



ABOUT ASPA



Since 1939, ASPA has been the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena. We are advocates for greater effectiveness in government, agents of goodwill and professionalism, publishers of democratic journalism at its very best, purveyors of progressive theory and practice, and providers of global citizenship. We believe that by embracing new ideas, addressing key public service issues, and promoting change at both the local and international levels, we can enhance the quality of lives worldwide.

ASPA's Mission

ASPA is the leading public service organization that:

- Advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration.
- Promotes the value of joining and elevating the public service profession.
- Builds bridges among all who pursue public purposes.
- Provides networking and professional development opportunities to those committed to public service values.
- Achieves innovative solutions to the challenges of governance.

ASPA's Sections & Chapters

Professionalism is promoted through chapters and sections. Members have an opportunity to advance their careers by becoming involved in their local public administration community. Members can also gain exposure to major public service issues by joining any of ASPA's 21 sections.

ASPA's Awards Program

ASPA's extensive award program advances excellence in public administration in the simplest and most effective way. It identifies and illuminates government that works and government employees who work well. Today, it is more important than ever that effective and efficient government be recognized, reinforced, and, whenever possible, imitated with the hope of providing better service to the public.

Likewise, ASPA's awards recognize those researchers and professors who have made outstanding contributions to public administration literature and in the classroom.

ASPA's awards provide a forum through which the public sector's best and brightest can shine. With its vision of continuous improvement, ASPA structures its awards to provide guidance not only to the Society, but to the entire public administration community as to the many positive directions toward which it can strive.

ASPA is the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration. It is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration.