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| Desk outline  President Corner  Hi to all!  We are excited about the 2024 SECoPA Conference in the city of Memphis, the Home of Blues, Soul, and Rock ‘n’ Roll! The Call for Proposals has been sent, the submission deadline is June 5. The SECoPA conference in Memphis is less than six months away and the various committees are hard at work. Conference registration and the hotel information are on the SECoPA website as well as at the University of Memphis website.  It has been a busy quarter for the Board. Over half of the Board members attended the ASPA National Conference (more on the conference in a separate section of the newsletter). We had two Board meetings over ZOOM. Our discussion was on our first investment in certificate of deposits, gaining 5% interest for the endowment, a committee report on the endowment policy update, and instituting an audit committee.  It will be a busy year! Feel free to contact me with suggestions, this is your SECoPA!  Ines Beecher nesibeech@hotmail.com | | |  |  | ASPA National Conference-Part I  Though it still felt like winter in Minneapolis, the conference was warm and wonderful!  With 1,174 attendees, it was great to see friends and make new ones! The sessions were well attended and the receptions (ice cream social was my favorite) were rocking!  SECoPA was proud to continue our monetary support of the Founders Fellows program.  We attended the National Council meeting. The various discussions centered on award endowments, ASPA mobile app use, plans for a practitioner track, and the donation campaign for ASPA’s 85th birthday.  It was an excellent conference and congratulations to co-chair Naim Kapucu, ASPA Executive Director Bill Shields, the ASPA staff and the many volunteers!  Meeting outline |  | ASPA National Conference-Part II  We congratulate the following District 3 individuals for their awards:  -Trina Nkhazi, Emerging Leader Award, Center for Accountability & Performance  -Bart Hildreth, Paul Posner Pracademic Award  -Del Bharath and Chevanese Samms Brown, Published Article Award, LGBT Advocacy Alliance (Karen Sweeting co-author)  -Steven Bobes, Service Section Award, LGBT Advocacy Alliance  -Paige Moore, Best Dissertation or Thesis Award, Section for Women in Public Administration  -Michele Evans, Rita Mae Kelly Distinguished Research Award  -Fagan Stackhouse, Outstanding Practitioner Award, Section on Personnel Administration and Labor Relations  -Willow Jacobson, The Jonathan West Outstanding Scholar Award, Section on Personnel Administration and Labor Relations  Shooting star with solid fill | | |
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| Allan Rosenbaum  We were all saddened by the passing of Allan. A father, a scholar, internationally well-known in the field of public administration, and two-time ASPA President, he will be missed. Our sympathy to his family.  The International Chapter of ASPA recommended, and the ASPA National Council approved, the addition of Alan’s name to the International Public Administration Award.  It is an appropriate honor of his legacy as Alan was steadfast to recognize international public administration.  National Council  Miriam Singer has completed her term as District 3 National Council Representative. We appreciate her work and wish her well. Miriam is the CEO and President of Jewish Community Services of South Florida.  We welcome our new National Council Representative, Dr. Shaoming Cheng, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Florida International University.  New ASPA Section  There is a new section in ASPA-its title is the Hispanic, Latin America, Caribbean, and Iberian Public Administration (SHLACIPA). More information is available on the ASPA website. | | |  |  | New Journal  Congratulations to SECoPA Board Director Bruce McDonald as co-editor (with Craig Maher) of a brand-new publication; Public Finance Journal.  Published by the Government Finance Officers Association, it is an open-access journal “committed to the community of practice.” Edited by academic scholars with an editorial board of practitioners and academics, it offers a “forum for dissemination of ideas and solutions.” It is grounded in peer-reviewed research and a connection to the practice of public budget and finance.  The Public Finance Journal has been published with four research articles and three book reviews. Since I have been a life-long budgeteer practitioner, I look forward to this collaboration!  Fun Facts  SECoPA has held 56 conferences, the first in Clearwater, Florida. The State of Florida has held 15 of those conferences-the most of any other state in the region!  SECoPA is incorporated in the State of Florida as a non-profit organization. We pay an annual fee to maintain the incorporation. |  | Atlanta Conference Survey  Many thanks to Meg Streams for undertaking the annual survey to help us plan our conferences.  We had a 31.4% survey response rate. The breakdown, within the response rate of type, was 61% academics, 12% practitioners, and 17% non-profit, retired, students, etc.  The conference received a highly satisfied/satisfied rate of 90.4%and more than 80% felt the conference was relevant to their professional development. This was a testimony to the excellent work done by the conference host-University of Georgia.  Some comments included:  -I liked the panels,  -More time needed for panels,  -Leave personal politics at home,  -Spend more time on topics for practitioners and/or relevant,  -Nice to have a conference in person,  -Everyone was very welcoming and supportive,  -I like the conference location rotates in the region  -Would like to see a conference in Charleston or in Little Rock or in Orlando  -Doug Goodman rocks (I agree)  Thank you to all those who responded to the survey. | | |