



History

CPN – President’s Distinguished Service Award

CPN Kurt Ryback Memorial Service Award

The idea of the *CPN President’s Distinguished Service Award* was formed at the 2005 Strategic Planning session and first implemented at the 2007 CPN Annual Conference. Each year, CPN awards specific members of the organization who have dedicated their time, knowledge, and service to CPN of NC. The Kurt Ryback Memorial Service Award is given as a tribute and honor to charter CPN member Kurt Ryback.

The first award, **CPN President’s Distinguished Service Award**, was presented in 2007 to two recipients.

The name of the award was officially changed by the CPN board of directors in 2009 to the **CPN Kurt Ryback Memorial Service Award** to pay tribute and honor charter member, Kurt Ryback.

History of Recipients

2007 – Co-Winners: Alvin Etheredge; Harry “Hap” Giberson

2008 – Linda Higgins

2009 – Bobbi Brumsey

2010 – Peter Marsh

2011 – Richard Conner

2012 – Tod Creech

2013 – Jody Efird

2014 – Gunnar Fromen

2015 – Mark Davis

2016 - Eric Wisco

2017 – Leo Stepansky

2018 – Tori Small

2019 – Tod Creech



2020 – no award – no conference – COVID 19

2021 – Chuck Cardwell

2022 – Arty Bolick

2023 – Sara Downing & Chris Busch

2024 – Aaron Bopp

2025 – Jennifer Weaver

2026 – Greg Shelton

CPNI Collins Cooper Service 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.

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.

The first award(s) were presented in 2013 to two recipients.

2013 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Jim Schenck

Peter Marsh

2014 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Karen Kontoulas

2015 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Janet Brooks

2016 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Peyton Fairbank

2017 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Mike Burriss

Tori Small

2018 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Doug Burns

2019 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Stephanie Cooper

2020 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

No Award – no conference – COVID 19

2021 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Jeanine Bachtel

2022 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Pat Fogleman

2023 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Phil Jones

2024 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Chuck Cardwell

2025 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

None awarded this year

2026 – CPNI Collins Cooper Service Award

Doug Burns

Volunteer of the Decade Award

Award given to honor a CPN member with exemplary time and dedication devoted to the organization.

2023 – Volunteer of the Decade Award

Tod Creech