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The Donato J. Pugliese Award

Donato Pugliese was affectionately called the "godfather" of SECoPA. Don volunteered a considerable amount of his professional time and energy to ASPA, its regional affiliates, and local chapters. He was a member of the ASPA National Council, 1972 - 75; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA), 1979 - 81; and President of the Detroit, Tennessee and Georgia 1996 Earle Klay ASPA chapters. He was a strong supporter of young people in the public administration profession and provided support to the 1998 Tom Lauth charter members of ASPA's Young Professionals Forum. He served on the editorial boards of the Public Administration Review and the Southern Review of Public Administration. He 2001 Tom Lynch was a member of the program committee for five ASPA national conferences and four SECoPA conferences.

Pugliese Award Winners

1985 Walter Lambert

1986 Jeff Duffey

1987 Fred Carter

1988 Tom Vocino

1989 Don Whitman

1990 Wynn Teasley

1991 Gus Turnbull

1992 Bill Collins

1993 Anne Kilpatrick

1994 Bob Whelan

1995 Bart Hildreth

1997 Janet Patton

Bill Solomon

2000 Arie Halachmi

2002 Mary Taylor

His Bachelor of Arts degree was earned at the University of Pennsylvania in 1951, Masters of Governmental Administration (MGA) from the Fels Institute of State and Local Government at the University of Pennsylvania in 1953, and Doctor of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University in 1960. He served on the faculties of Temple University, the University of Detroit, and the University of Tennessee at Nashville before joining the faculty of the Department of political science at Georgia State University as a full professor in 1973. His public service included positions with the Philadelphia Personnel Department, the Pennsylvania Economy League, the Philadelphia Bureau of Municipal Research, and the U. S. Army.

Don died September 10, 1985, at the age of 55. He is perhaps best remembered for the manner in which he encouraged and promoted the professional careers of his junior colleagues. This award in his honor was created because he was a model of selfless service to the SECoPA community and is awarded to SECoPA members who exhibit those same qualities of service and encouragement to their colleagues.

The Senator Peter B. Boorsma Award

This is a new award for SECoPA. It recognizes a non-American practitioner or academician for facilitating over a period of many years the international exchange of knowledge and administrative practices that foster better performance in the public sector. The award symbolizes SECoPA's recognition of the implications of the global village on management and performance in the public sector as well as its commitment to the study and exchange of administrative practices between the USA and other countries.

The award is named after Senator Peter Boorsma, the First Vice President of the Dutch Senate and the former Chair of its Finance Committee. Senator Boorsma is a Professor of Public Finance at the University of Twente in the Netherlands and the former Dean of its Faculty of Public Administration. In his academic capacity, Professor Boorsma initiated a faculty and student exchange program with Auburn University and facilitated a visiting professor appointment to professors from other universities in the USA, Japan and other countries. He initiated student exchange programs that facilitated international internships and study tours to bring down barriers that may impede advances in public management and international cooperation due to differences in culture or frame of reference.

He is the founder of the International Police Institute and the Health Research Center at the University of Twente. By bringing in delegations from other countries and by working with elected officials and career administrators in those countries, he contributed over the years to administrative reforms of police organizations in several countries in Central and South America. He facilitated joint research projects and degree programs involving individuals in his university and their counterparts in other countries in Europe, Central and South America, South Africa, and Southeast Asia. He has served as a consultant at all levels of government all over the world. Peter Boorsma is a former public employee of the Dutch Ministry of Finance. As a Senator, he studied and was very instrumental in the adoption in the Netherlands of exemplary administrative practices from other countries, including the USA.

Boorsma Award Winners:

2002 - Marc Holzer, PhD, Professor and Director, Ph.D. Program in Public Administration, Rutgers University-Campus at Newark 2001-Yun Hwang, President of the Korean Institute of Public Administration

The Korean Institute of Public Administration is most significant policy analysis organization within his country. Other career highlights are: Professor of Public Administration and a practitioner in the Blue House (the Korean President's home and office)

The Robert Kline Award

This award is presented for the best Masters student paper.

The Morris W. H. Collins, Jr. Award

This award is presented for the best paper from a PhD candidate.