



Criteria to Nominate a Member for the CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

This award reflects the efforts of a CPN Member whose outstanding service to the community over time reflects the principals of both The Institute and CPN. Nominations are made by current members of the CPNI Board of Directors with the exception of those members serving on the CPNI Executive Committee.

HISTORY OF AWARD

This award was established in memory of Thomas Collins Cooper, Jr. Collins was a man of tremendous energy who loved Windsor and Bertie County and fought to provide the best for them. Collins realized that our future is in the hands of young people and they are a valuable commodity. He challenged each of us every day to reach out and touch our future. Collins was the spirit of CPNI's involvement with Windsor's NC STEP re-development program. He spearheaded and sparked the re-growth of that community along with CPNI. Collins was the man who brought energy and enthusiasm not only to Windsor, but to CPNI through his community service.

Collins was the recipient of the following awards: Eagle Scout, 2011 CONE Director of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Collins served as a Town Commissioner for Windsor and was a 2010 Graduate of the Rural Economic Development Institute. He was a member of CPN; the Windsor Rotary Club; the Chambers of the North East Committee; the Mid-Eastern Regional Housing Authority Board of Commissioners where he served as Vice Chairman; the Golden LEAF Foundation, where he served as a Mentor; and was a proud member of the ECU Pirate Club.

Eligibility

Nominations may be made by any CPNI Board member. Nominees must be:

- good standing members of CPN
- not currently serving on the CPNI Executive Committee

Selection Criteria

- goes above and beyond in support of the Institute's mission of community support and education

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- commits to excellence in the completion of tasks and duties for the Institute
- demonstrates leadership through dedication and service to the Institute, its mission, values, and goals
- exemplifies the spirit of community service
- makes outstanding contributions to communities through volunteer service
- serves as a role model for others in CPN, the Institute and our communities
- inspires others to engage in volunteer service to the Institute

Selection Process

- Nominations will be accepted by the CPNI Secretary on or before the 1st Quarter CPNI Board Meeting
- Nominees will be vetted and the recipient will be approved by the CPNI Executive Committee by March 15th

Award Process

The immediate CPNI Past Chair will make the presentation to the award recipient(s) during the Black Tie Gala at the CPN Annual Conference. If the recipient(s) is not at the Annual Conference, the CPNI past or current Chair will make the presentation at the next Member Meeting or event.

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