Proposals Being Sought for Future SECoPA Conferences in 2016 and 2017

The proposal submission deadline for hosting a SECoPA conference will be **February 6, 2015**.

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Here is some news from various sources to entertain and enlighten:

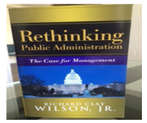
National Council Update:

- Last week, there was a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss year-end projections as we continue to struggle with our limited revenue stream. Anyone have any ideas?

  On another note, Paul Danczyk, our Membership Task Force Chair, has been sending surveys to former members as well as undertaking webinars to focus attention on retention and recruitment of members. I am looking forward to hearing the results.

Interesting Facts:

- The National Office has added *Book Talk* to its webinar series. It is a great benefit and free to ASPA members. I listened to my first *Book Talk t*oday and it was enlightening. I have worked for both City Manager and Strong Mayor types of government and, in my humble opinion; have found that it depends on the person who is in the leadership seat. *Join the Book Talks!*



Also, I loved; the Paul Krugman op-ed in GovManagement Daily (from the New York Times) titled "When Government Succeeds". Surely, those of us in the public sector know this occurs more often than not and I am glad to see it advertised!

2015 Conference

I had the privilege of working on the Finance and Budget track for the upcoming National Conference in Chicago, March 6-10, 2015. The team feels the track will be a great learning experience, alternating between research and practical application. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago!

Keep in touch, I am only an e-mail away at nesibeech@hotmail.com, and tell me your ideas, thoughts and comments.

2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Bill Collins Award
Nurgul Ajatelieva

Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award
Sterling Cheatham

Robert Kline Award
James Thompson

Pugliese Award
Dorothy Norris-Tirrell

Peter Boorsma Award
No Awards Made this Year

If you would like to submit information for future publications in this newsletter, please submit to **Roslyn Alic-Batson at alic@miamidade.gov**

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SECoPA NEWS

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SECoPA 2015 CONFERENCE

"Research & Application: Promoting Effective Public Service"

Charleston, South Carolina

September 30th to October 3rd

Hosted by College of Charleston

CALL FOR PAPERS

Final proposal submission date is May 15, 2015

HOTEL INFORMATION

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Message from the SECoPA Board President

I am very excited to be serving as the 2014-2015 President of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA). Our mission is to enhance the public service field in the Southeast by providing opportunities for:

- Scholarly and practice-based exchanges
- Professional development and networking
- Nurturing students, new practitioners and academics
- Developing leaders in the profession

Welcome to our first issue of the SECoPA Newsletter!

The SECoPA board is so excited to be publishing a quarterly newsletter to all of the SECoPA members. In each issue you will see information about the work of the SECoPA board, ASPA Region III updates from the National Council Representatives, information on our upcoming annual SECoPA conference, etc. We welcome you to submit an article for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please submit to Roslyn Alic-Batson, chair of the Marketing/Communications Committee at ALIC@miamidade.gov

As a member of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in Region III, you are an automatic member of SECoPA.

SECoPA 2014-2015 Strategic Focus is to increase our visibility and become more accountable to our members.

To accomplish this, the board will be working on the following:

- Membership newsletter
- Enhance SECoPA's website - http://www.aspaonline.org/secopa/wordpress
- Utilize social media to communicate/promote SECoPA conference
- Offer free webinars to our members
- Increase SECoPA Board's effectiveness

On an annual basis, SECoPA hosts a SECoPA conference for its members. The local host is rotated annually in the Region III states. The next conference will be in Charleston, South Carolina in September 2015. We hope that you will join us as a participant or as a presenter. Please check out the website for updates.

I encourage you to get involved with SECoPA. SECoPA is a great place to network, exchange and gain new ideas. Please contact any of our board members for more information. You can find the link to their contacts on the website.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions and/or suggestions.

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SECoPA 2014 in PICTURES

Outgoing President JoAnn Alt with incoming President Phin Xaypangna

Calvin Simms, Local Host Chair gets a plaque

President of Georgia State University speaks at Lunch

ASPA National President Allan Rosenbaum

Bill Collins Award- Nurgul Ajatelieva

Distinguished Public Service Practitioner - Sterling Cheatham with Thomas Bart and SECoPA President Jo Ann Ewalt.

Robert Kline Award - James Thompson

Welcome Reception

Luncheon

Bill Solomon and Steve Bobes

SECOPA 2014 REVIEW

The American Society for Public Administration Georgia Chapter (ASPA GA) considered it an honor to host the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA 2014). Hosting the Conference was very rewarding and profitable, and without the assistance of SECoPA officers and past conference host, managing the conference would have been very challenging, but it went very well with a few exceptions.

I cannot begin to thank the committee chairs, track chairs, panel chairs and student volunteers from Clark Atlanta University and the University of North Carolina. Student volunteers arrived at the hotel on Wednesday and began stuffing bags, and continued through Saturday.

The SECoPA 2013 Program Chair advised the Georgia team that 80% of the proposals would come in during the last two days before the deadline, and they were correct.

A short extension for proposals was granted, and several more arrived. More than 300 proposals including panel presentations were received. I cannot begin to imagine the countless hours presenters put in researching and writing their papers, they all deserve a lot of credit.

Kathy Hensley suggested early in the planning phase that we use track chairs, and her excellent advice helped us a great deal. Program Chairs Dr. Lee and Dr. Franklin assigned the proposals to 20 track chairs to review and approve. The process went very well thanks to the excellent work of the program committee, and advice from Kathy.

The next challenge we faced was making sure we had enough space for the breakout sessions. You may remember that most days there were 7 breakout sessions going on at the same time, and on Friday there were 8, and the 8th session which I participated in was in the Perimeter Pavilion. On Saturday morning there were 12 break out sessions total.

On a lighter note I noticed one day that attendance was low in many of the breakout sessions just before lunch, but within 60 seconds the dining room was full of people. The food must have really been great. ☺

In terms of overall cost, the hotel was reasonable considering the numbers, but in the Atlanta market printing is expensive. The Georgia Department of Revenue would not issue a sales tax exemption for food and beverages, and that was costly. I would encourage anyone hosting a conference in the future to check your sales tax status to see if you can get an exemption.

In conclusion, I received a lot of positive feedback since the conference, and I had a great time. The SECoPA family is very large, and the nicest people you will ever meet. You are welcome back to Atlanta any time.

Calvin E. Sims, Sr., MPA SECoPA 2014 Atlanta General Conference Chair

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Alabama: Chapter Matters

Presently, there is no functional ASPA chapter in the State of Alabama. We used to have two chapters some years ago (The Montgomery and the Greater Birmingham Chapters). Both chapters became inactive simply because some of the previous leadership had made career changes or moved out of state, and this vacuum may have over the years led to a certain level of indifference in terms of membership and participation. But some of us are trying to rekindle the spirit. There have been discussions and some preliminary groundwork done to resuscitate a chapter in Alabama. This initiative, though still evolving, involves Tom Vocino, Steve Condrey, Kalu, and Aklaque Haque. We had further discussions in September during the Secopa-Atlanta meeting. We have also received some guidance and framework materials from the main office in DC. We have made a few other consultations within the state and hopefully would be able to generate renewed enthusiasm for a new chapter from Alabama. I would think that I speak for the names mentioned above, but more updates as we move ahead.

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