



# THE LEADER

*A Quarterly Newsletter for Members of the Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration*

## From the Chapter President

Dear ASPA Member:

The Chapter has had a productive program year to date, with more to come this spring.

In September, the Chapter hosted its first-ever **New Graduate Student Reception** at the Observation Deck of the Corning Tower. Well over **70 graduate students** in Public Administration, ASPAns, and Fellows of the State Academy attended the reception which featured remarks from **OGS Commissioner John Egan** (photos on **page 3** of *The Leader*).

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter hosted a **State of the State Watching Party** with **nearly a dozen ASPAns** in attendance.

Recently, a call for nominations for the **Annual ASPA Awards** was issued to Commissioners, ASPAns, and Fellows of the State Academy. Nomination materials are included in this issue of *The Leader* (pages 5 and 6). The deadline for award nominations is **February 29, 2008**.

A call for nominations for the **Rockefeller Award** will be made in the coming weeks, with this prestigious recognition slated for presentation in the fall 2008 by the State Academy.

Finally, this year's Spring Institute, '**Developing the Upstate Economy: Infrastructure, Incentives and Innovations**' will take place on **Wednesday, April 9, 2008** at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center.

This year's Institute will feature a full day of public administration – including the first session of the *Essentials* series, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Essentials* reunion breakfast, the ASPA Awards Luncheon, keynote, program panels, and the first of its kind ASPA Recognition Reception. I hope you can join us!

Best Wishes,

Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D.  
President

## 2008 Spring Institute

### **Developing the Upstate Economy:**

#### **Infrastructure, Incentives and Innovations**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

**The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center**

#### **Spring Institute Schedule: \***

|                 |                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30am – NOON   | <i>Essentials of Public Administration in New York State</i>                                                    |
| 10:00am – NOON  | <i>Essentials of Public Administration</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion - <i>Essentials</i> alumni ONLY. |
| NOON – 1:30pm   | ASPA Awards Luncheon                                                                                            |
| 1:30pm – 2:00pm | Keynote Speaker                                                                                                 |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Panel:</b> Local Government, the State and Incentives for Economic Development                |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Panel:</b> Infrastructure and Innovation as Engines for Economic Growth                       |
| 5:00pm – 7:00pm | ASPA Recognition Reception                                                                                      |

Institute registration is **\$60** (\$30 for students with valid ID) and includes attendance at the **ASPA Awards Luncheon, Keynote Speaker, and panel presentations**.

Registration for the **ASPA Awards Luncheon ONLY** is **\$30**.

The **ASPA Recognition Reception** is open to all Institute registrants, ASPA members and Fellows of the State Academy.

Deadline for registration is **March 28, 2008**. No late registrations will be accepted.

Registration materials will be available on the Chapter's web site beginning **February 1, 2008**.

*\* All times and descriptions are tentative and subject to change.*

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ESCAC CHAPTER COUNCIL

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter is seeking nominations of interested ASPAns to serve on the next ESCAC Council.

Positions available include one (1) President-Elect and eight (8) Council Members for staggered one and two year terms. Please take a few moments to consider becoming a more active ESCAC member by joining the Chapter Council.

Nominations must be returned, by the close of business, on **March 7, 2008** by e-mail to **Marc Wilken**, ESCAC ASPA Secretary ([escac.aspa@gmail.com](mailto:escac.aspa@gmail.com)).

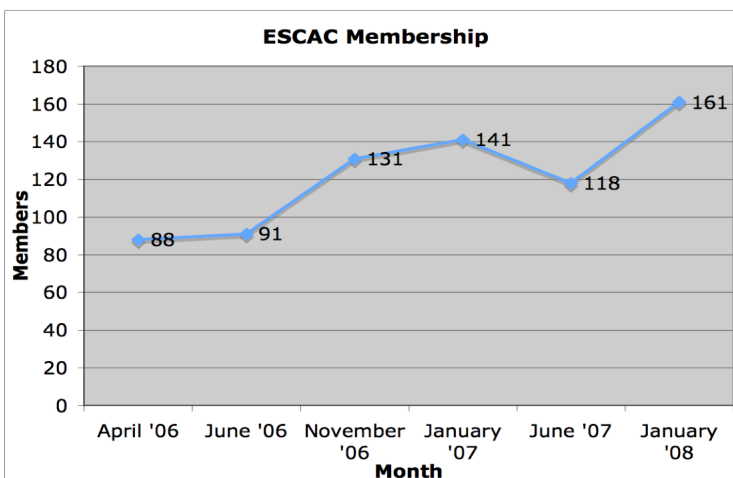
### Barbara Ryan Appointed to Chapter Council

**Barbara Ryan** was appointed to the ESCAC Council this fall. Barbara fills the vacancy caused by Council Member **Michelle Henry's** resignation and relocation to New York City – good luck Michelle! Barbara is a Rockefeller College graduate and works at the New York State Department of Health.

### ESCAC Member-Counter

Each quarter, *The Leader* will track the Chapter's growth (or decline).

|                                      |   |     |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|
| Members as of <b>June 22, 2007</b>   | = | 118 |
| Members as of <b>January 2, 2008</b> | = | 161 |
| Net Difference                       | = | +43 |



## 07-08 Awards & Scholarship

**ANNUAL AWARDS** - Each year the Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) recognizes outstanding individuals for their work in state and local service. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for one of these awards.

Download and view award categories and criteria at the Chapter's web site ([www.aspaonline.org/escac](http://www.aspaonline.org/escac)). **The 2008 awards packet and nomination forms are now available on-line and on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of *The Leader*.** The deadline for this year's awards is **February 29, 2008**.

**SCHOLARSHIP** - ESCAC seeks to recognize academic excellence and to offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to graduate students in Public Administration at a college or university in the Capital Region (greater Albany, NY). The scholarship(s) can be up to \$500 and can be awarded only once to a recipient during their graduate career.

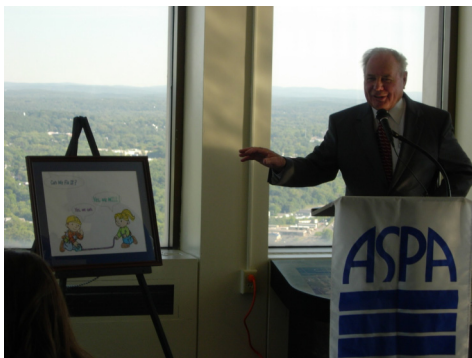
Download and view scholarship information at the Chapter's web site ([www.aspaonline.org/escac](http://www.aspaonline.org/escac)). **The 2008 scholarship application is only available on-line.** The deadline for this year's scholarships is **February 29, 2008** (see **page 4** of this issue of *The Leader* for details).

Council Member **Brian Cechnicki** is serving as Chair of the Awards & Scholarship Committee for the 2007-08 program year. If you are interested in serving on the Awards and Scholarship Committee, please contact Brian at [bcdemocrat@gmail.com](mailto:bcdemocrat@gmail.com).

**THE ROCKEFELLER AWARD** - The Nelson A. Rockefeller award is presented to an individual whose governmental career in New York State demonstrates exemplary leadership, performance, and achievement in shaping public policy, developing and implementing major public programs, or resolving major public problems.

Send nominations and questions to William Tyrell, Executive Director of the State Academy for Public Administration, **by e-mail** to [wtyrrell@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wtyrrell@nycap.rr.com). Anticipated recognition expected in fall 2008.

## Scenes from the New Graduate Student Reception “Meet and Greet” September 18, 2007 – Observation Deck, Corning Tower



*From left to right: Mike Christakis (left), ESCAC President, and David Liebschutz (right), Assistant Dean at Rockefeller College, welcome attendees to the 2007 ASPA Fall Reception at the Observation Deck of the Corning Tower featuring remarks from Commissioner John Egan (center) of OGS.*



*From left to right: Attendees listen to featured speaker, Commissioner John Egan (center), speak about the importance of public service and effective public management.*



*From left to right: Mike Christakis (right), ESCAC President, and David Liebschutz (left), Assistant Dean at Rockefeller College, with OGS Commissioner John Egan (center); Public Administration graduate students, ASPAns, and Fellows of the State Academy for Public Administration mingle following the formal program.*

*Don't let your ASPA membership lapse. Renew and update your member information on-line at: [www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)*

## Annual Financial Report

Submitted by *Collin Gulczynski, ESCAC Treasurer*

BEGINNING BALANCE (9/1/07) = \$8,123.06

### REVENUES

Essentials payments = \$1,400.00

**TOTAL REVENUE = \$1,400.00**

### EXPENSES

Essentials Expenses = \$4,678.71

"Meet And Greet" = \$1,925.76

**TOTAL EXPENSES = \$6,604.47**

ENDING BALANCE (1/7/08) = \$2,918.59

If you have any questions, please contact ESCAC

Treasurer **Collin Gulczynski** at

[cgulczynski@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:cgulczynski@uamail.albany.edu).

## 2008 Chapter Council Meetings

The Chapter Council, the governing body of the Empire State Capital Area Chapter, meets monthly during the program year. The remaining meetings for the spring 2008 are:

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| January '08  | January 2nd at 4:30pm   |
| February '08 | January 28th at 4:30pm  |
| March '08    | February 25th at 4:30pm |
| April '08    | April 7th at 4:30pm     |
| May '08      | April 28th at 4:30pm    |
| June '08     | May 27th at 4:30pm      |

All meetings take place in Draper Hall room 105 on UAlbany's Downtown Campus.

If you are interested in serving *your* ASPA Chapter, e-mail Chapter President Mike Christakis at

[mchristakis@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:mchristakis@uamail.albany.edu).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ESCAC Scholarship NOW AVAILABLE

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) offers a graduate student scholarship at a college or university in the Capital Region (greater Albany, NY).

The scholarship(s) can be up to \$500 and can be awarded only once to a recipient during their graduate career.

### DEADLINE: February 29, 2008

- ♦ Applicant should demonstrate motivation, academic and leadership potential.
- ♦ Applicants must be in good academic standing.
- ♦ Applicant must be a continuing student entering their second year of graduate study in the fall 2007.
- ♦ Applicant must plan on enrolling at least part-time (three (3) graduate credits) at a graduate degree-seeking program in Public Administration at a college or university in the Capital Region (greater Albany, NY) by the start of the fall 2008 semester and must be enrolled in the semester for which the award is made (fall 2008/spring 2009).
- ♦ Applicant may be a U.S. citizen, non-U.S. citizen, New York State resident, or out-of-state resident.

Application information, including application form and instructions, can be found on the ESCAC web site at [www.aspaonline.org/escac](http://www.aspaonline.org/escac) under "Awards & Scholarship."

The ESCAC Scholarship will be awarded during the Annual ASPA Awards Luncheon on **Wednesday, April 9, 2008** at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center.

## 69<sup>th</sup> Annual ASPA National Conference:

### ***Transformational Public Administration: A Call for Public Service***

The Fairmont Dallas is the place to be **March 7-11, 2008** for the American Society of Public Administration's (ASPA) 69th Annual Conference. ASPA will host over 1,200 federal, state and local government officials and employees, scholars, practitioners, new professionals and students. This year's theme, ***Transformational Public Administration: A Call for Public Service***, will focus on behaviors, programs, activities and institutions and processes emanating from the public sector, that have, or can promote human advancement. Hundreds of public service experts will be on hand to offer creative solutions to problems you encounter in the workplace. Through keynote presentations, workshops, panels, roundtables and poster presentations, attendees will experience first-hand leadership skills to elevate the public service profession. Don't be left out!

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ALBANY, NY – Each year the Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) recognizes outstanding individuals for their work in state and local service. These awards have historically been a wonderful way of recognizing so many of our colleagues who work tirelessly in state and local service. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for one of these awards.

The deadline for award nominations is **Friday, February 29, 2008**. Awards will be presented as part of the Chapter's annual spring institute on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Please contact Awards Selection Committee Chair **Brian Cechnicki** with questions at [bcdemocrat@gmail.com](mailto:bcdemocrat@gmail.com).

## 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, 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.

## 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, to the development of major governmental programs, or that 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.

Nominees for *both* the **Alfred E. Smith Award** and the **Charles Evans Hughes Award** must be nominated for accomplishments achieved in service in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches of State government or in Federal service or in the service of a public benefit corporation within New York State.

## FRANK C. MOORE AWARD

The Frank C. Moore Award is presented in recognition of outstanding individual service that has exemplified superior management and administration *within local government*, and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major governmental problem, to the development of a major governmental program, or that has affected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process. The service rendered may be recent and singular or may encompass a series of accomplishments over a period of time. Such achievements 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.

Nominees for the **Frank C. Moore Award** must be nominated for accomplishments achieved while serving in a unit of local government (county, city, town, school district, village or special district).

## NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Awarded for outstanding individual service which has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major governmental problem, to the development of a major governmental program, or that has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process by an administrator *with less than ten years of public service*. The service rendered should be far in excess of the normal expectation of the duties of the nominee's position and should reflect promise and potential for the nominee to assume future high level positions within government in New York State.

Nominees for the **New Administrator Award** must be nominated for accomplishments achieved in service in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches of State government or in Federal service or in the service of a public benefit corporation within New York State.



American Society for Public Administration  
Empire State Capital Area Chapter

## 2008 ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating for the...(select ONE):

- ☐ Alfred E. Smith Award
- ☐ Charles Evans Hughes Award
- ☐ Frank C. Moore Award
- ☐ New Administrator Award

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to completing the nomination form, nominators should submit the following:

- ☐ A letter establishing the candidate's qualifications for the award category he/she is nominated and articulating, in detail, the accomplishments of the nominee.
- ☐ The nominee's resume, including a current address.
- ☐ Additional information that would substantiate the nomination (OPTIONAL).

**Completed nominations should be submitted by February 29, 2008 to:**

Mr. Brian Cechnicki, Chair  
ASPA Awards Committee  
PO Box 2101  
Albany, NY 12220

Nominations may also be submitted electronically to [escac.aspa@gmail.com](mailto:escac.aspa@gmail.com) or [bcdemocrat@gmail.com](mailto:bcdemocrat@gmail.com).