

Hanford chapter of NMA wins multiple national awards

After finishing as the number-one chapter (out of 120 in the U.S.) of the National Management Association in the 2002 awards competition, the Hanford chapter has again earned a number of top honors.

In a recent letter to 2003 chapter President Ed Schwier, a Fluor Hanford accounting manager, NMA's 2003 recognition chairman Alan Fertig wrote, "Congratulations to you and your entire team at the Hanford chapter for having achieved the 2003 NMA Outstanding Chapter Award. This is quite an accomplishment, requiring organization, cooperation and dedication by everyone working toward this common goal."

Fertig also wrote, "The NMA awards program was established to recognize those chapters that exhibit truly exemplary programs and activities. By knowing the criteria for each award in advance, chapters may elect to strive for any or all three award levels. While achievement of an award is truly admirable, the real honor comes in knowing that you have provided a professional chapter environment for your colleagues. Keep up the good work!"

But the Outstanding Chapter isn't the only award garnered this year. The Hanford chapter newsletter, the *Leading Edge*, won first place in the 2003 NMA Publications Contest. The chapter also earned a first-place Community Services Award, presented to chapters that have excelled in creativity and innovation in community and civic activities. The Hanford chapter provides volunteers for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree during the holiday season and hosts an annual fashion show to support area youth activities.

The Hanford chapter achieved an "outstanding" rating in every category of the awards competition, including administration, growth, community service and membership services, a category that includes professional development.

Schwier and 2004 chapter President Craig Anderson of CH2M HILL are currently in Detroit for the 2003 National Conference Recognition Luncheon. The Columbia Basin Area Council, which oversees the three separate NMA chapters in the Tri-Cities, qualified as an "outstanding council" for 2003. Terry Winward of Fluor Hanford is the council president for 2003, and Schwier will be the council president for 2004.

To learn more about NMA and its mission to provide management and leadership-development opportunities, visit the Chapter 395 Web site at <http://nma1.org/chapters/395/>. General membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Richland Red Lion. ■



The National Management Association's Hanford chapter and Columbia Basin Area Council won community-services recognition for their American Enterprise Speech Contest held last April. Left to right are chapter President Ed Schwier, first-place winner Sahar Zuberi, second-place winner Peter Scherpelz, and the winning third-place