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Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award - Announcement American Institute of Architects - Southwest Washington Component

Announcement

The Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Board of Directors is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award. This award will be given the evening of October 6, 2021 at the AIA SWW Honor Awards ceremony.

Charles Pearson was a leader among his peers in bettering our community through the practice of architecture and his personal volunteer efforts. Chuck, along with Charles Lea and John Richards began their architectural office in 1937. Lea, Pearson and Richards were tremendously successful and was the largest office in Tacoma for decades, involved in projects across the state.

Professionally, Chuck was one of the founders of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and was its third President in 1958. He was President of AIA Washington Council in 1962 and was elected to the College of Fellows of the AIA in 1973.

In addition to his professional involvement, he liberally gave of his time to better his community. In 1954 he was President of Downtown Tacoma Rotary and in 1969 he was the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The AIA SWW Chapter endeavors to recognize member architects in our community who are serving or have served in the spirit exemplified by Chuck Pearson during his professional career. Please review the invitation for nominations and nomination form for further information. If you know of someone who would make an outstanding candidate, take a moment and nominate them.

The award may be given posthumously.

Past recipients include:

- Jim Harris, FAIA – 1996
- Jim Merritt, FAIA – 1998
- Alan Liddle, FAIA – 2001
- Ilmar Reinvald, FAIA – 2003
- Peter Rasmussen FAIA - 2005
- Gary Chandler AIA - 2007
- Morton Safford James III, AIA - 2009
- Randy Cook AIA - 2011
- James McGranahan FAIA – 2013
- Ron Harpel AIA – 2015
- Ron Thomas AIA - 2017

Thank you for helping us to bestow this honor on one of our members.

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Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award – Invitation American Institute of Architects Southwest Washington Chapter

Invitation

This call for nominations is offered in order to recognize the community-minded architects we know among us. Please consider nominating an AIA SWW member architect who has made a difference throughout his/her career. The award may be given posthumously. Primary consideration will be given to volunteer activities, personally as well as professionally, in determining the Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award winner. These contributions must reflect the unique qualities and experience of an architect. Let us know what your nominee has done to inspire and create a better community.

Here are some examples:

- Serving on planning commissions where planning experience influenced localities.
- Creating or chairing community groups for physical development of our cities/ neighborhoods.
- Coordinating local groups to save important historical buildings.
- Initiating architects and citizens in joint ventures such as R/UDAT: AIA150 programs.
- Spearheading architects to become active in important plans such as public space development, environmental issues, volunteer homebuilding, etc.
- Involvement in educational programs regarding design, planning and environment.

Activities that are truly community-oriented but do not utilize the unique abilities of an architect will be duly noted, but will be given secondary consideration for this award.

Selection

A jury of two community leaders in the AIA SWW geographic area plus one AIA member architect from outside the AIA SWW will evaluate the submittals and determine the Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award recipient. The presentation of the award will be made during the evening of the AIA SWW Design Honor Awards ceremony, **October 6, 2021**.

Award

The Award recipient will be honored at the Design Awards ceremony. The recipient will receive a framed certificate and have their name engraved on a perpetual plaque at the AIA office, and \$500 will be donated to the community service organization, charity or endowment of the recipient's choice.

Timeline

Call for nominations:

Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

Nominations Due by:

Friday, September 20th, 2021 VIA EMAIL aia@aiasww.org

Or mail nominations to:

AIASWW 2400 NW 80th Street, PMB #140, Seattle, WA. 98117

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**Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award – Nomination
American Institute of Architects - Southwest Washington Chapter**

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Address:

• Street,:

• City, State, Zip:

Area Code and Phone:

Email Address:

References: no fewer than three AIA or Associate AIA members shall be required below

Name No. 1:

E-mail

Name No. 2:

E-mail

Name No. 3:

E-mail

Name No. 4:

E-mail

Name No. 5:

E-mail

The winning candidate understands that part of the awards program may entail his or her cooperation in providing press or media release information for the general public. Also, the winning candidate may be requested to give a presentation on his or her career or other topic at an appropriate forum to be mutually agreed upon.

The Committee will notify the following contact persons to inform them if the nominee will receive or will not receive the award:

Primary Contact Person:

E-mail

Secondary Contact Person:

E-mail:

**Office Use Only: Nomination Form, Signatures _____
Biographical Data _____
Notable Contribution _____**

Received by deadline _____

1. Please summarize the overall contributions of this individual to the community. For example: volunteer service; involvement in AIA.; membership on boards; offices held; involvement in coalition or advisory groups dealing with physical developments, civic committees, task teams, etc.
2. Describe why you think this person should receive the Community Service Award. Please indicate how this individual exemplifies the spirit of community service through professional practice and volunteer activities uniquely as an architect.
3. If relevant, please provide additional background information about the person being nominated. (i.e. working history, educational history, other awards and/or honors.