



MEMORANDUM

To: APA California Board of Directors
From: Hing Wong, AICP, Vice President for Administration
Jessie Barkley, Awards Program Coordinator
Re: 2008 Awards Ceremony and 2009 Awards Program
Date: September 21, 2008

2008 Awards Ceremony

The ceremony celebrating the APA California Awards Program will be on Tuesday, September 23 at 11:30am in the Grand Ballroom. The theme is an "Oscar-style" awards ceremony to compliment the Hollywood location. Décor and entertainment will include Oscar-style statues on the stage and centerpieces, red carpet, and paparazzi.

Presenters will include members of the Awards Jury, Jessie Barkley and Hing Wong for the main awards. Don Cotton, Margarita McCoy, and Larry Mintier will present special individual honors and awards.

We would like to especially thank our Awards Jury [Gary Conte, Sanjoy Mazumdar, Kurt Nagle, Brooke Peterson, and Catherine Reilly] for their dedication and time in reviewing over 60 submittals.

2009 Awards Program

We will be announcing the 2009 Awards Program to the Sections later this Fall so that they can get an earlier start to their individual Section Awards Programs. There are no major changes to the award categories.

We will be working with Sadna Samaranayake, Director of Client Relations for InSiteLogic, to test the feasibility and costs in having the submittals done electronically via a web-based application. APA National Awards Program is done this way.

Due to the 2009 Conference being a few weeks earlier, there is a need to shift the deadline for the applications by two weeks. Nominations for the APA California Awards will be due by noon on Friday, May 15, 2009. Confirm receipt of all submittals will be sent out within one week after this date.