

Call for Nominations – 2022 NAPC Commission Excellence Awards

Submission Deadline: March 7, 2022

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is now accepting applications for the 2022 NAPC Commission Excellence Awards program to recognize and honor outstanding efforts and achievements by local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions and boards of architectural review, as well as individual preservationists doing exemplary work at the national, state and local levels.

The NAPC Commission Excellence Awards will be given on a biennial basis and are intended to highlight 'best practices' and exceptional accomplishments by commissions at the local level, for both large and small communities, to protect historic districts and landmarks through legislation, education and advocacy.

Award presentations will be made at FORUM 2022 in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 13-17, 2022. Award recipients will receive one complimentary registration to FORUM, a framed award certificate, and will be featured in *The Alliance Review*, NAPC's quarterly journal. Honorable mentions, if any, will receive an award certificate and one reduced registration.

■ AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Awards will be given in the two group categories, 'Best Practices' and 'Commission of the Year':

(1) Best Practices

'Best Practices' awards may be given in the following areas:

- **Best Practices – Identification/Registration** of historic resources (including archaeological), such as historic resource surveys, historic contexts, local designation reports, and nominations and multiple property submissions for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Best Practices – Protection** of historic resources (including archaeological), such as preservation ordinances, new program tools/initiatives, rules and regulations, preservation plans and master plans, incentives, design guidelines and policies, grant and revolving fund programs, code enforcement programs, and zoning and building code provisions for historic properties.
- **Best Practices – Public Outreach/Advocacy**, such as brochures, publications, websites, and other outreach materials; markers/signage; workshops, conferences, awards programs and other public participation and education initiatives; and advocacy campaigns and other organized efforts on behalf of local historic preservation or a specific historic resource (including archaeological).
- **Best Practices – Technology**, such as the innovative use of GIS, databases, photography, digitalization and other technology used in the protection and identification of historic resources (including archaeological); and the use of technology for organizing and orchestrating grassroots efforts.

Nominations will be judged on their (a) originality and innovation; (b) transferability as a model for other commissions; (c) comprehensiveness, excellence and degree of difficulty; and (d) impact and results. Judging will consider the size and needs of the local community to ensure that the work of commissions from both small and large communities receives equal consideration.

(2) Commission of the Year

The 'Commission of the Year' Award recognizes an outstanding achievement by a local commission under difficult or adverse circumstances. Nominations will be judged on (a) the magnitude and degree of difficulty, (b) comprehensiveness, quality and excellence, and (c) the impact and results of the achievement; and (d) the leadership exemplified by the commission. Consideration will be given in the judging relative to the size and needs of the local community to ensure that commissions from both small and large communities are represented by the awards.

(3) Lifetime Achievement Awards

'Lifetime Achievement' awards will also be given in the following individual categories to recognize trailblazers and their long history of professional work in the advancement of historic preservation and/or archaeology at the local level. The awards were named to honor the inaugural awardees, who were exemplary in these specific categories of service.

The John and Sue Renaud Award for National/Tribal/State Leadership to Advance Historic Preservation at the Local Level recognizes those working in a variety of different settings at the national or state level who have promoted and aided local preservation efforts.

Eligible recipients include but are not limited to:

- National, State, and Tribal government staff
- National and state nonprofit staff
- Consultants

The Daniel L. Becker Professionalism Award for Municipal Leadership recognizes the contributions and exemplary leadership of those working at the local level.

Eligible recipients include but are not limited to:

- Municipal, County, or Tribal government staff
- Local nonprofit staff
- Consultants

G. Bernard Callan, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership, named for NAPC's founder and first Chairman, recognizes those who have dedicated their lives to historic preservation as active and committed volunteers.

■ ELIGIBILITY

Only local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions and boards of architectural review in the United States and its territories are eligible to receive a Best Practices or Commission of the Year award. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted without the knowledge of the nominee. Nominators for Best Practices or Commission of the Year awards cannot be current NAPC board members, nor are commissions with NAPC board members as current commission members or staff persons eligible to receive those awards.

The nominated effort or achievement must have been completed within the past three years; efforts or achievements not yet completed at the time of submission are ineligible.

■ SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominations must be submitted digitally by the submission deadline. Nominators must select one award category per submission. A commission may be separately nominated in both the 'Best Practices' and 'Commission of the Year' categories.

The submission deadline for the NAPC Commission Excellence Awards is **March 7, 2022**.

Required submission materials are:

- A completed nomination form, which includes:
 - A narration (750 words maximum) of how the entry meets the award criteria. Be sure to address the award category and specific judging criteria, as well as the size and needs of the community relative to the commission and these criteria.
 - This is a Google Form, which autosaves as you enter your responses. If you do not plan to complete the nomination in one sitting, please keep the Google Form open on your desktop so you can return to it.
 - We recommend to draft your responses in a Word Document and then copy and paste them into the form when you are ready to submit it.

- You may click on the link to the form to preview the questions.
- You can find a link to complete your nomination below:
 - [Best Practices/Commission of the Year Nomination Form](#)
 - [Lifetime Achievement Awards Nomination Form](#)
- Please email the following supplemental materials to director@napcommissions.org:
 - 1-3 letters of support (current NAPC board members are ineligible to provide letters of support).
 - 10-15 digital, copyright-free images that provide context and/or illustrate the nominated effort. Include photo captions of no more than 25 words for each image.
 - In the event that you receive an award, we may incorporate your images into a short video. To ensure the quality of the finished product, please submit images as close to these dimensions as possible: 1280×720 pixels or 1920×1080 pixels. Most photos taken directly from a camera are large enough to work in a video.
 - As applicable, newspaper or other press clippings or similar materials.

Questions about the awards or submission requirements should be directed to NAPC at director@napcommissions.org or 757-802-4141. **Submissions should be sent to Stephanie Paul at director@napcommissions.org by March 7, 2022.**

■ JUDGING AND NOTIFICATION

Jurors are under no obligation to grant an award in any category and may elect to move an entry to a different category. Jurors may also decide to select more than one award winner or honorable mention(s) in any category. There shall be no communication with jurors on behalf of an entry.

Award recipients will be notified approximately 60 days prior to the awards ceremony. All submissions become the property of NAPC and will not be returned. Entries may be reproduced in full, in part or in modified format by NAPC without a fee, charge or copyright infringement.