends with the community and may include buildings, structures, streets, signage, landscaping, and natural open space. A nomination may name a commercial center or mall, civic center or plaza,

public art, educational campus, residential neighborhood, or an archetype of a concept such as environmental sustainability, mixed use, or smart growth.

Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation

An adopted land use related ordinance, regulation or legislation that provides specific policies, standards, and an implementation process to guide development within a jurisdiction.

Planning Education and Training

A project or program that provides for public education and/or training in planning issues, processes, and legal fundamentals. A nomination may be for outstanding educational publications or training materials.

Student Planning Project

A plan, project, ordinance, regulation, or program produced by students enrolled in an academic planning program. Nominations may correspond with any of the award categories and will be evaluated by the criteria and the submission and eligibility requirements.

Journalism/Media

Awarded to newspaper, radio, television, or other media, for public service rendered in the advancement of city or regional planning through journalism or coverage of the topic. Nominations may be accepted from an individual or organization.

Information Technology

Awarded for the innovative or unique use of information technology (e.g. video or computer) to illustrate and explain a planning project or concept.

Special Recognition

A project, plan, program, or other planning related contribution that does not fit within a stated category may be nominated under this Special Recognition Category. The nomination must explain how the project, plan, program or contribution is unique from the stated categories and the reasons for which it is deserving of an award.

Individual Awards

The individual awards recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to excellence in planning in Utah. These awards are not anticipated to be granted every year, but are reserved for extraordinary work or effort. This is especially true of the named awards. The named awards (Morris Johnson, Gene Moser, Gene Carr and George Smeath) should only be given when an individual rises to the level of accomplishment set and exemplified by the namesake.

Morris Johnson Award

Awarded to an individual who has made significant and unique contributions to planning in Utah over an extended period of time. This is a Lifetime Achievement Award with nominations to come from the Utah APA Executive Board.

Meritorious Planner Award

Awarded to a professional planner in recognition of significant and unique contributions to the profession through distinguished practice while employed in Utah.

Elected Official Award

Awarded to an elected public official in Utah for a significant contribution to excellence and leadership in public planning.

Gene Moser Award

Awarded to a person who is neither a professional planner nor an elected official for a significant contribution to excellence in planning. Nominee may be a commissioner, member of a development board, other appointed official or interested citizen, in Utah.

Gene Carr Award

Awarded to an individual for outstanding contributions to planning education or training in Utah.

George Smeath Planning Student Award

Awarded to a student enrolled in an academic planning program in Utah for outstanding achievement during the nominee's academic career.

II: Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominations will score will on the following evaluation criteria. In section III are instructions for preparing a nomination and using the criteria.

Achievement Awards and Awards of Merit

The criteria for Achievement Awards and Awards of Merit are as follows:

1. Originality – Specify the project or plan's visionary approach or innovative concepts that will result in a meaningful advance in the planning process.

2. Purpose and Need – Describe how the project or plan met the purpose or need that resulted in its development.

3. Comprehensiveness - Does the program, project, or study consider the planning issue in its entirety?

4. Public Participation – Discuss how the public was involved in the development of this program, project or study, and how participation was obtained. Describe public input process techniques used and the rationale for the method(s) used.

5. Transferability – Describe lessons learned, what worked, what did not, and what should be done differently next time. Discuss the potential to use the program, project or study in other jurisdictions or projects to achieve the same or similar planning goals.

6. Implementation - What is the level of effectiveness of the project as evidenced by the degree of post-completion or post-adoption activity or acceptance? What local support is there for the implementation of the plan or project? This criterion is of great importance for evaluation of an ordinance/regulation or legislation.

Individual Awards

The criteria for the individual awards will vary based upon which award an individual is being nominated for. In general, however, the Awards Committee should look at the following criteria:

1. Exceptional Practice – Specify how the nominee's work stands out and is truly extraordinary.

2. Commitment – Demonstrate how the nominee has consistently and diligently worked to support good planning and making great communities happen in Utah. Longevity of service may be one indication of commitment, but candidates should demonstrate commitment in other ways as well.

3. Leadership – Describe how the nominee has used their leadership skills to guide and encourage others to promote excellence in planning.

4. Effectiveness and results – Describe how the nominee has been effective in formulating and implementing plans and ideas in support of good planning in Utah. Identify the level of influence and effectiveness achieved by the nominee.

5. Innovation – Specify how the nominee has been innovative and creative in accomplishing their work.

III: Submission Requirements and Instructions

1. A submission shall be entered in only one category.

2. Applications must be submitted to the Awards Jury using the appropriate Nomination Form. Forms must be signed by the nominator. Applications shall include two references, other than the nominator, who are qualified to comment on the contributions of the submission or nominee.

3. Individuals are not allowed to nominate themselves for Individual Awards.

4. Applications must include the following:

    a. **Nomination Form –** Please complete the appropriate nomination form.

    b. **Abstract –** Write an abstract for your nomination in 25 words or less. State briefly why the nomination is worthy of recognition.

    c. **Summary –** Briefly summarize the nomination in 100 words or less.

    d. **Criteria Responses** – Briefly respond to each criteria listed for achievement, merit, and individual awards. Responses for each criteria must not exceed 200 words.

    e. **Attachments –** You are welcome to include graphics, photographs, or URLs as part of your application.

    f. **Image Copyright Release Form –** If you are submitting copyrighted images or photographs, please include the image copyright release form included in this application packet.

    g. **Format –** All nominations must be submitted electronically, in PDF format, not to exceed 25 MB.

    h. **Poster Display –** On the first day of the annual Fall Conference the nominator of a submission that is selected to receive an Achievement Award shall provide a poster display of no more than two posters (24"x 36") that illustrate the submission. The nominator of a nominee that is selected to receive an Individual Award shall provide an 8"x 10" mounted photograph of the nominee. The illustrations will remain on display for the duration of the conference.

QUESTIONS? Please Contact:

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IV: PRIOR AWARD WINNERS

2015

Information Technology

Award of Merit: Ogden Valley General Plan 3-D Rendering

Project/Study/Master Plan

Achievement Award: Salt Lake City 9-Line Corridor Master Plan

Special Recognition

Award of Merit: Rural Planning Group - Utah Coal Study

Student Project

Award of Merit: University of Utah – Listening to Springdale

Award of Merit: Utah State University – San Rafael River Basin Alternative Futures Study

Elected Official

Richard Higginson, Bountiful City Council

Morris Johnson Award

Brenda Case Scheer, FAICP FAIA

Meritorious Planner

Søren Simonsen

2016

General Plan/Element – Large City

Award of Merit:	Envision Layton
Award of Merit:	Tooele County Regional Plan Update

Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation

Achievement Award:	Lehi City Jordan River Overlay Zone
Award of Merit:	Sandy City Cairns District

Planning Education and Training

Award of Merit:	Rural Planning Group – Code Enforcement: Recommendations for Small Towns

Project/Study/Master Plan

Achievement Award:	Cottonwood Heights Bike Plan
Award of Merit:	Orem City State Street Master Plan
Award of Merit:	West Jordan Redwood Road Corridor Study

Regional Plan

Achievement Award:	Wasatch Front Regional Council – First/Last Mile Connections

Student Project

Achievement Award:	Utah State University – Thanksgiving Point/Lehi Future Development Strategies

Special Recognition

Achievement Award:	Envision Utah – Your Utah Your Future
Achievement Award:	Draper City Open Space Plan
Award of Merit:	UDOT/DPS – Utah Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

2017

General Plan

Achievement Award: 2017 Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan

Regional Plan

Achievement Award: Southeast Box Elder County Active Transportation Concept Plan

Information Technology

Achievement Award: Provo Historic Tours App

Planning Education/Training

Achievement Award: Rural Planning Group – Main Street Sandwich Method

Project/Study/Master Plan

Achievement Award: Town of Alta Commercial Core Plan
Achievement Award: Park City Transportation Demand Management Plan
Achievement Award: The Salt Lake Cultural Core Action Plan
Achievement Award: Seven Canyons Trust – Three Creeks Confluence
Award of Merit: Historic Park City Improvement Plan
Award of Merit: Salt Lake City Main and Regent District
Award of Merit: Utah State University Botanical Center Master Plan

Student Project

Achievement Award: Utah State University Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning
Hinckley Ranch - Mountain Ability Center / Conservation Strategy

Morris Johnson Award

George Shaw, AICP

IV: AWARDS JURY

An awards jury is being formed of professional planners. The jury will judge the nominations and make award recommendations. If you are interested in participating in this year's awards jury, please let Francis Lilly know no later than 10 August 2018.

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AWARD APPLICATION FORM

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND AWARD OF MERIT

Application Name _____

Check the appropriate Award category:

____ Regional Plan

____ General Plan/Element -Large Jurisdiction

____ Journalism/Media

____ Information Technology

____ Special Recognition

____Planning Education/Training Program

____ Student Project

____ Project/Study/Master Plan

____ Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation

Nominator _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____

References:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address_____

Telephone _____

Please attach all materials as described in the Submission Requirements.

Submit electronically to:
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INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Check the appropriate award category:

____ Morris Johnson ____ Gene Moser

____ Meritorious Planner ____ Gene Carr

____ Elected Official ____ George Smeath

Name of Nominee _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

References:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

Nominator:_____

Title _____ Address _____

Telephone _____

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