



Agenda
Performance and Engagement Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
1001 17th St. 7th Floor, Red Rocks Conference Room
Denver, CO

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1. Call to order

Consent agenda

2. Move to approve Consent agenda
 - A. Summary of March 20, 2024 meeting (Attachment A)

Action items

3. Discussion on the selection of John V. Christensen Memorial Award winner (Attachment B) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing

Informational briefing

4. Awards celebration planning update (Attachment C) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing

Administrative items

5. Report of the Chair
6. Report of the Executive Director
7. **Next meeting – July 17, 2024**
8. Other matters by members
9. Adjourn

Attachment A

Summary of March 20, 2024 meeting

Performance and Engagement Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday March 20, 2024

Members Present

Colleen Whitlow, Chair
Jeff Baker
Austin Ward
Kevin Flynn
Nicole Speer
Deborah Mulvey
Tammy Maurer
Steve Conklin
Jeslin Shahrezaei
Wynne Shaw
John Diak
Justin Martinez
Bud Starker

Mead
Arapahoe County
City and County of Broomfield
City and County of Denver
Boulder
Castle Pines
Centennial
Edgewater
Lakewood
Lone Tree
Parker
Thornton
Wheat Ridge

Others Present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; Rich Kondo, Northglenn; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Whitlow called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Director Speer **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the February 21, 2024 Meeting

Election of Vice Chair

Director Flynn **moved** to elect Nicole Speer as vice chair of the Performance and Engagement Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Draft 2024 Board Retreat agenda

Executive Director Rex provided an update on the retreat progress and the draft agenda to members of the committee. This year's annual retreat will take place April 26-27, 2024 and this year's social and dinner portion of the event will be held at the Hyatt Centric. Staff has also been working with a potential keynote speaker for the dinner/social hour. At the February meeting, staff received feedback from members on possible Saturday agenda topics. Executive Director Rex provided an overview of the [draft agenda](#) to the committee for approval.

Director Speer **moved** to approve the 2024 Board Retreat agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

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Report of the Chair

Chair Whitlow expressed her gratitude for being the new Chair of the committee. She also let the committee know that she would not be at the April meeting and Director Speer will be the Chair of that meeting.

Report of the Executive Director

There was no report.

Other Matters by Members

Director Shahrezaei wanted to remind staff to add the topic of reviewing the election process of the Executive Committee to a future agenda. Executive Director Rex stated it has not been forgotten and will be on a future agenda.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Attachment B

Discussion on the selection of John V. Christensen
Memorial Award winner

Performance and Engagement Committee

Meeting date: May 15, 2024

Agenda Item #: 3

Selection of John V. Christensen Memorial Award winner

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is related to the selection of a recipient of the John V. Christensen Memorial Award to be recognized at the August 28 awards celebration.

Background

DRCOG created the John V. Christensen Memorial Award in 1972 to be presented to an individual most exemplifying the tradition of John V. Christensen in promoting and working for good, strong, representative local government and regionalism in solving mutual problems.

DRCOG staff and members of the DRCOG Performance and Engagement Committee are not eligible to receive the award. Nominees whose names have been submitted for consideration the previous two years are eligible.

In order to maintain the secrecy of nominations and selection, information on nominees eligible for this year's award will be sent to the committee in a separate email.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to select a recipient to receive the John V. Christensen Memorial Award.

Attachments

1. List of previous award recipients.
2. Criteria for selection.

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or drex@drcog.org; or Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing 303-480-6716 or serickson@drcog.org.



John V. Christensen Memorial Award recipients

At the awards event the recipient of DRCOG's highest accolade, the John V. Christensen Memorial Award, is announced and recognized. Previous recipients include the following regionalists.

2023: Herb Atchison

2021: Ron Rakowsky

2019: Cathy Noon

2018: Charles "Chuck" Sisk

2017: Tom Clark

2016: Jack Hilbert

2015: Will Toor

2014: Jim Taylor

2012: Kathy Novak

2010: Lorraine Anderson

2008: John Parr

2007: Federico Peña

2006: Norma Anderson

2005: Mary Blue

2004: Joe Rice

2003: Pat Pascoe

2002: Polly Page

2001: Thomas J. Burns

2000: Margaret Carpenter

1999: Leona Stoecker

1998: D.L. "Don" Parsons

1997: Peter Kenney

1996: Robert L. Tonsing

1995: Linda Morton

1994: Elsie A. Lacy

1993: Neva Windbigler

1992: John C. Buechner



1991: William H. "Bill" Miller
1990: Thomas R. Eggert
1989: T.J. "Ted" Hackworth
1988: Paul Powers
1987: George M. Wallace
1986: Jon Colt
1985: Vesta H. Miller
1984: William Thornton
1983: Milton E. Senti
1982: Robert F. Clement
1981: Norman A. Smith
1980: Jack L. Trezise
1979: James L. Ogilvie
1978: Don DeDecker
1977: Ben Bezoff
1976: John P. Murphy
1975: Irving S. Hook
1974: Guy R. Sanders
1973: Hilbert B. Meyer

For more information

If you have any questions concerning previous John V. Christensen Memorial Award winners, please contact Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, at 303-480-6701 or mstevens@drcog.org.



John V. Christensen Memorial Award criteria for selection

In October 1972, the Denver Regional Council of Governments created the John V. Christensen Memorial Award to be presented to the individual most exemplifying the tradition of John V. Christensen in promoting and working for good, strong, representative local government and regionalism in solving mutual problems.

Eligible are:

- Any elected official or private individual, excluding DRCOG staff members and DRCOG Performance and Engagement Committee members.
- Residents of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin, Jefferson or Weld counties, the City and County of Broomfield and the City and County of Denver.
- Individuals making substantial contributions to the philosophy of regionalism, either during the past year or over a longer period.
- Nominees whose names have been submitted for consideration the previous two years.

The nominee(s) must have demonstrated dedication to regionalism by:

- Promotion of coordination and cooperation among citizens and local elected officials in a continuing effort to solve regional problems.
- Recognizing that jurisdictional boundaries are not barriers to the solution of such problems.
- Providing leadership to, or support for, the concept that strong local government representation is the basis for regional accomplishment.

Nomination process:

- Nominations must include a description of the achievement, accompanied by an explanation of the nominee's philosophy of regionalism. The narrative should be in sufficient detail to assist the Performance and Engagement Committee in its selection.
- If nominations are not submitted online, they must be mailed to the DRCOG Performance and Engagement Committee, at 1001 17th St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202 by May 6, 2024, for judging by the Committee at its May meeting.
- If the Performance and Engagement Committee determines that no nominee fully meets established criteria, no award will be made.
- Announcement of the winner and presentation of the award will be made at the DRCOG awards celebration.

For more information

If you have any questions concerning the nomination process, or the criteria for selection, please contact Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, at 303-480-6701 or mstevens@drcog.org.



Attachment C

Awards celebration planning update

Performance and Engagement Committee

Meeting date: May 15, 2024

Agenda Item #: 3

Awards celebration planning update

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

A brief planning update for the August 28 awards celebration.

Background

Staff is currently planning the August 28 awards celebration at Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Staff will provide the committee with brief updates on the venue, catering, winner selection and sponsorships.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

On January 17, the Performance and Engagement Committee received a briefing and provided guidance for the 2024 awards celebration.

Recommendation

n/a

Attachments

Staff presentation

For more information

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Awards planning update

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Topics

- Venue.
- Caterer.
- Winner selection.
- Sponsorships.

Event details

6 p.m. social hour

7 p.m. dinner and program

Wednesday, August 28





Social hour location

- Helen Bonfils Theater Complex **lobby**.
- Just beyond last year's **registration area**.

Reception area features

- Plenty of room to **socialize**.
- **Built-in bar** and **free-standing bars**.
- **More space** for musicians and guests.
- Wraparound, covered **outdoor patio**.
- Available for August 28 awards celebration due to **lull in theater schedule**.





Dinner location

- **Seawell Ballroom** at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.
- **More room** for tables than last year due to different reception area.



Caterer

- **Serendipity Catering** from Lakewood (same as last year).
- Commitment to **sustainability**, event sponsorships.



Winner selection

- Judging panels are selecting **Metro Vision Awards** and **Way to Go Awards** this month.
- The committee will select the **John V. Christensen Memorial Award** winner tonight.
- Distinguished Service, Metro Vision and Way to Go award winners will be **notified the week of June 3.**

Sponsorships

- Sponsorships available **months earlier** than last year.
- **Six sponsors** had fully committed as-of May 6 (representing \$11,100).
- **Six sponsors** had expressed interest by May 6 (representing a potential of \$12,400).
- Already exceeding last year's **higher-tier sponsorships**.



Thank you!

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