

NaSTEC 6.0 Awards Banquet

NaSPA, *The Association for Corporate Computing Technical Professionals*, could not function without the help of its membership. Members participate at various levels within the organization—from speaking at the annual NaSTEC conference to being members of advisory committees. NaSPA appreciates the support it receives from these active members and recognizes their accomplishments at NaSTEC. This year's outstanding individuals were honored at the NaSTEC 6.0 Awards Banquet held Sunday March 12, 1994 in Orlando.

"I don't think we can ever value our members enough," said Mary Krukowski, NaSPA's meeting planner/education coordinator. "Just becoming involved in NaSPA is an intangible benefit because it is personally fulfilling," she added.

"The association benefits when members share their real-life, industry-related trials and tribulations for the benefit of other members," Mary said.

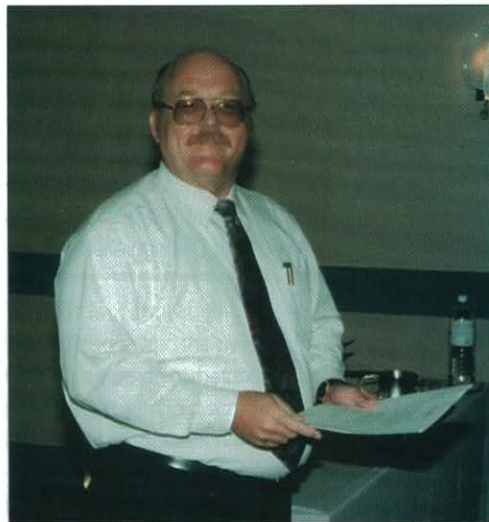
These active members give NaSPA direction and a basis for change. Small group discussions held at President's Councils present a forum for feedback and brainstorming, allowing NaSPA members to voice their opinions and give the association their perspectives. When members become involved it allows the NaSPA staff to feel closer to them; placing faces with names or user IDs (in the case of NaSCOM).

The process by which members are chosen to receive recognition is straightforward. Mary approaches each NaSPA national member services department to determine which members have met certain criteria: Were they a speaker at a previous NaSTEC; a chapter officer; a software/tape contributor; a publication author or technical editor; a board member; an advisory or nominating committee member? Each area is equally weighed and a miscellaneous category is factored in for special situations.

Will the Following Members Please Rise!

Member of the Year

Emit Hurdelbrink was honored at NaSTEC 6.0 as Member of the Year, NaSPA's most prestigious award. Emit received a personalized walnut desk plaque with an etched medallion and inscription plate for his outstanding contributions to NaSPA. Emit has been an integral part of NaSPA over the years through his assistance in various projects. For



Emit Hurdelbrink, NaSPA Member of the Year

example, he volunteered his time and assistance to NaSPA President Scott Sherer in installing the NaSPA Novell local area network (LAN). Emit has represented NaSPA in chapter visits and a visit to an ICCP board meeting. The NaSPA staff values his opinions and many of his suggestions result in changes in procedure. Emit has been a NaSPA board member for several years. He has also served on the NaSPA Board Nominations Committee.

"He's been a leader in getting things accomplished and setting direction," Mary said.

Emit began his career in data processing in 1970 while serving in the army. Originally trained as a computer systems operator, he took programming classes while stationed in Germany. A graduate of Regis University in Denver, and a Denver native, Emit has gained experience in operations, applications, system analysis and systems programming utilizing VSE and MVS operating systems. He is currently a data systems administrator with the Denver City auditor's office where he is responsible for an IBM 9221 running VSE/ESA and many LAN systems.

Additionally, Emit is active in the Denver Chapter, has 14 years experience as a paramedic, nine years experience as a volunteer fire fighter and is a certified scuba Divemaster.

Other NaSPA members were presented with awards as recognition for their tremendous support of the association.

NASPA MEETS ACP

NaSPA President Scott Sherer met with the officers, board of directors and chapter presidents of The Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) March 4-6, 1994 for the association's annual meeting.

ACP is a group of individuals involved with disaster recovery planning whose roots come from the data processing industry. As times have changed the group has evolved into a business recovery planning group whose mission includes data processing and all other aspects of business recovery.

Several months ago, Scott contacted ACP President Curt Edfast to discuss association and industry trends and practices. Curt invited Scott to join their annual meeting.

Discussions ranged from association practices such as member services, recruitment and retention, chapter involvement and structure to industry trends. Along the way, many new relationships were built and the lines of communication have been opened with an association in a related industry. We will keep you informed of progress between our two associations' boards of directors.

The NaSPA Leadership Award

Bennie Shearer, Jr. received the Leadership award for his time and energy contributed as a 1993 NaSPA board member and chairman of the Nominations Committee.

Bennie was also an instrumental part of the NaSPA International Direction Committee. He has more than 13 years of experience in data processing, and is currently working for BMC Software, Inc. He was the founder and first president of the Houston NaSPA Chapter. Bennie graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with a special emphasis in numerical analysis and cryptography. In the past, Bennie has been NaSPA's Member of the Year and received their Distinguished Service award.

Distinguished Service Awards

Distinguished Service awards were presented to three individuals who promoted and supported the association in two or more areas such as contributions to NaSCOM; service on committees or the board of directors; and support of the NaSPA publications through authoring articles or service as a technical editor. The recipients were Radi Shourbaji, Stephen Force and Bruce Black.

Radi, who has more than 10 years experience in data processing, is active in NaSPA both locally and nationally. He was, at one time, the secretary/treasurer of SWOCON, the SouthWest Ohio NaSPA Chapter and is currently the president of BACON, the Bay Area Chapter of NaSPA. Currently, he serves on the NaSPA Board of Directors. Radi received the award for his involvement with the creation of NaSPA CD-ROMs and the connection of NaSCOM with the outside world via the Enterprise Systems Network (ESN).

Stephen was nominated because of his efforts as contributing editor, author/columnist and technical editor to the NaSPA Publications. He is a member of the Michigan NaSPA Chapter and is also a consultant.

Bruce received the award for sharing his NaSCOM expertise. He offered his time to monitor NaSCOM's many forums and respond to as many inquiries as possible. He currently works as a software developer for Innovation Data Processing. He is also a member of the SPONJ (N.J.) NaSPA Chapter.



Pete Clark accepts his Distinguished Speaker award from Meeting Planner/Education Coordinator Mary Krukowski.

The Distinguished Speaker Award

The Distinguished Speaker award was presented to Pete Clark for his talents as a speaker. In 1993, his second time at NaSTEC, Pete's session was well attended and received, as was this year's presenta-

tion. Pete has worked as a technical support manager with Olan Mills, Inc. for the past 16 years. Total, he has spent 30 years in data processing. Pete contributes to various IS publications and has authored several operating systems modifications.



NaSPA Vice President Tom Sprague (right) presents Stephen Samson his Outstanding Contributor Award.

Outstanding Contributor Awards

Outstanding Contributor awards were presented to Cheryl Watson, Stephen Samson and John Walker II for giving excellent presentations at NaSTEC and visiting NaSPA Chapters to share their expertise.

The President's Recognition award was presented to Carl Ertzman for his support and dedication to NaSPA through his attendance at every NaSTEC conference since its inaugural in 1989. Carl has been in data processing for more than 30 years.



Carrie Sherer, Chapter Coordinator/Member Services Support, presents Sam Golob with a certificate for technical excellence.

Technical Excellence Awards

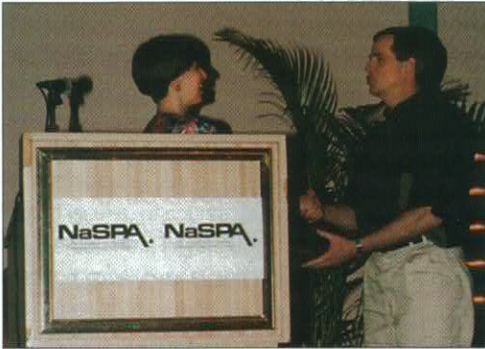
Certificates for technical excellence were given to those individuals who made extraordinary contributions to the NaSPA public domain software program in the PC and mainframe areas. Mark Hanna, Shmuel (Sam) Golob, Marty Kuntz and Larry Shumate received these certificates.

NaSTEC Advisory Committee Receives Recognition

The NaSTEC Advisory Committee, made up of NaSPA members who signed up for the committee at last year's NaSTEC, was recognized for their input and evaluation of NaSTEC topics and speakers leading to educational opportunities at NaSTEC. The committee is comprised of five members: James "JD" Drechsler, Israel Gotay,

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Denver NaSPA Chapter President Duane Baer accepts the "Chapter of the Year Award" from Chapter Coordinator Carrie Sherer

Kelly Brown, Reinhold Burbach and Bill Ball. Each committee member received a certificate for his contributions.

Chapter of the Year Award

The Chapter of the Year award was presented to Chapter President Duane Baer on behalf of the Denver NaSPA Chapter for its outstanding contributions to NaSPA. The Denver Chapter sponsored a daylong Novell class for its members and has been supportive of the association overall.

Sponsors Accept Awards

This year, for the first time, sponsors were recognized at NaSTEC for their outstanding support of NaSPA. The following sponsors received engraved walnut plaques with their corporate logos inscribed on a gold plate:

- Bell & Associates;
- Candle Corporation;
- CDW Computer Center, Inc.;
- Empact Software;
- IBM Corporation;
- Innovation Data Processing;
- Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc.;
- MCI;
- SERENA International; and
- Washington Systems Consulting, Inc.

The Outstanding Achievement Award

The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Amy Birschbach, managing editor of the NaSPA publications. Amy's responsibilities center around encouraging NaSPA members to write articles for the NaSPA publications. She also develops each publication's editorial focus and oversees the final production layouts. Amy received this award for her dedication to and support of the magazines' authors as well as the publications. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee with a degree in journalism and has worked with NaSPA for six years.

We Couldn't Have Done it Without You

Our thanks to those NaSPA members, too numerous to mention here, for their dedication to NaSPA's many causes and for the limitless time they have volunteered to help other NaSPA members learn more about their professions.



Mark Hedges of SERENA International accepts an award from Marketing and Sales Representative Jerry Seefeldt.



Washington Systems Consulting, Inc.'s Jim O'Donnell accepts an award for his company's outstanding support of NaSPA as a sponsor.

NaSPA Employee of the Month

Each month we take you behind the scenes of NaSPA headquarters and introduce you to one of the dedicated employees who "make it happen."

Members will not necessarily recognize NaSPA Production Coordinator Lisa Paulin by her face or name, but by her creativity. You may know her best from the look of the NaSPA publications. The NaSTEC flyer and various other promotional pieces you may receive are also tell-tale signs she's been working diligently. It's all Lisa's handiwork.

Her behind-the-scenes job responsibilities revolve around assuring the magazine gets to the printer on schedule and is printed in a timely manner, materials received from sponsors are in good order and editorial content is laid out properly. Finally, she proofs each page of the magazine to make sure all the pieces are in place.

Lisa, who has been with NaSPA eight months, finds expressing her creativity the most rewarding aspect of her job. She receives this satisfaction through designing the magazine and other publication pieces.