

Call for Nominations – 2018 NAPC Commission Excellence Awards

Submission deadline: April 15, 2018

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is now accepting applications for the 2018 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.

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 2018 in Des Moines, IA, July 18-22, 2018. Award recipients will receive one complimentary registration to Forum, a mounted 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 two 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, 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, 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.
- **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; 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) The John and Sue Renaud Award for Federal/State Leadership to Advance Historic Preservation at the Local Level

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(4) The Daniel L. Becker Professionalism Award for Municipal Leadership

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■ 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 an award. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted without the knowledge of the nominee. Nominators cannot be current NAPC board members, nor are commissions with NAPC board members as current commission members or staff persons eligible to receive an award.

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 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

The submission deadline for the NAPC Commission Excellence Awards is **April 15, 2018**, with notification to award recipients by May 1, 2018. Required submission materials are:

- A completed nomination form (see attached).
- 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.
- One to three letters of support (current NAPC board members are ineligible to provide letters of support).
- Up to 10 digital, copyright-free images on one USB flash drive (or Dropbox link or email to director@napcommissions.org) that provide context and/or show the nominated effort. Include photo captions of no more than 25 words for each image.
- As applicable, newspaper or other press clippings or similar materials.
- Entry fee: \$25.00 (*check/credit card only; no cash payments*)

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 April 15, 2018.**

■ 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 by May 1, 2018. 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.

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Commission _____

Commission Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Community population _____ No. of designated properties _____

Certified local government: ___Yes ___No Year landmarks ordinance adopted _____

No. of commission staff persons: _None_Part-time_Full-time

Commission Contact Person/Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Practices (<i>choose subcategory</i>): | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification/Registration |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Protection |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Outreach/Advocacy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |

Commission of the Year

John and Sue Renaud Award for Federal/State Leadership to Advance Historic Preservation at the Local Level

Daniel L. Becker Professionalism Award for Municipal Leadership

Nominated by _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Payment (\$25.00): Check (*payable to NAPC*) Credit card no. _____

Cardholder _____

Visa Mastercard Expiration _____

Signature _____

Release Authorization: The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the terms and conditions of this Call for Nomination for the NAPC Commission Excellence Awards.

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date _____

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