



Empire State Capital Area Chapter
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AWARDS PRESENTATION

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ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

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CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

Presenter

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Sharon Dawes, Ph.D.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Alan G. Hevesi

State Comptroller, The State of New York

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NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER



Alan G. Hevesi was elected New York State Comptroller in 2002. Under his stewardship as sole trustee, the nation's second largest pension fund grew from \$95 billion to \$119.2 billion, a 29 percent gain, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. The fund is currently valued at about \$120 billion.

Some of the Comptroller's responsibilities include managing and protecting the State pension fund, auditing the spending practices of all State agencies and local governments, reviewing the New York State and City budgets, reviewing and approving all State contracts and administering the State Oil Spill Fund.

Before his election as State Comptroller, Mr. Hevesi served two terms as New York City Comptroller. Under his stewardship, the City's pension funds grew from \$49 billion to nearly \$100 billion. Mr. Hevesi more than doubled the number of audits conducted by his Office, identifying hundreds of millions of dollars in savings.

He also spent 22 years in the State Assembly, where he authored 108 laws and established himself as a champion for affordable health care, education reform and the rights of people with disabilities.

Mr. Hevesi holds a Ph.D. in Public Law & Government from Columbia University. He was a professor of political science at Queens College from 1967-1993, and was later an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and at Fordham Law School. Mr. Hevesi is also the author of several articles and books.

Mr. Hevesi lives with his wife Carol in the same neighborhood in Queens where he was born and raised, and where his three children grew up.

ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

The Alfred E. Smith Award is presented in recognition of outstanding individual service and initiative which has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major government problem, or to the development of a major governmental program, or which has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process. The service rendered, *which may consist of a singular accomplishment*, should be far in excess of the normal expectation of the duties of the nominee's position and the level of the position within the organization.

WILLIAM F. HOWARD 2006 ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD RECIPIENT

Prior to his appointment as Acting Chief of Staff to Governor Pataki, William F. Howard served as First Deputy Secretary to the Governor assisting in the day-to-day operations of state government. Mr. Howard's responsibilities included labor, civil service and military issues, and general governmental administration. During the days following the September 11th attacks, Mr. Howard helped coordinate the State's response efforts and was awarded the Defense of Liberty Medal for his efforts. In the wake of the attacks, Mr. Howard directed and coordinated the State's homeland security efforts, bringing the agencies of New York State government together and helping establish a State Homeland Security Team regarded as one of the finest in the country. Prior to September 2001, Mr. Howard served as a key advisor to Governor Pataki on labor, pension and public employee issues, and serving as Assistant Director of State Operations until 1999. More recently, Mr. Howard has been instrumental in coordinating the State's response effort to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, including New York State National Guard personnel and equipment to assist in rescue.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

The Charles Evans Hughes Award is presented in recognition of outstanding individual service which has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of major governmental problems, or to the development of major governmental programs, or which has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process *over an extended period of time*. The service rendered should be far in excess of the normal expectations of the duties of the nominee's position and the level of the position within the organization.

SHARON DAWES, PH.D. 2006 CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD RECIPIENT

Under the 13 year guidance of Director Sharon Dawes, the Center for Technology in Government has engaged in 29 partnership projects that have helped to improve the services and operations of state, local and federal government agencies. Under Dr. Dawes' leadership, the Center has collaborated with nearly 100 government agencies, 42 private companies and 14 academic institutions and research organizations. Additionally, the Center has developed and evaluated 12 prototype systems that answered critical policy, management, organizational and technology questions. In 1997, Dr. Dawes won *Governing Magazine's* Public Official of the Year for building a culture of collaboration and cooperation among New York State's "sprawling information management structure." In 2004, Dr. Dawes was named by *Government Technology* a "Top 25 Doer, Dreamer and Driver." In addition to her responsibilities as Director of CTG, Dawes is an Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy at the University at Albany, a Fellow of the State Academy for Public Administration and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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2006 ASPA AWARDS COMMITTEE

The difficult task of reviewing, ranking and selecting the recipients of the 2006 ESCAC-ASPA Awards resided with the members of the Awards Committee. Thanks to the members of the 2006 Awards Committee: **Michael N. Christakis** (Chair), **Wallace C. Davis**, **Joshua Hewitt**, **Alice Roberson**, **Dixon Southworth** and **William Tyrrell** for their work.

2006 FISCAL SYMPOSIUM STEERING COMMITTEE

Thanks to the members of the 2006 Fiscal Symposium Steering Committee for their work: **Regina Canzeri**, **Michael Christakis**, **Pete Finn**, **Annette Franchini**, **Bonnie Gela**, **David Liebschutz**, **Kelly Lopez**, **Paul Moore**, **Kevin Murray**, **Sharon Parkis**, **Richard Rose**, **Paul Shatsoff**, **William Tyrrell** and **Linda Zell**.

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena, was organized in 1942 as a discussion group of twenty-five persons to address the lack of professionalism and training in the newly expanded state government. The chapter (known until July 1989 as the Capital District Chapter) was officially chartered on December 5, 1945.

On July 1, 1989, the chapter changed its name to the Empire State Capital Area Chapter in order to distinguish it from other "capital area" chapters and to more accurately define the area it covers.

The chapter was instrumental in creating the Albany Graduate Program in Public Administration in September 1947. The school was originally co-sponsored by Syracuse University and New York University but is now part of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, SUNY.

During the 1980's, the society's main area of concentration was ethics in government. The chapter does no lobbying; instead, ESCAC-ASPA tries to improve government through the sponsorship of training, seminars, and workshops.

Most recently, the Chapter, in cooperation with the State Academy for Public Administration, has been instrumental in the development of Essentials of Public Administration in New York State, an award winning training program that has, for the last six years, provided a mechanism for leaders and emerging leaders in New York State government to learn about the mechanics of state government; to learn the processes that make policy into implemented program.

As the Chapter completes its 64th year, you are invited to reaffirm your commitment to the improvement of public administration in New York State by joining the **American Society for Public Administration**.



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