GSAE Award Winners

Clifford M. Clarke Award

For an association executive in Georgia, to honor outstanding service and accomplishments in association management. Cliff Clarke was the first Georgian to serve as Chief Elected Officer of ASAE and is credited throughout the country with leading ASAE on the path of progress. He served two terms as President of GSAE and worked on countless projects and committees.

Benson Skelton 1969-1970
Stephen Styron, CAE 1970-1971
Abit Massey, CAE 1971-1972
Gene Dyson, CAE 1972-1973
Stewart Huey, CAE 1973-1974
Robert Bock 1974-1975
Linwood Beck, CAE 1975-1976
Jack Acree 1976-1977
James Parkman, CAE 1977-1978
Philip Nethercut, CAE 1978-1979
Jessie Walker, CAE 1979-1980
William Cullison, CAE 1980-1981
William Kelly, CAE 1981-1982
Elmer George 1982-1983
Frank Steinbruegge 1983-1984
James Martin, CAE 1984-1985
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1985-1986
William Morie, CAE 1986-1987
Terry Dempsey, CAE 1987-1988
Janet McCallen, CAE 1988-1989
Clifford Clarke, CAE 1989-1990
Tommie Jackson, CAE 1990-1991
Wayne Gross, CAE, CMP 1991-1992
John Westenberger, CAE 1992-1993
Paul Massey, CAE 1993-1994
Ann Cox, CAE 1994-1995
June J. Somers, CAE 1995-1996
Wayne McMillan, CAE 1996-1997
Don Riggin, CAE, CFRE 1997-1998
Sharon Hunt, CAE 1998-1999
Carnie M. Wall, CAE 1999-2000
Rachel Shattah, CAE, CMP 2000-2001
Dale E. Brown, CAE 2001-2002
Cynthia Mills, FASAE, CAE, CMC, CPC, CCRC 2002-2003
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 2003-2004
Clare B. Reagan, CAE 2004-2005
Charles Bohanan, CAE 2005-2006
Thomas Redmon, Ed.D., CAE 2006-2007
Jack Dozier, PE, CAE 2008
Joe Brannen, CAE 2009
Beverly L. Black, MHSA, CAE 2010
Charles Hall 2011
Susan Cheshire, CAE 2012
Bill Anderson, CAE, LEED AP 2013
Gabriel Eckert, FASAE, CAE 2014
Lori K. Spear, CAE 2015
Karl M. Kirsch, CAE 2016
Jim Moody, CAE 2017
Ragan Cohn, CAE 2018
Robin B. Gray, Jr., JD 2019

Sharon Hunt Emerging Leader Award

For an association executive with 10 years or less experience, who demonstrates leadership through service to GSAE, their own association and to their community.

Betsy Boyd-Flynn, CAE 2003-2004
Lori K. Spear, CAE 2004-2005
Nealy Wheat, CAE 2005-2006
Julie Anderson, CAE 2006-2007
Megan Rutter Branch, CAE 2008
Ashley Pruett, CAE 2009
Mary V. Wheatley, IOM, CAE 2010
Kelly McLendon, CAE 2011
Amber Bennett 2012
Cristina Bowerman, CAE 2013
LeeAnne Minnick 2014
Jacob Wilder, CAE 2015
Erin Hall, CAE 2016
Julia Boyd, CAE 2017
Jennie N. Thomas, CAE 2018
Kamilah Greene 2019

Alan R. Johnson Leadership Award

For demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities including teamwork, vision and servant leadership within the nonprofit community.

Susan Stewart, CAE 1993-1994
Don Riggin, CAE, CFRE 1994-1995
Sheila Bissonnette, CAE 1995-1996
Wayne McMillan, CAE 1996-1997
James W. Lewis, CAE 1997-1998
Ann Cox, CAE 1999-2000
Martha G. White, CMP 2000-2001
Beverly L. Black, CAE 2001-2002
Rachel Shattah, CAE, CMP 2002-2003
Thomas Redmon, CAE 2003-2004
David M. Haag, CAE 2004-2005
Jim Moody, CAE 2005-2006
Clare B. Reagan, CAE 2006-2007
Kristin McWhorter, CAE 2008
Linda W. Woodworth, CAE 2009
Bill Anderson, CAE, LEED AP 2010
Lori K. Spear, CAE 2011
Gabriel Eckert, FASAE, CAE 2012
Barry White, IOM, CDME 2013
Ragan Cohn, CAE 2014
Mike Pennington, CAE, QBO 2015
Russ Webb 2016
Abit Massey, CAE 2017
Pat Dunwoody, CAE 2018
Julie Anderson, CAE 2019

Skelton-Massey Award

The Skelton-Massey Award recognizes the member who sponsors the most new members, strengthening GSAE in size and effectiveness. We hope the achievements of our past presidents, Benson Skelton and Abit Massey, CAE, legendary recruiters both, will inspire members to promote GSAE's value and benefits loudly and often.

Ray Brokaw 1969-1970
James Parkman, CAE 1970-1971
Abit Massey, CAE 1971-1972
James Parkman, CAE 1972-1973
Abit Massey, CAE 1973-1974
Abit Massey, CAE 1974-1975
Abit Massey, CAE 1975-1976
Charles DeLaney, CAE 1976-1977
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1977-1978
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1978-1979
Abit Massey, CAE 1979-1980
John O'Kane 1980-1981
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1981-1982
Jessie Walker, CAE 1981-1982
Duane Ostrom, CAE 1982-1983
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1983-1984
Jessie Walker, CAE 1983-1984
Terry Dempsey, CAE 1984-1985
Abit Massey, CAE 1985-1986
Abit Massey, CAE 1986-1987
Abit Massey, CAE 1987-1988
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 1988-1989
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 1989-1990
Abit Massey, CAE 1990-1991
Teresa Osborn 1991-1992
Chuck Brandon 1992-1993
John Foster 1993-1994
Abit Massey, CAE 1994-1995
Sandra Lee 1995-1996
Jeffrey Reynolds 1996-1997
Melissa Connor 1997-1998
Jim Mouton 1998-1999
Ragan Cohn, CAE 1999-2000
Felicia Morris, CAE 2000-2001
Abit Massey, CAE 2001-2002
David Haag, CAE 2002-2003
Clare B. Reagan, CAE 2002-2003
Bill Anderson, CAE, LEED AP 2003-2004
Abit Massey, CAE 2004-2005
Jim Moody, CAE 2005-2006
Jack Dozier, CAE 2006-2007
Abit Massey, CAE 2008
Abit Massey, CAE 2009
Abit Massey, CAE 2010
Mike Giles 2011
Bill Anderson, CAE, LEED AP 2012
Charles Hall 2013
Karl M. Kirsch, CAE 2014
David Trust, CAE 2014
Natalie Nardone, CAE, CMP 2015
Val Smith, CAE 2016
Karl M. Kirsch, CAE 2017
Charles Hall 2018
Mary Wheatley, IOM, CAE 2019

GSAE Award Winners

Stephen Styron Award

For the outstanding committee chairman. Stephen Styron served as GSAE President and was the first Georgian, and one of the first nationally, to qualify as a Certified Association Executive.

Benson Skelton 1969-1970
Bryce Holcomb 1969-1970
James Parkman, CAE 1970-1971
Richard Stout 1971-1972
Stewart Huey, CAE 1972-1973
William Morie 1973-1974
Linwood Beck, CAE 1974-1975
Charles DeLaney, CAE 1975-1976
Jessie Walker, CAE 1976-1977
Paul Luce, CAE 1977-1978
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1978-1979
Bert Fridlin 1979-1980
John Bloodworth 1980-1981
Terry Dempsey, CAE 1980-1981
Jessie Walker, CAE 1981-1982
Janet McCallen, CAE 1982-1983
Lyn Paddrik, CAE 1983-1984
June J. Somers, CAE 1983-1984
Paul Massey, CAE 1984-1985
Nancy Buchanan 1985-1986
Larry Singleton 1986-1987
Joseph Brannen, CAE 1987-1988
Tommy Cook 1987-1988
John Westenberger, CAE 1988-1989
Wayne McMillan, CAE 1989-1990
Trish Lewis 1990-1991
Scott Moore, CAE, CEM 1991-1992
Ken Town 1992-1993
Doug Moody 1993-1994
Linda Bardach, CAE 1994-1995
Felicia Morris, CAE 1994-1995
Charles Bohanan, CAE 1995-1996
Beverly L. Black, MHSA, CAE 1996-1997
Cece Corbin, CMP 1997-1998
Chuck Dillehay 1998-1999
David Haag, CAE 1999-2000
Catharine Kuchar 2000-2001
Jamie Dempsey 2001-2002
Susan Blevins, CAE 2002-2003
Kim McCall 2003-2004
Laura Heidt 2003-2004
Diane Hopkins, CAE 2004-2005
Ashly Gabri 2005-2006
Melissa Holman 2005-2006
Gabriel Eckert, FASAE, CAE 2006-2007
Linda Woodworth, CAE 2006-2007
Connie Bergeron, CMP 2008
Terry Dougherty, CMP 2008
Lori Estroff 2009
Chris O'Donnell, CHSP 2009
Robin D. Lane, CAE 2010
Megan R. Branch, CAE 2010
Mary Beth Cornell, CAE 2011
Laura Guerin, CMP 2012
Gene Stinson, CAE, CEcD, PECD, HLM 2012
Angela Holland, CAE 2013
Liz Johnson Harris 2013
Katie Brown 2014
Amy Kane, CAE 2014
Spence Downs 2015
Amy Kane, CAE 2015
Meg Caldwell, CMP 2016
Sheryl Ehlers 2016
Jennie N. Thomas, CAE 2017
Connie Bergeron, CMP 2018
Amy Hokkanen 2018
Russ Webb 2019

President/Chair's Award

For recognition of outstanding service to the Society, thereby advancing the aims, ideals and standards of the Society and association management.

Stewart Huey, CAE 1974-1975
John Beck, Jr., CAE 1975-1976
James Parkman, CAE 1976-1977
William Cullison, CAE 1977-1978
Janet McCallen, CAE 1979-1980
Bert Fridlin 1980-1981
Jim Loyd 1981-1982
Carol Huey 1982-1983
Carol Huey 1983-1984
June J. Somers, CAE 1984-1985
Robin Hensley 1985-1986
Sylvia Wygoda 1985-1986
Abit Massey, CAE 1986-1987
Janet McCallen, CAE 1987-1988
Beth Harmon 1988-1989
Ann Cox, CAE 1989-1990
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 1990-1991
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 1991-1992
Georgianne Bearden 1992-1993
Carol Baker, CMP 1993-1994
Dale Brown, CAE 1994-1995
Cynthia Mills, FASAE, CAE, CMC, CPC, CCRC 1995-1996
Connie Bergeron, CMP 1996-1997
Chuck Brandon 1997-1998
Jim Lewis, CAE 1998-1999
Felicia Morris, CAE 1999-2000
Dale Brown, CAE 2000-2001
Steven Echard, CAE 2001-2002
Edward VanHorn, CAE 2002-2003
Carole Teja, CMP 2003-2004
Fabian De Rozario 2004-2005
Kim Rogers 2004-2005
Sharon Hunt, CAE 2005-2006
Kristin McWhorter, CAE 2006-2007
Greg DeSandy 2008
Jim Fowler, CAE 2009
Megan Rutter Branch, CAE 2009
Erin L. Meadows 2010
Ashley Pruett, CAE 2010
John Harrison, CAE 2011
Mike Pennington, CAE, QBO 2012
Kelli McCain 2013
Tripp McKenney 2013
Jeff Sabourin 2014
Mary Wheatley, IOM, CAE 2015
Missy Brandt Wilson 2016
Lori K. Spear, CAE 2017
Beer Brothers:
Lowell Aplebaum, CAE 2018
Mike Pennington, CAE, QBO 2018
Russ Webb 2018
Jane Anne Sutphin 2019

Peggy Seigler Corporate Member of the Year Award

The GSAE Corporate Representative of the Year Award was renamed the Peggy Seigler Corporate Member of the Year Award in 2015, to honor the memory of this very special person and accomplished GSAE leader. This award recognizes outstanding service to, involvement with, and support of Georgia's association community and of GSAE and the GSAE Foundation

Connie Bergeron, CMP 1989-1990
Beth Harmon 1990-1991
Libby Flexer 1991-1992
David Monroe 1992-1993
Lori Estroff 1993-1994
Kathi Kelly 1994-1995
Rita Lowery 1995-1996
Kim McCall 1996-1997
Hank Datelle 1997-1998
Cece Cobin, CMP 1998-1999
Austin McGonigle, CSP 1999-2000
Lynda Idleman, Ph.D. 2000-2001
Nancy Wilkerson 2001-2002
Kathi Kelly 2002-2003
Rob Sumner, Esq. 2003-2004
Pat Garrett-Kiel 2004-2005
Kevin Belanger 2005-2006
Susan Flynn, CMP 2006-2007
Leslie Avery 2008
Mark Adams 2009
Karla Yeck 2010
Sheryl Ehlers 2011
Kim Rogers 2012
Matthew G. Gunning, CPA 2013
Peggy Seigler, MPA, CDME 2014
Cheryl Talley 2015
Elizabeth J. Hovell, JD, CGMP 2016
Jeff Sabourin 2017
Jennifer Thompson 2018
Mark Sedgley 2019

Past Presidents/Chairs

L.L. Austin 1935-1936
W. Roy Ulrich 1940-1941
Stephen Styron, CAE 1951-1952
Robert Leopold 1952-1953
Richard Stout 1953-1954
George Fairleigh 1954-1955
Walter Crawford 1955-1956
J.E. Moses 1956-1957
Merrill Lofton 1957-1958
J.E. Fain 1958-1959
Robert Strickland 1959-1960
Clifford Clarke, CAE 1960-1961
Clifford Clarke, CAE 1961-1962
Louis Klauber 1962-1963
Benson Skelton 1963-1964
Tom Murray 1964-1965
W. Elmer George 1965-1966
Charles Skinner 1966-1967
Edward England 1967-1968
Patricia Duggan 1968-1969
Abit Massey, CAE 1969-1970
Gene Dyson, CAE 1970-1971
Robert Bock 1971-1972
John D. Prien Jr., PE, JD, CAE 1972-1973
Phil Harrison 1973-1974
Carl Martin 1974-1975
James Parkman, CAE 1975-1976
Stewart Huey, CAE 1976-1977
Frank Steinbruegge 1977-1978
William Morie 1978-1979
William Cullison, CAE 1979-1980
William Appel, CAE 1980-1981
James Martin, CAE 1981-1982
I. Ski Bashinski, Jr. 1982-1983
Steven McWilliams, CAE 1983-1984
Jim Loyd 1984-1985
Terry Dempsey, CAE 1985-1986
Janet McCallen, CAE 1986-1987
William Kelly, CAE 1987-1988
Paul Massey, CAE 1988-1989
Jack Warren, CAE, CMP 1989-1990
June J. Somers, CAE 1990-1991
Ann Cox, CAE 1991-1992
J. Joseph Brannen, CAE 1992-1993
Steve Mona, CAE 1993-1994
Wayne McMillan, CAE 1994-1995
Carnie Wall, CAE 1995-1996
Ann McClure, CAE 1996-1997
Thomas Redmon, Ed.D, CAE 1997-1998
Cynthia Mills, FASAE, CAE, CMC, CPC, CCRC 1998-1999
Dale Brown, CAE 1999-2000
Barry E. White 2000-2001
Tim O'Donnell, CAE 2001-2002
Clare Reagan, CAE 2002-2003
Dan Vickers, CAE 2003-2004
Sharon Hunt, CAE 2004-2005
Robin B. Gray, Jr., JD 2005-2006
Beverly Black, CAE 2006-2007
Bill Anderson, CAE, LEED AP 2007-2008
Lori K. Spear, CAE 2009

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Karl Kirsch, CAE 2011
Jim Moody, CAE 2012
Aubie Knight, CIC, CRM 2013
Susan Cheshire, CAE 2014
Jim Fowler, CAE 2015
David Ellis, CAE 2016
Tara Morrison, CAE, CMP 2017
Gene Stinson, CAE, PCED, CEcD, HLM 2018
Joel Peacock 2019-2020

Past Chairs of the GSAE Foundation Board of Trustees

Duane Ostrom, CAE 1985-1986
Abit Massey, CAE 1986-1987
Jim Martin, CAE 1987-1988
Janet McCallen, CAE 1988-1989
Don L. Riggin, CAE, CFRE 1989-1990
Rachel Shattah, CAE, CMP 1990-1991
Barbara Sachs, CAE, CFRE 1991-1992
Georgianne Bearden 1992-1993
Alan R. Johnson, CAE 1993-1994
Sheila Bissonnette, CAE 1994-1995
June J. Somers, CAE 1995-1996
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 1996-1997
Jerry Williamson, CAE 1997-1998
Sheila Cronkright, CAE 1998-1999
Diane Hopkins, CAE 1999-2000
Beverly Black, CAE 2000-2001
Karen Sullivan, CAE 2001-2002
Steven Echard, IOM, CAE 2002-2003
Charles Bohanan, CAE 2003-2004
Genia Harwell Ryan, CAE 2004-2005
Ragan Cohn, CAE 2005-2006
David Haag, CAE 2006-2007
M. Samantha Evans 2008
Charles Hall 2009
Chris Valley 2010
Debbie Hackman-Bartlett, CAE 2011
Gabriel Eckert, FASAE, CAE 2012
Clark Thomas, CAE 2013
Mike Pennington, CAE 2014
Mike Giles 2015
Pat Dunwoody, CAE 2016
LeeAnne Minnick 2017
Robin Lane, CAE 2018
Jim Fowler, CAE 2019

Honorary Members

Beverly L. Black, CAE
Dale E. Brown, CAE
Ann R. Cox
Frederick G. "Terry" Dempsey Jr., CAE, CEM
David Ellis, CAE
Aubie W. Knight, CIC, AAI, CRM
James R. Loyd Sr., CAE (Ret.)
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June J. Somers, CAE
Carnie M. Wall
B. Jack Warren, CAE, CMP

Abit Massey Lecturer

The Abit Massey Lecture was established to promote increased professionalism in association management in honor of Abit Massey, CAE, who has served GSAE in many ways, including his term as President of GSAE and as Chief Elected Officer of the American Society of Association Executives.

Sam Shapiro, CAE 1978
Terry Townsend, CAE 1979
Clifford Clarke, CAE 1980
Ray Watkins, CAE 1981
Hugh McCahey 1982
Dr. Fred Davison 1983
Ronald Allen 1984
Joe Frank Harris 1985
Edward Able, CAE 1986
R. William Taylor, CAE 1987
George Webster 1988
P.D. Hermann, CAE 1989
Michael Olson, CAE 1990
William Kelly, CAE 1991
Zell Miller 1992
Pierre Howard 1993
Roderick L. Geer, CLU 1994
Anne L. Bryant, Ed.D 1995
Lewis A. Massey 1996
Gene Dyson, CAE 1997
Willis J. Potts, Jr 1998
Dan Cathy 1999
Betty Siegel, Ph.D 2000
Michael F. Adams, Ph.D 2001
Spurgeon Richardson 2002
Cathy Cox 2003
George Benson 2004
Damon Evans 2005
Camille Massey, JD 2006
Wendell Ford 2007
Thurbert Baker 2008
The Honorable Claudia Fritsche 2009
Abit Massey, CAE 2010
Peter J. O'Neil, CAE 2011
Gary Distelhorst, CAE 2012
Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson 2013
Jon Gordon 2014
Jere W. Morehead 2015
John Graham, IV, FASAE, CAE 2016
Alvin Townley 2017
Jennifer Frum, PhD 2018
Cynthia Mills, FASAE, CAE, CMC, CPC, CCRC 2019

Georgia Recipients of Awards from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)

ASAE Fellows

Designation as an ASAE Fellow is one of the most prestigious honors, which recognizes executives who are proven leaders and promise future accomplishment within the field of association management.

James Parkman, CAE 1987
John Westenberger, CAE 1987
Wayne Gross, CAE, CMP 1989
Janet McCallen, CAE 1990
Ann Cox, CAE 1993
Don Riggin, CAE, CFRE 1994
Carnie Wall, CAE 1996
Cynthia Mills, FASAE, CAE, CMC, CPC, CCRC 2003
Gabriel Eckert, FASAE, CAE 2016

ASAE Key Award

The Key Award is the highest honor bestowed by ASAE and is given for recognition of outstanding professional and personal accomplishments. The award is not only for exceptional association management, but also for service in other voluntary organizations and civic affairs.

Clifford Clarke, CAE 1962
Abit Massey, CAE 1967
Gene Dyson, CAE 1976
Philip Nethercut, CAE 1981
William Kelly, CAE 1982
William Cullison, CAE 1985
Don Riggin, CAE, CFRE 1997

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