



APA ALASKA 2020 AWARDS

Application and Criteria/Descriptions

Nominations for the Alaska Chapter American Planning Awards

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm, Friday, January 10, 2020

The Awards Program is an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of planners and citizens who make Alaska communities stronger through planning.

The Program is open to all planners who reside or practice in the state of Alaska. Entries from private practice offices, non-profits, planning agencies, federal, state, and local governments, environmental agencies and landscape architects are encouraged. Award categories include the following:

I nominate _____

(Name of project, plan, effort, tool, document, initiative, firm, agency, organization, or publication, etc.)

Nomination Category (select only one):

Planning Projects

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Infrastructure Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Community or Policy Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Public Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Innovative |

Leadership

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Team of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Planner of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Planner of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Advocate of the Year |

Send Nominations and Questions to:

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How to:

1. Review the descriptions below.
2. Determine which categories you wish to enter.
3. Complete the Nomination Form.
4. Write a one-page description (under 500 words) of how your entry meets the category criteria.
5. Gather your supporting documents.
6. Submit all items in pdf format, no later than Friday, December 20, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Nominator:

The Nominator serves as the primary contact for this nomination and will work with the Awards Committee to obtain additional information and material.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Primary Award Recipient:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Co-Award (if applicable)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Others to be Recognized (if applicable)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Others to be Recognized (if applicable)

Name: _____

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Description – Narrative or Evaluation (no more than 500 words)



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Attachments

Please list all items you are sending in addition to the application form and narrative. See list of required and optional requirements on page 6. The total number of attachments allowed is five.

All material **MUST BE** submitted via email and in PDF format.

- Attachment 1: _____
- Attachment 2: _____
- Attachment 3: _____
- Attachment 4: _____
- Attachment 5: _____

Acknowledgement of Nominator / Award Recipient

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties' nomination on this form. I understand that all the winning documents will be placed on the APA Alaska Chapter website under Awards Program or on the Chapter's Facebook page.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Printed Name of Nominator



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Nomination Submittal Requirements

Required:

1. 2020 Awards Application Form
2. No more than 1-page description. Please see information below for guidance.
3. For both “Best Plan” categories – PDF attachment of the nominated plan.

Optional and no more than five (5) attachments allowed:

- Up to five (5) slides or photos that best represent the project – in compressed PDF format
- Website link of the project
- Marketing materials
- Copy of the planning report or product that presents the project

All material MUST BE submitted via email and in PDF format.

APA Alaska is sensitive about creating unnecessary hardships for entries. If you need assistance please contact Alexa Greene, agreene@dowl.com.



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Criteria for Planning Awards

Best Infrastructure Plan

This award recognizes a plan completed within the past two (2) years, such as transportation or aviation plans, parks or trails plans, energy, water/wastewater energy or telecommunications plans, etc.

Required: A pdf copy or a link to the plan submitted with the application.

Best Community or Policy Plan

This award recognizes a plan completed within the past two (2) years, such as comprehensive plans, economic development plans, strategic plans, neighborhood plans, etc.

Required: A pdf copy or a link to the plan submitted with the application.

Best Public Engagement in a Planning Project

This award recognizes the public engagement aspects of planning and its effectiveness in supporting good planning, activities such as creative outreach activities and involvement methods.

Most Innovative Planning Project

This award is for a specific planning tool, practice, program, project or process that represents state-of-the-art thinking, or an advance in a specific element of planning. Nominations in this category should emphasize results and demonstrate how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices helped implement a planning project.

Evaluation Criteria for Planning Awards

Demonstrate how the nominated plan or project meets the following:

1. How does your plan or project demonstrate in innovative or visionary approach
2. How the plan or project show excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, etc.?
3. How does the plan or project provide examples for other areas, projects or planners?
4. How have planning principles been observed and to what extent does the plan or project include elements important to the local community?
5. Does the plan or project incorporate measurable implementation tasks and goals and has the plan been supported by those responsible for implementation tasks?



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Criteria for Leadership Awards

Planning Team of the Year

The award recognizes and honors planning professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the planning field in Alaska over a period of time, and who exhibit qualities which lead to the successful accomplishment of planning goals, programs, or projects.

Emerging Planner of the Year

This award honors a new professional planner (with five or less years in the profession) that has helped elevate the planning profession and build public support for planning, and through current work demonstrates the potential of having a continual influence on the planning profession for years to come.

Planner of the Year

The award recognizes and honors planning professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the planning field in Alaska over an extended period of time, and who exhibit qualities which lead to the successful accomplishment of planning goals, programs, or projects.

Required: Nominee must be a member of the APA and self-nominations are not accepted.

Planning Advocate of the Year

This award recognizes an individual, or an appointed or elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena in a sustained or particularly effective manner.

Required: Nominee cannot earn their living as planners and self-nominations are not accepted.

Evaluation Criteria for Leadership Awards

Demonstrate how the nominated project meets the following:

1. Specify how the individual or team displays stand out work and demonstration of exceptional practice.
2. Specify how the individual or team fosters a collaborative environment that encourages open communication and teamwork across professional lines.
3. Specify how the individual or team promotes new technologies, innovative ideas, and formulating and implementing plans and ideas in support of good planning.
4. Specify how the individual or team consistently generates high quality of graphic design and content, and overall produces a high quality of work.
5. Specify how the individual or team demonstrates skill in engaging stakeholders and resolving community conflict.