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APAC & ASCPM websites

To reach either of these web sites, go to the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium website:
<http://www.ualr.edu/ioq/apac.html>

When you "arrive" at the APAC home page, click on Certified Public Manager® (that's you). When that page comes up, scroll to the bottom, and click on Arkansas Society of Certified Public Managers.

From here, you can review past graduates of the CPM program, review board members, join (or rejoin, if you have let your membership lapse). Enjoy! These websites are for your information.

Emma Lay receives George C. Askew Award

Emma Lay, AGM, AR Department of Workforce Services

Emma graduated from the APAC program for Arkansas Governmental Manager (AGM) on May 11, 2006. The AGM designation is attained upon completion of six two-day courses and an accepted project plan. Not only was Emma's project plan accepted, it was considered *outstanding*. Her project plan was submitted to the American Academy of Certified Public Managers (AACPM) for nomination for the George C. Askew Award. Below are some of Emma's comments:

"I attended the 18th Annual American Academy of Certified Public Managers Professional Development Conference September 10-12, 2006. My AGM Project Plan was submitted to the Academy for nomination for the George C. Askew Award. I was presented with the Askew Award on September 12. The presentation consisted of a beautiful medallion and a certificate. The Askew recipients are acknowledged for demonstrating exemplary work in the completion of their projects while pursuing their certification. These awards are given, as stated on the medallion: *For the utilization of management practices exemplifying the philosophy of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers in the completion of an exceptional curriculum project.* I was very proud to represent Arkansas as a 2006 Askew Award Recipient. I also appreciate the educational opportunities available to me at the conference."

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Becky Bryant Elected AACPM Member-at-Large for Communications and Conferences of AACPM

Rebecca J. "Becky" Bryant, CPM, Arkansas Department of Labor



The annual AACPM Conference is always a great opportunity to network with hundreds of other public managers from other states as well as participate in "hands on" workshops relevant to our own positions. Keynote speakers are generally motivating and inspire us to become better public servants.

This conference also provides opportunities for our Society members who are CPMs to volunteer to work on National Board committees and to run for a National Board office. It is a great experience to expand our professional network and perfect our skills and talents as professional public managers.

I encourage all of our members to consider attending next year's AACPM conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

President's Conference Corner

*Cynthia Nixon, CPM, Arkansas State Bank Department
ASPCM President*

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Our Arkansas society was represented very well at this year's American Academy of Certified Public Managers Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. This was my fourth conference to attend that the Academy has sponsored. While all of them have had distinct speakers and classes, I can say that this was the most informative and enjoyable conference I have attended.

The speakers were excellent, the facilities were beautiful and the breakout sessions were informative.

I would urge everyone that has not attended one of the annual AACPM conference's to make plans to attend the 2007 Conference. I know budgets are tight and everyone has a full schedule with work and home, but these conferences are very worthwhile. Next year the Wisconsin Society will be hosting the conference. They are already working hard to make this an eventful and educational conference. The conference will be held in September 2007.

While I enjoyed the breakout sessions and opening and closing sessions, I can truly say that what made this conference unique is that I was present to see one of our own members elected to the Academy Board. Becky Bryant will take over as AACPM Member-at-Large for Conference and Communications in January. I know Becky will do a wonderful job. I think it speaks well of Arkansas that we had two people willing to give of their talent and time to run for a national board position. Though Barbara Mahoney was not elected AACPM Treasurer, I know she will continue to work for the society and hopefully run for an office next year.

Our Askew award winner, Emma Lay, of the Department of Workforce Services was able to come to the conference (a big thanks to her supervisor for allowing her to attend). Emma was quite impressed that the Askew award was such a big part of the Awards Banquet. Congratulations Emma! It was a pleasure to have an opportunity to get to know Emma and a privilege to see Emma receive the Askew Award.

I met many new people and I had the opportunity to see many that have attended conferences before. This was truly an unforgettable experience.

Cynthia Nixon, President
Arkansas Society of Certified Public Managers



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http://www.cpmacademy.org/newsletter/sept_06/ar.html



Emma Lay, AGM, is congratulated by Tim Lampe, ASCPM President-Elect for being awarded "Best Project" AACPM President Bill Herman in background (far left)



Emma Lay, AGM, AR Department of Workforce Services (far left), Imelda Roberts, an Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient and author of book entitled "BAREFOOTED SOUL" (center), and Barbara Mahoney, ASCPM Immediate Past-President(right)

Book information:

<http://www.amazon.com/Barefooted-Soul-Imelda-Roberts/dp/0977745902>

More of Emma's comments on the 18th Annual American Academy of Certified Public Managers Professional Development Conference September 10-12, 2006:

Sunday night - I got there for a Welcome Reception. I met the Chairperson for the National Consortium. Her name is Imelda Roberts. I had no idea she was considered a VIP until after the reception. Michael Waters from UALR told me she was an Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient along with some of her other credentials. She was our key-note speaker on Tuesday morning. She has just written a book entitled "BAREFOOTED SOUL" and published her second CD album.

Ms. Roberts presented the officers of the Consortium with a copy of her book and presented the Board of Directors with a copy of her CD. She donated four of her books for Door Prizes. They are big on Door Prizes. Each state had to bring a basket of goodies for a Door Prize. I was even more impressed with Ms. Roberts after her presentation and really wanted one of her four books. I along with two others from Arkansas won 3 of the 4 books. The books also contained a copy of the CD. We got autographed books and took pictures with Ms. Roberts. I finished reading the book last night and certainly don't mind sharing. One of the songs on the CD is "We are the Children of the World", a song she was inspired to write after the 911 tragedy.

I learned more about APAC, CPM and AACPM, etc.

The State membership groups are called Societies. We have 60 members in the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Managers (ASCPM). I am not a member yet; but plan to join. Seven from Arkansas attended the Conference: two from UALR; two from Arkansas State Bank; two from Arkansas Department of Labor and one from DWS.

There are 22 states making up the American Academy of Certified Public Managers (AACPM). There were around 200 members in attendance from the various states. The Society's current president is the town administrator from Auburn, New Hampshire. The only other SWA representative was a Regional Office Manager from Mississippi. He has a former UI background and is familiar with both monetary and non-monetary determinations. His current position is similar to our AOC positions. Oklahoma is looked upon as the state with the best Society providing more educational opportunities for more of its supervision and management staff in City, County, and State Government.

The National CPM Consortium has oversight and review for 28 states, the District of Columbia, the USDA from Georgetown University, and the Virgin Islands. UALR/APAC staff also serve on the National CPM Consortium's Board. The Board was in session from Sept 8th thru 10th right before the Academy went in session on Sept 10th.

We had 16 concurrent workshop sessions in four different time slots. I attended Impact of Stress on the Bottom Line, Presenting Yourself to One or Many, Interviewing Techniques: Tell Me, Show Me, Give Me, and Building an Assertive Leadership Style.

The Awards Banquet was held on Tuesday Night. A total of 14 states had projects selected for the Askew Award. I got a Certificate and a beautiful Medallion. My Award was one of three from state agencies. The other state agencies were the New Jersey Department of Corrections and Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources. The others were from City and County Government including Kansas' Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, City of Des Moines, Iowa, and the City of Wausau, Wisconsin Police Department.

Yes, I did have a Good Time at the Conference!