



## 2009/2010 Director of University Relations\* Report

### 1. The 2009 Willard C. Condo Award

The Willard C. Condo Award is presented annually to recognize the best paper written on public administration, public policy, and public management. The award is open to all students in degree, diploma, or certificate programs at any of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions. The student ranking first receives \$500.00 and a one-year IPAC membership, courtesy of IPAC Manitoba. The runner-up receives a one-year IPAC membership and an honourable mention.

The 2009 Condo Award Selection Committee included the following individuals: Kim Speers (Department of Political Studies, University of Manitoba, Student Awards Chair); Linda DeRiviere, (Department of Politics, University of Winnipeg), and Christina Weise, former Chair of Manitoba Region IPAC Board and MPA Alumni.

A total of seven (7) papers were submitted for consideration (in no particular order):

- ❖ Brenda Jasper, Building Disaster Resilient Communities: An examination of the theory and practice of disaster resilience
  - Nominated by Dr. Paul Thomas, University of Manitoba
- ❖ Dorothy Young, Strategic Planning in Education in Manitoba
  - Nominated by Dr. Paul Thomas, University of Manitoba
- ❖ Krista Boryskavich, Provincial-Municipal Relations: Does Little Brother Ever Prevail?
  - Nominated by Dr. Ken Gibbons, University of Winnipeg
- ❖ Valerie Shantz, Invitation to the Table: Policy Influence and the Arts Community in Canada
  - Nominated by Dr. Karine Lavasseur, University of Manitoba
- ❖ Robert Patchell, Canada's Crumbling Cities: Public-Private Partnerships Capacity to Address Canada's Municipal Infrastructure Deficit
  - Nominated by Dr. Shannon Sampert, University of Winnipeg
- ❖ Luisa Pontares, A More 'Proactive' Approach – Immigration Policy in Manitoba
  - Nominated by Instructor Jared Wesley, University of Manitoba
- ❖ Laura Horodecki, Integrated Service Delivery: Continued Enthusiasm or Integration Overload?
  - Nominated by Dr. Paul Thomas, University of Manitoba

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\* As of January 11, 2010, the "Student Awards" portfolio has been renamed the "University Relations" portfolio.

The **winner** of the 2009 Willard C. Condo Award was **Dorothy Young**. The runner-up was **Brenda Jasper**. The recipients were recognized at a breakfast event entitled “Celebrating Excellence”, hosted by the IPAC Program Committee in the Legislative Dining Hall, October 29, 2009. Following Dorothy’s presentation of her paper, Gerald Farthing (Deputy Minister of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth) provided commentary on her findings.

Nominations for the 2010 Condo Award close on April 30, 2010. Papers may be submitted by instructors to the Student Awards Chair:

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## **2. The Certificate Program in Public Sector Management (CPSM) Award**

Previous to 2004, there was an IPAC-Manitoba award for the graduating student who had the highest grade point average in the University of Manitoba’s Continuing Education Certificate Program in Public Management. No award was granted from 2003 onwards because of the low enrolment in the program. In 2008, the Government of Manitoba and the Continuing Education Department at the University of Manitoba restructured the Certificate Program in Public Management. There were currently thirty students enrolled in a one-year certificate program in its first year and the same number is enrolled for the 2009-10 session. In April 2009, the IPAC Board passed a motion to support the development of a new award, which was awarded at a luncheon at the legislature in May 2009. The first place winner was Irene Kamchen and she received a learning voucher from the Civil Service Commission, a certificate from IPAC, a free IPAC membership and a pen set. There were two runner-ups and they each received a pen set and a free membership.

In February 2010, an ad-hoc committee (consisting of Irene Kamchen, Linda Rubbell, and Jared Wesley) reached consensus on a set of criteria for the CPSM Program Award. Detailed below, these criteria were accepted by the IPAC Manitoba Board of Directors, and will guide the selection process for the 2010 CPSM Award:

The Certificate in Public Sector Management Program Award shall:

- be awarded annually to the graduating student(s) with the highest Grade-Point Average (GPA) over the course of the CPSM Program;
- have its recipient(s) recognized publicly at the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Convocation Ceremony; and
- reward the winner(s) with an IPAC membership (new or renewal), a certificate of recognition, a voucher for a one-day OSD workshop, and a commemorative gift from IPAC (e.g., a pen set, card-holder, leather notebook, or other token of achievement).

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities of the “Director of University Relations”**

As part of the IPAC Regional Board’s objective of codifying terms of reference for each of the Directors and their portfolios, discussions were held with the Joint Masters of Public Administration (JMPA) Committee to identify key roles and responsibilities for the Student Awards Chair. In the course of these discussions, it was agreed that the portfolio should be renamed to reflect the evolving nature of the position. Specifically, the Student Awards Chair was no longer simply the coordinator of the Condo Awards competition; he or she also served as a liaison between the JMPA Program and the IPAC Regional Executive Committee. Hence a new title – “Director of University Relations” – was adopted following the approval of the JMPA Committee (January 11, 2010) and the IPAC Executive Committee (January 19, 2010). The new terms of reference are included in the “Guide to the Roles and Responsibilities of the Manitoba Regional Group Executive Committee,” and are attached as an appendix to this report.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jared Wesley  
March 16, 2010

## **APPENDIX**

### **Roles and Responsibilities of Manitoba Regional Group Executive Members**

*Endorsed by the Joint Masters in Public Administration (JMPA) Committee  
January 11, 2010*

*Amended by the IPAC Manitoba Board of Directors  
January 19, 2010*

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#### **DIRECTOR – UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### **AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY:**

The Executive Committee is the legal authority for the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) Manitoba Regional Group.

As a member of the Executive Committee, a Director acts in a position of trust for the community and is responsible for the effective governance of the organization.

As a faculty member at the University of Manitoba or University of Winnipeg, the Director of University Relations acts in a position of trust for the Department for which he or she is a representative.

##### **QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS:**

The Director of University Relations shall be a faculty member in the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba or the Department of Politics at the University of Winnipeg. Whenever possible, a faculty member with teaching responsibilities or research interests in the area of Public Administration shall serve as Director.

##### **TERM:**

The Director is appointed by the Board of Directors for a one-year term.

##### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Commitment to the work of the organization
- Attendance at Executive Committee meetings
- A time commitment of up to five hours per month (including Board preparation, meeting, committee and meeting time), dependent upon the interests and availability of the Director
- Attendance at Annual General Meeting
- Be informed of the services provided by IPAC and publicly support them
- Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Board
- To foster a positive working relationship with other Board members, and IPAC staff

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

- Act as a liaison between IPAC and the JMPA Program, conveying events and information to each on behalf of the other.
- Serve as chair of the Student Awards Committee. This duty includes administering the annual Willard J. Condo Award and Certificate in Public Sector Management (CPSM) Program Award competitions. Responsibilities for each competition consist of advertising the contest, convening a Judging Committee, coordinating entries, conveying the results to the Executive Committee, providing content updates for the IPAC website, and assisting the Programs Chair in organizing the Award Presentations.
- Adhere to general duties outlined in the board member job description