



American Society for Public Administration

Advancing excellence in public service...



Accountability and Performance

Social Equity



Professionalism



Ethics

A diverse membership...

... of approximately 9,000 government and nonprofit administrators, scholars, educators, and students enjoy the benefits of membership in the largest and most prominent professional association in public administration.

ASPA advances the art, science, teaching and practice of public and nonprofit administration through its programs and services and fosters core public service values including: accountability and performance, professionalism, social equity, and ethics at the local, national and international levels.

Through its programs and services ASPA seeks to improve public service by helping members acquire the knowledge, technical skills and resources necessary to be excellent public servants.

ASPA has given me a great professional network, top academic journals, superior conferences, and outstanding friends and colleagues for 3 decades.

Van R. Johnston, Ph.D.
Professor
University of Denver



"I have been an ASPA member since 1983. As I transitioned from practitioner to academic, ASPA was with me too. From PA Times to PAR, ASPA works for all of us!"

Peter L. Cruise, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Health and Community Services Department
California State University-Chico

Accountability & Performance

Discover the vast array of resources and training you'll have access to in dealing with complex public sector challenges. ASPA offers innovative solutions to the problems you face as a public servant.

- Explore best practices in performance management through ASPA's Center for Accountability and Performance. CAP addresses the requirement for all levels of government to move to performance-based results through education, training, advocacy, technical assistance, resource sharing and research.

Publications

- Browse through ASPA's *PA TIMES*, a monthly newspaper focusing on the concerns of public administrators, providing key features on public management issues and highlighting best practices in the public administration field.
- Stay connected to the public service field with ASPA's bi-monthly e-newsletter *The Bridge*.
- Utilize *Public Administration Review (PAR)*, a premier, bimonthly scholarly journal bridging theory and public management practice for more than 60 years. Members have online access to every *PAR* issue published since 1940.
- Consult one of ASPA's many professional books and journals on a variety of topics in public and nonprofit administration including: finance, budgeting, management, leadership, ethics and many more.

Students and New Professionals

Your Public Service Career Starts with ASPA

ASPA helps students and new professionals starting out in the field by providing networking and career advancement opportunities, offering reduced membership dues and conference registration fees, offering access to cutting-edge research that can't be found anywhere else, and providing advice on advancing your career.



Professionalism

Chapters & Sections

Advance your career through membership in one of ASPA's more than 100 local chapters.

- Members have the opportunity to become involved in their local public administration community, to enhance their professional development and advance their careers.

Gain in-depth exposure to the issues that matter most in public service through ASPA's 21 sections focusing on finance, budgeting, human resources, health and human services, ethics and more.

- Sections produce highly regarded journals and provide additional networking opportunities through conferences and other professional development activities. They also have a variety of award and scholarship opportunities.

National & Regional Conferences

Each year more than 1,200 scholars, practitioners and students gather at the "public administration conference of the year"

- Exchange ideas, network, receive training and learn about best practices in the field. Take advantage of our expanded program for new professionals who are in transition from an MPA or doctoral program to the world of work.

Awards Program

Be recognized by your peers. Each year ASPA recognizes excellence in the fields of academia and practice through an extensive awards program. Some of these include:

- National Public Service Award (NPSA) cosponsored by ASPA and the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) honoring individuals who make outstanding contributions and whose accomplishments can be viewed as models of public service.

Web Site

Visit the ASPA web site (www.aspanet.org) and keep abreast of what is happening in the field of public administration.

- Access online versions of *PA TIMES*, and 60 years of *Public Administration Review (PAR)*.
- ASPA's online career center, at www.PublicServiceCareers.org aids members' career development at all levels, and offers the most comprehensive and useful information about careers in the field. Members can search for available positions and post their resume. Employers can post positions and search resumes.

As a student member, I was always treated with respect and given encouragement. Now as a young professional, those relationships continue to flourish and inspire me to be a leader in Public Administration.

L. Dara Baldwin
Contractor
Charlotte, NC



Ethics

ASPA promotes ethics and integrity in public service and governance worldwide. It implores its members to adhere to a professional code of ethics by serving the public interest, respecting the Constitution and the law, demonstrating personal integrity, promoting ethical organizations, and striving for professional excellence. To view the ASPA Code of Ethics visit www.aspanet.org

Through membership in ASPA's Section on Ethics, members can access a variety of resources including:

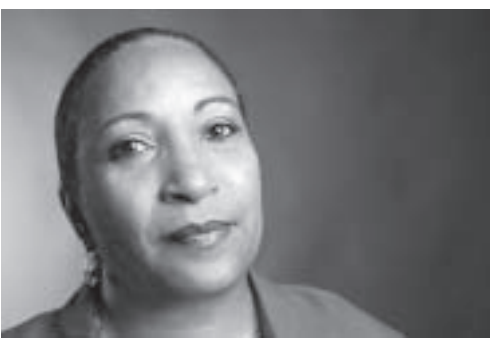
- *Public Integrity*, the leading ethics

journal in the field. The journal is co-sponsored by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the Council of State Governments (CSG), the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), and the Ethics Resource Center (ERC).

- An online ethics-training compendium directory. The directory includes general resource links to local, state and federal government, journals and reviews, business ethics and politics.
- *Ethics Today*, an award-winning electronic newsletter.

"ASPA has enriched greatly my academic experience through networking with students, practitioners and professors who seek to improve the public service."

María Verónica Elías
Ph.D. Student. Public Administration and Urban Studies
The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.



ASPA brings together public service professionals with similar interests and values without losing sight of the big picture...

Partnerships & Affiliations (United States and Abroad)

Through long-established partnerships and coalitions, ASPA builds bridges among all whom pursue public purposes and public service values.

- ASPA has long-standing relationships with organizations like the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), and the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA).
- ASPA's growing international affiliations and activities are reflected through its numerous Memoranda of Understanding with public administration groups around the world.
- As an active member of the Public Employees Roundtable, ASPA informs citizens about the quality of people in government and the value of the services they provide, encourages excellence in government, and promotes interest in public service careers. In addition, ASPA participation in the Government Performance Coalition helps to continually improve the results the federal government delivers for the public.



Social Equity

ASPA promotes dialogue on social equity issues in all areas of public service including: public budgeting, government hiring practices (as it pertains to gender, race, age), diversity in academia and others. Each year as part of its lecture series at the national conference, ASPA hosts the Gloria Hobson Nordin Social Equity Award Luncheon where it honors a public administrator who has distinguished him or herself in achieving fairness, justice and equity in government.



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