

Awards Criteria

- **Public Administrator of the Year-** Presented to a non-elected professional administrator who has consistently demonstrated excellence in public management over a sustained period of time. The award is named for Elizabeth Hill, an extraordinary public servant.
- **Community Service**
Presented to an individual or organization for sustained leadership in addressing public policy issues or improving life in the Sacramento region.
- **Government Innovation** Presented to an individual or organization that has implemented a new program, policy, or solution that has made a significant improvement in public service delivery or performance.
- **Intergovernmental Cooperation** -Presented to an individual or organization that has developed and delivered a program or policy between different levels of government resulting in greater effectiveness. The award is named for Grantland L. Johnson, a leader that spent an entire career fostering collaboration among all levels of government and the community.
- **Rising Star**
Presented to a public professional, teacher, or researcher thirty-five years of age or younger who has made significant contributions to good government in the Sacramento region.
- **Academic Excellence**
Presented to a local college student, teacher, administrator, or organization that has demonstrated scholarship and leadership in public administration or a closely related field of study, or that has made a noteworthy contribution to the education of public administrators. The award is named for Chester Newland, an ASPA exemplar and revered educator.
- **Lifetime Distinguished Public Service**
Presented to an individual for especially meritorious service to the field of public administration over the course of a lifetime. The award is named for Ross Clayton, an honored ASPA leader, distinguished educator, and former federal public servant.