

2008 ASPA AWARDS PROGRAM

In the Capitol Rotunda on June 3, 2008, the Utah Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPAs) joined with the Governor's Awards for Excellence program to honor public employees who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence. The following individuals were presented awards by Arlene Zortman, Chapter President, and Ken Hansen, Past Chapter President:

Senator Arthur V. Watkins Distinguished Service Award for an Elected Official –

This award honors elected officials who, through exceptional commitment, skill and integrity, have served the public with special distinction.

This award is named for Senator Arthur Vivian Watkins. After studying at Brigham Young University and New York University, he earned a law degree at Columbia University in 1912. He farmed in Lehi, practiced law in Vernal, and was Assistant Salt Lake County Attorney and a district judge before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1946 and then re-elected in 1952. After his Senate career, he was a member and then Chair of the U.S. Indian Claims Commission.

In the U.S. Senate, Arthur Watkins earned such a reputation for quiet legislative skill and integrity that he was called to chair perhaps the most difficult and critical Senate task of this century—the Select Committee which eventually brought the censure charges against Senator Joseph McCarthy. He took the task with pain. He took it not from political ambition, for he knew it represented great political burden. He took it as a responsibility to his nation. Although he lost in his next campaign for re-election, the judicious skill and moral rectitude with which he handled one of the ugliest challenges to our democracy were celebrated in the state and national press, in best selling American literature, and by President Eisenhower and the Senate with whom he served. Democracy must be repeatedly saved, and this award is named for a Utahn who met this challenge.

The Utah Chapter of ASPA is proud to honor (posthumously) **SENATOR ED MAYNE**. The award was accepted by his wife, Senator Karen Mayne.



Senator Mayne grew up on the west side of the Salt Lake Valley and spent a large part of his life helping to shape the west side into what it has become today and how it will grow into the future. Ed was first elected to the Senate in 1994 and rose to the rank of Assistant Minority Whip.

Ed understood the importance of public service and volunteered and worked with various agencies in the valley. He cared about the working man and woman and worked hard as a State Senator to help them improve their lives.

Some of Ed's accomplishments include: the E Center, the Olympic Speed Skating Oval in Kearns, stadium lights for Hunter, Kearns and Granger High Schools and several athletic programs for the youth of the valley. Recently the Senior Center at Kearns was renamed the Eddie P. Mayne Kearns Senior Center.

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G. Homer Durham Distinguished Service Award – This award honors appointed officials who have served the public with honor and integrity.

Dr. G. Homer Durham was born in Parowan, Utah in 1911 and died in January of 1985. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Utah in 1932 and a Ph.D. in 1939 from the University of California at Los Angeles.

While at the University of Utah, he served as Director of the Institute of Government, which he originated, from 1946-1953, was head of the Political Science Department from 1948-53 and Vice-President of the University from 1953-1960. He was also the originator of the *Western Political Quarterly*. He left Utah to assume the Presidency of

Arizona State University, a position he held from 1960 to 1969. He returned to Utah to serve as the Commissioner of Higher Education until 1976.

Dr. Durham was a founding member of ASPA, serving on the National Council from 1949-51, as Vice President in 1952 and as President of the National organization from 1959 to 1960. He was a most worthy recipient of our Chapter Distinguished Service Award in 1982 and was a strong supporter of ASPA goals and ideals throughout his life.

The Utah Chapter of ASPA is proud to present the Dr. G. Homer Durham Distinguished Service Award for an Appointed Official to **DOUGLAS G. RICHINS**, Director of the Division of Purchasing and General Services.



Douglas G. Richins has spent over 20 years as the Director of Purchasing and General Services for the State of Utah. He is the longest tenured state purchasing director in the United States and is nationally recognized as an expert in public procurement.

Doug understood the importance of cooperative procurements and established an agreement between the State of Utah, institutions of higher learning and the school districts to better utilize public resources. He also organized 15 Western States into multi-state contracting to provide quality products and services.

Doug's principles of conduct, honesty and ethics set an example for all public employees.

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Dr. F. Ted Hebert Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Administration – This award honors individuals that have made significant contributions to public administration through academia or as a public employee or citizen.

Dr. Hebert was born in 1942 in Elton, Louisiana. He received his Bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech and both a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Political Science from University of Iowa. Graduating in 1971, he was made an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Oklahoma, and became a full professor in 1980.

In 1985, Dr. Hebert moved to Utah to direct the University of Utah's Center for Public Policy and Administration and its Masters of Public Administration program. He also was a professor in the Political Science Department. In 1997, he stepped down as director and devoted his time to full-time teaching.

Dr. Hebert was very devoted to ASPA, having served as a regional representative to the National Council and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Utah Chapter when moving to Utah. He was also elected twice to the NASPAA Executive Council.

Although Dr. Hebert was a skilled researcher and administrator, his greatest satisfaction came from his teaching and working with students. Through his many years of teaching, he touched the lives of many students.

The Utah Chapter of ASPA is proud to present the F. Ted Hebert Distinguished Service Award to **BILL CRIM**, Vice President of Community Impact and Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake.



Bill Crim is the Vice President of Community Impact and Public Policy for United Way of Salt Lake. He has worked for over 16 years on public policy issues related to economic

opportunity, health care, education and poverty – first as a research fellow for the Coalition on Human Needs in Washington, D.C. and then as a researcher, policy analyst, community organizer, lobbyist, and executive director for Utah Issues.

Working with United Way, Bill has developed a collaborative public policy initiative among the local United Ways in Utah and helps lead community change initiatives in the areas of financial stability, education, health, and immigrant integration.

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SAVE THE DATE: Watch for the October issue of the ASPA BUZZ around the middle of September. It will announce the October 3rd luncheon meeting. Have a great summer!