

DAPA Receives National Award at ASPA Conference



On behalf of the Delaware Association for Public Administration, DAPA Communications Committee chair Martha Corrozi Narvaez accepts the ASPA Chapter Newsletter Award from ASPA president Erik Bergrud in Las Vegas on March 6, 2012.

During the March 6 awards ceremony at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), held March 2-6, 2012, in Las Vegas, DAPA member **Martha Corrozi Narvaez**, accepted the national society's Chapter Newsletter Award on behalf of the Delaware Association for Public Administration (DAPA)—ASPA's Delaware chapter, one of ASPA's 82 chapters nationwide. As its Communications Committee chair, Narvaez coordinates the online publication for DAPA.

The ASPA awards ceremony honored several public servants from across the country who have dedicated their lives to public service and have made a real difference in their communities. "It was a real honor to accept the ASPA Chapter Newsletter Award in the company of such a distinguished group," Narvaez said. "The award is a nod to all of those who have contributed such interesting content about the great public service work they do."

"I am thrilled that the American Society for Public Administration has honored DAPA as the recipient of this year's Chapter Newsletter Award for our **DAPA Public Service Reader**," DAPA President **Jonathan Justice**.

Justice adds, "In addition to current articles and topic areas, the **DAPA Public Service Reader** has been an important vehicle for our chapter's recent resurgence over the past three years and consistently helps put our best foot forward. I am certain it is one of the reasons we have been able to regain members, add new members, and generate interest among new and old members alike in the chapter and its activities."

About every six months, current and former DAPA members receive a link with new articles about recent activities and topics of interest to public administrators, nonprofit staff, and others interested in promoting public service. Printed articles are available at networking events and professional development activities. Because it is primarily an online production, the *Reader* is easily accessible and encourages viewers to visit other DAPA website pages, including the *DAPA Events* and *Facebook* pages.

DAPA Communications Committee member **Mark Deshon** edits the content and designs and uploads the pages for each issue. DAPA Council Member **Kelly Sherretz** serves as an assistant to Narvaez on the committee.

—by Julia O'Hanlon

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