2023 Planner Remembrance

PLANNER EMERITUS NETWORK

In 2020 the APA California Board approved a Planner Remembrance Program to annually recognize planners who passed away the preceding year. The Planners Emeritus Network (PEN) delivers this important program to California Chapter APA members during a plenary session at the Chapter Conference each year. As envisioned by PEN and approved by the APA California Chapter Board, the Planner Remembrance program recognizes planners who practiced in California and their contribution to the profession and the communities they served during their career. The Program focus is to celebrate and acknowledge the work and legacy of planners, but special consideration may be given to prominent non-planners whose work is widely recognized to have made a significant contribution to the planning profession or California planning in general. The Planner Remembrance presentation (PowerPoint) is posted on the PEN website along with brief bios of the planners who are recognized each year.



Sally Barros, Northern Section APA (April 4, 1960 – April 23, 2022)

- Principal Planner/ Sustainability Manager, City of San Leandro.
- Responsible for San Leandro's first Climate Action Plan



Gary Binger, FAICP, Norther Section APA (1942 – March 11, 2023)

- Co-Director, ULI Center for a Sustainable California
- Deputy Executive Director/ Director of Planning, ABAG
- APA California Distinguished Leadership Award



Nicole Dubois, (August 15, 1978 – November 20, 2022)

- Principal, LSA Associates
- Accomplished career in environmental planning and analysis

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Paul Fassinger, Northern Section APA (January 15, 1960 – March 3, 2023)

- Research Director, Association of Bay Area Governments
- Published ABAG's "Projections"
- Guided San Francisco Bay Area's RHNA process



Chester Hartman, Northern Section APA (April 12, 1936 – May 9, 2023)

- Founder, Planners Network
- Executive Director, Poverty and Race Research Action Council



J. Lawrence Mintier, FAICP, Northern Section APA (March 4, 1948 – June 30, 2023)

- Co-Historian, APA California
- Chair, Planner Emeritus Network Planner Remembrance Program
- President, California Planning Foundation
- President, California Planning Roundtable
- President, Mintier & Associates



Robert J. Paternoster, FAICP, Los Angeles Section APA (October 20, 1939 – March 23, 2023)

- President, APA California Chapter
- President, Planner Emeritus Network
- Director of Community Development, City of Sunnyvale
- Chief of Planning, City of Long Beach

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Dorothy Walker, Northern Section APA (1930 – June 10, 2023)

- First President, American Planning Association
- Assistant Vice-Chancellor, University of California
- Planning Commissioner, City of Berkeley



Rick W. Wilson, Ph.D., FAICP, Inland Empire Section (May 16, 1956 – December 6, 2022)

- Department Chair, Urban and Regional Planning, Cal Poly Pomona
- Provost Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities
- Established Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban & Regional Planning

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