

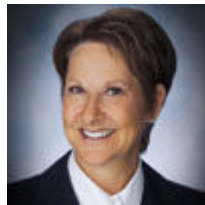
# ASPA-Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

*American Society for Public Administration*



## 2007 ASPA-Nebraska Annual Luncheon & Awards

The Nebraska ASPA Council was pleased to select Mayor Jo Dee Adelung the 2007 Outstanding Elected Official of the Year. Mayor Adelung is currently serving her second term of office as Nebraska City's Chief Elected Official.



**Mayor Jo Dee Adelung**

Jo Dee received the honor for her leadership and professional service to the citizens of Nebraska City, as well as her commitment to the profession of public service. Adelung was appointed by

the Governor to serve on the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council, the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska and the Chief Elected Officials Board.

The Mayor is also currently serving as the President of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and serves on numerous local boards and councils.

Also honored at the April 26th awards luncheon was Dr. Adi Pour, Director of the Douglas County Health Department.

Dr. Pour has worked diligently to increase community awareness of major public health issues, she has coordinated efforts to build community partnerships with public and private



**Dr. Adi Pour**

sector entities to increase the awareness and effectiveness of public health improvement efforts...increasing the number and quality of health department programs to serve all the residents of Douglas County.

Dr. Pour's high level of dedication to professionalism and to public service makes Dr. Pour ASPA-Nebraska's 2007 Outstanding Public Administrator.

### 2007 ASPA Nebraska Award Winners

- Outstanding Elected Official of the Year: City of Nebraska City Mayor Jo Dee Adelung
- Outstanding Public Administrator of the Year: Director of the Douglas County Health Department Dr. Adi Pour
- American Humanics Outstanding Non-Profit Organization: Alegent Community Benefit Trust

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## A Message from your ASPA-Nebraska President

Congratulations to the ASPA Nebraska Chapter for another successful year. We have laid the foundation for the continued growth and development of the ASPA Nebraska Chapter. I want to personally thank the ASPA Nebraska Council for their

hard work and sacrifices to ensure that ASPA Nebraska is doing what it can to support professional public administration. I also want to encourage our members to get more involved in ASPA Nebraska. As we look to the future, we plan to pursue

some important and valuable programs, and member involvement will ensure the programs are successful. Thank you for your commitment to public service and have a great summer."

**Scott**

## American Humanics Gives Non-Profit Award



Marian Standeven, Alegent Health (pictured left) with Shawna Thompson American Humanics Program.

American Humanics, is a national alliance of colleges, universities, and nonprofits. It's mission is to educate, prepare and certify professionals to strengthen and lead non-profit organizations.

The American Humanics program was proud to award the 2007 Outstanding Non-Profit Organization award to Alegent Community Benefit Trust.

Alegent Health Community Benefit Trust partners with

other non-profit organizations to make a difference in the quality of people's lives and the communities in which they live.

Each year, the Alegent Health Board of Directors places additional dollars into the Community Benefit Trust Fund to support innovative, community-based programs that improve community health and wellness.

Accepting the award on behalf of the trust was Marian Standeven.

## Pi Alpha Alpha Inducts New Members



The Nebraska ASPA Chapter wishes to congratulate the recent inductees of Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

For Spring of 2007, the inductees are Shelley Baldwin, Timothy Mark Durham, Rod Burley Streets, Mary Jane Uher and Cheryl L. Wingate.

For Fall of 2006 the inductees

were Annette Epperson, Heidi Marie Loos and Tracy Michelle Swanson.

For the summer of 2006, Pi Alpha Alpha inducted Daniel Edward Adams, Dennis Burnside and Stephen Paul Story.

Congratulations to all for their hard work and for achieving this academic milestone.



(L to R) Dr. John Bartle, (Pi Alpha Alpha Secretary-Treasurer), Cheryl L. Wingate and Patrick McNamara (Pi Alpha Alpha President)

## ...a snippet from Mayor Adelung's Keynote Address "I Am a Small Town Mayor



**I am a small town Mayor.** I have been asked to dress up as the Cat in the Hat and read at the grade schools. I have played the banjo (kind of, sort of) at a State of Nebraska birthday party. I have judged Boy Scout cakes, school art projects, Halloween costumes, coloring contests, talent nights, chili cook offs and beard contests. **How**

**fun is that!** ...I received a call from the Police Chief that an explosion had occurred during the Entire fire and that firemen are down. **How frightening is that!** I have raced to the hospital arriving just as the ambulance arrives, and watched emergency workers unload firemen with black faces and hands and feel my legs turn to

jelly as I am thinking they are burned. Just then one of them smiles with very white teeth against the black soot of his face and I get a thumbs up and realize that it is pulverized rubber covering them, not burns. Then I go up to the waiting room to site with spouses as they wait to hear who is all right and who will be returning to the

## ASPA-Nebraska Offering Scholarship Opportunities

### ASPA Nebraska National Student Conference Grant \$250

This grant will be awarded to a student to allow for attendance at the ASPA National Conference. The grant recipient will be the student who is selected by the ASPA Nebraska Board to be the nominee for the National ASPA Vanguard Student Conference Grant. The ASPA Nebraska Grant can be used as matching funds for registration fees, travel and other expenses. Preference is given to graduate level students and nominees who have served in a volunteer role with ASPA, have performed well in school, and have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in the practice or teaching of public administration. Candidates must submit application materials to the current ASPA Nebraska President by September 15th of each year. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the recommended candidate's name will be forwarded to the ASPA Nebraska Board for approval. After the conference the grant recipient will submit a written summary of the conference to the President to be included in the ASPA Nebraska newsletter. Candidates should submit:

1. A letter from a faculty member explaining why the student merits the grant.
2. A letter from the student indicating why he/she wants to attend the conference and what they hope to gain from attendance.

### SPA Nebraska Regional Conference \$300

The Nebraska Chapter of ASPA has available up to \$300 per year available for members who attend the ASPA Nebraska Regional Conference. The grant may be used for conference registration and lodging expenses only and recipients must submit a conference registration confirmation sheet and lodging receipt to the ASPA Nebraska President or Treasurer for reimbursement. A committee will review the applications and offer recommendations to the full Board. Preference will be given to applicants with distinguished service to ASPA Nebraska. If no submittals are received, the President may select a recipient to receive the grant in order to ensure that ASPA Nebraska has a representative at the Regional Conference. Candidates should submit by September 1st:

1. A letter to the Board indicating years of membership in ASPA, positions held and why they should receive the grant.
2. A current resume

## ... "I Am a Small Town Mayor"

and who is not. **How hard is that!** Surviving a recall attempt that put my family and city staff through three months of hell, as we all read the wicked letters to the editor in the local paper as they appeared on a daily basis. **How tough is that!** Ribbon cuttings, banquets, luncheons, breakfast meetings, receptions, pancake feeds, spaghetti feeds. **How fattening is that!** Being asked by the Police Department

to volunteer to be shot with a taser during their demonstration. **How dumb is that!** Receiving a phone call at 7:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning from a little old lady complaining that I get paid for being Mayor...\$200 a month. **How priceless is that!** Being invited to come and speak to you today, and having the opportunity to reflect on my experiences as mayor for the last six years, to actually put

them down on paper. **How awesome is that!** I am small town Mayor, and there are thousands of elected officials just like me all across the country...proudly serving their communities. **I AM A SMALL TOWN MAYOR!**

*(This is just a small sample of a wonderful, sad and funny keynote address. The full text can be found in the April 2007 Issue of the Nebraska League of Municipalities Municipal Review)*

**INSIDE ASPA-Nebraska**  
**Carl Ekstrom**  
 ..... will be teaching this summer at the University St. Kliment Ohridski in Macedonia as part of the Fulbright Senior Specialist

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For more information, visit the ASPA Nebraska Website at [www.aspaonline.org/nebraska](http://www.aspaonline.org/nebraska) or American Humanics at UNO at <http://www.unomaha.edu/humanics/>.

**Public Service Week Activities Include Governor's Proclamation**



(L to R) Dr. Mike Stefkovich, Patricia Langer, Governor Dave Heineman and ASPA President Scott Bovick

ASPA members Dr. Mike Stefkovich, Patricia Langer and ASPA-NE President Scott Bovick joined Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman at a signing of a Governor's Proclamation designating May 7th through the 13th, 2007, Public Service Week in Nebraska.

Public Service week is celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May. This week of recognition, started in 1985 and is a chance for us all to honor those employees who serve in federal, state and local government organizations.

**Have you thanked your public employees today?**

**ASPA-Nebraska IS WORKING FOR YOU!**

- ASPA Career Building Events such as the Student Mock Interviews and Resume Review
- ASPA Co-Sponsorship of Conferences such as the Annual Social Equity Conference
- Networking Receptions with Public Officials
- Public Service Week Activities and Governor's Proclamation Signing
- Annual Public Service Awards Luncheon Honoring Some of Nebraska's Best and Brightest Public Administrators
- Professional Presentation Co-Sponsorships such as Author David Osborne.
- Participation and Co-Sponsorship of the Statewide Study of the State of Public Service in Nebraska

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*Why not get connected today !***