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## ASPA Luncheon

**Friday, October 6, 2006**

12:00 Noon

Salt Lake County Government Center  
2001 South State Street, Room S-1007 (South Building)

**J. Steven Ott, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Social & Behavioral Science  
University of Utah

### **Public Administration at the University of Utah in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**J. Steven Ott, Ph.D.**, will be presented the DR. F. TED HEBERT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, which honors individuals that have made significant contributions to public administration through academia or as a public citizen.

Dr. Ott will also talk about the newly created Institute of Public and International Affairs (IPIA) at the University of Utah and some of its activities, including the Executive MPA program partnering with Zayed University, Western States Primary Symposium, Voting Fraud conferences, etc.

Due to limited space, please make your reservations early. The luncheon will be catered. Reservations or cancellations must be received no later than Tuesday, October 3rd. No shows will be billed. Limited parking is available—please carpool where possible.

The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00 for ASPA members, students and *Buzz* Supporters and \$15.00 for nonmembers.

Please call the Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah, at 581-6493 or e-mail [jrandall@cpga.utah.edu](mailto:jrandall@cpga.utah.edu) for reservations.

## ASPA ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Utah Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) held its annual awards luncheon on June 2, 2006. The following individuals were honored:

**SENATOR PATRICE ARENT** was presented the **Senator Arthur V. Watkins Distinguished Service Award for an Elected Official** who, through exceptional commitment, skill and integrity, served the public with special distinction. Senator Arent served in the Utah House of Representatives from 1997 until 2002 and in the Utah Senate from 2003 to the present time. She has previously received the Christine Durham Woman Lawyer of the Year award; Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities "Hero on the Hill" award; and the Utah Medical Association's award for "Distinguished Legislative Service," among others. As a member of the minority party, Senator Arent has been exceptionally effective in securing passage of her bills and influencing legislative debates.

**FRANCINE GIANI**, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, received the **Dr. G. Homer Durham Distinguished Service Award for an Appointed Official**. This award honors appointed officials who have served the public with honor and integrity. As the Director of the Consumer Protection Division since 1992, Ms. Giani initiated a review of the statutes enforced by the Division to identify areas that could be strengthened. Each year since then, legislation has been enacted to improve Utah's consumer protection laws. She regularly makes speeches, produces public service announcements and issues press releases to educate the public about consumer protection issues. Ms. Giani is an advocate for the consumer and works tirelessly to ensure that the consumer is protected at all costs.

**SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE AGENCY** was presented the ASPA **Boards and Commissions Award of Excellence**. This award is presented to a board or commission who exhibits community service, works to support the common good, is proactive in decision making and facilitates public participation in governmental processes. The Board of Directors of **South Davis Metro Fire Agency** consolidated two pre-existing fire departments through an interlocal agreement among the participating government entities, which included five mayors and a county commissioner. They had the common vision of a combined fire department that would improve fire protection, save money and improve emergency medical services. They worked through difficult and sometimes acrimonious issues of local control, apportionment of costs and sharing of services. At every rough spot in the road, they reaffirmed their commitment in terms of improved service and cost reduction and then renewed their efforts. The Board provided the example and expectation of teamwork, cooperation and unity from the very top of the organization. They helped everyone in the fire agency rise above their pre-existing allegiances and build a culture grounded in a spirit of service and teamwork. The 2006 Chairman of the Board, **Kay Briggs**, Mayor of North Salt Lake City, accepted the award.

## UTAH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ROUNDTABLE SUMMIT

### GROWTH = CHALLENGES: A DIALOGUE ON GROWTH IN UTAH

October 19, 2006  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Delta Center VIP Room  
301 West South Temple  
Salt Lake City

To register for Summit, go to [www.cppa.utah.edu/uir](http://www.cppa.utah.edu/uir)

## ASPA ARCHIVES

*Over the years we have received many excellent articles for publication in the Buzz. Many of these articles have lasting value and we thought it would be appropriate to reprint some of them when time and space permits. The following article was originally published in the November 1996 ASPA Buzz. Mike is a former ASPA Council Member.*

## COUNCIL CORNER

Mike Broschinsky, Utah Administrative Code Editor, Department of Administrative Services/Administrative Rules

### So, What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?

Do you remember, when you were young, or maybe not so young, hearing that question? What do you want to be when you grow up? Maybe a better question for some of us is, are we grown up?

When we ask our children this question, it is usually a playful exercise, “I wanna be a asternot,” says one. “I wanna be Batman,” says another. We are amused by the response, and think back on our own childhood. But what are we really asking our children? In a very real sense we are asking them to engage in creating a vision of what they want to be.

There is a certain magic associated with that vision for a child. The possibilities are limited only by the depth and breadth of imagination. Can you remember? Are you able to call up in your mind and heart the feelings you experienced when you thought about what you wanted to be? Where is that magic now?

What do we want to be? Are there any more limits imposed upon us now than when we were children? I don’t know. Probably. “I have a mortgage,” says one. “I have student loans,” says

another. We feel an overwhelming, sometimes even suffocating, duty to be responsible, mature adults. But at what cost? Sometimes the cost is becoming so entrenched in what we must do that we no longer see what we could do. The tyranny of the routine muffles the infinitely more desirable independence of thought and action.

Each among us is responsible for something. Each among us has a duty to fulfill. There are no two ways about these facts. But within the realm of our responsibility and the sphere of our duty, we may exercise that imagination, that vision that was so magical, so wonderful when we were children. We don't need to stay mired in the tyrannical routine. We can look for better ways to accomplish our tasks. We can have a vision of what we want our organization to become, what we want society to become. We can believe in what we want to become.

I have just begun a doctoral program at the University of Utah. I have a vision, a belief, in what I want to be when I grow up (if that day ever comes). I have a vision of the community in which I would like my children to grow up. I have a vision, and I must confess a passion, for the role of government in society, and just the inkling of a vision of how I might help enhance that role. The doctoral program is part of that vision, and I enthusiastically embrace the opportunities for growth that it offers me.

We must all do something to avoid the rut, to break the paradigm, to have a vision. We must look beyond the routine and observe where we belong in the grand scheme. We must believe in what we can become.

So, what do you want to be when you grow up?

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