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# Sponsors of the Pugsley Award

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**Will Shafroth**

President and CEO, National Park Foundation

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# The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley

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Cornelius Amory Pugsley was born in 1850 on a farm in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York. He attended public schools in Peekskill and lived his whole life in that community. He had an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and also attended Harvard Law School. From 1867 to 1870, he was a clerk and then assistant postmaster in Peekskill. In 1870, he started work at Westchester County National Bank.

At the bank, he was promoted to teller, cashier, vice-president, and in fall 1897, he was appointed president; a position which he held for the next 46 years. During his tenure as president, Westchester County National Bank became “one of the foremost in the United States in earning power and standing.” According to the *New York Times*, “he accumulated several millions, only to be wiped out in 1933 by the Depression. This forced his bank to close its doors temporarily, pending reorganization.”

In 1895, Pugsley was the first resident from New York State to be elected as a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association. He was elected to three, three-year terms on the Council, and in 1913 was elected president of the New York State Bankers Association.

Pugsley was a commanding figure in the Democratic Party in Westchester County and New York State in the early years of the twentieth century. In 1901, he served a two-year term in the 57th Congress, where he was characterized by the Republican Speaker of the House as a “vigorous talker and thinker ... perhaps the ablest Democrat in the House.” Indeed, the Republicans seemed so impressed by Pugsley’s talents that they devoted extensive resources to orchestrating his defeat after his first term. He was prominently mentioned as a candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States in the campaign of 1908 and as a candidate for New York State Governor in 1918, but declined to run for either office. In 1925, a historian reviewing Pugsley’s career, commented:

Few men of any community hold a higher place of honor and distinction in the regard of the people generally than does Cornelius Amory Pugsley of Peekskill, New York, whose life-long prominence in public affairs, as well as in professional circles, has made his utterances on many subjects of more than passing significance to the people.

Pugsley was a genuinely likeable and generous individual. His popularity in the community was exemplified by a widely reported incident in 1926 when he returned from a European trip. He was greeted with a bouquet thrown onto the deck of his ship from an airplane as the vessel steamed into New York Harbor. The plane bore a banner proclaiming in large letters "Greater Peekskill welcomes you home, 20,000 strong."

Pugsley was active in a large number of non-profit and charitable organizations. For example, in 1906, he was elected national president-general of the Sons of the American Revolution. His interest in parks was stimulated by his involvement as vice-president of the Westchester County Park Commission. The Commission was formed in 1923, making it one of the earliest local park systems in the U.S. Its early focus was on the development of parkways and it was a pioneer in this area. Pugsley was a member of the inaugural Commission and remained on it for a 10-year period. In the 1920s, he made several donations to the Peekskill community, including Pugsley Park and buildings for the YMCA, YWCA, and associated charities.

# Evolution of the Pugsley Award

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Cornelius Amory Pugsley's interest in parks was perpetuated by a medals program endowed with \$7,000 by his son, Chester D. Pugsley in 1929. Chester Pugsley was a graduate of Harvard Law School, and like his father, was active in politics, seeking the Democratic nomination for governor of New York State in 1936 and 1938. The purpose of the medals was described by Chester Pugsley in his directions governing the Pugsley Medal Fund Indenture:

*The income of this fund shall be applied annually for the maintenance of a gold medal award by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society for the most eminent public park service in the United States, a silver medal award for noteworthy public park work in the nation, and a bronze medal for a worthy contribution to public parks in the country, during the previous calendar year.*

*These awards shall be known as the "Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medals," in recognition of the interest of my father in public parks as evidenced by his service since its organization as a member of the Westchester County Park Commission and his gift of a public park to the municipality of Peekskill.*

*In witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1929.*

Chester Pugsley's purpose statement indicated that the gold, silver, and bronze medals would reflect different magnitudes of contributions, analogous to finishing first, second, and third in a competitive event. The medals appear to have reflected this interpretation for the first 35 years or so in which they were made, and during this time period, honorees were almost all associated with National or State Parks. Indeed, in the early years, the medals were awarded at the annual meeting of the National Conference on State Parks. The indenture specified the medal should reflect contributions made "during the previous calendar year," but this appears never to have been interpreted literally. Rather, the criterion has been "lifetime" contributions.

In 1967, the following criteria were suggested to guide the selection of medal recipients:

1. They have preserved, enhanced, or created park values, which significantly enriched the lives of people.
2. They reflect originality, intelligent selectivity, courageous decisions and actions, dedication to the public weal, sensitivity to the feelings and interests of all concerned, and a sound philosophy of public service.
3. They significantly developed or refined techniques, which will advance the effectiveness of park programs.
4. Their recognition by conferring the award will give encouragement and inspiration to others.

In the 1940s, the George McAneny Historic Preservation Medal was introduced by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society to recognize contributions in the historic preservation area, so the Pugsley Medals became more narrowly focused on park and conservation contributions.

In 1953, a new pattern appeared to emerge of recognizing one individual at the national, state/regional, and local levels, who was awarded the gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively. With a few exceptions, this general pattern has been retained since that time. Thus, the medal designations no longer attempt to recognize different magnitudes of contributions. Rather they recognize equally excellent contributions often at different levels of government. For this reason, all three medals are now gold.

The medals were awarded by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, which was formed in 1895 by an act of the legislature of the State of New York. The Society was established for the protection of national scenery and the preservation of historic landmarks. Its office was in the historically notable Federal Hall in New York City and in the 1940s, '50s, '60s the annual luncheon at which recipients were presented with their medals was traditionally held in the great "Dome Room" of Federal Hall. In 1985, the National Park Foundation accepted responsibility for administering the awards on behalf of the Society, and in 1990 the entire resources of the Society were transferred to the Foundation, which is the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service.

In the late 1980s, the president of the National Park Foundation, at the suggestion of former Director of the National Park Service, Conrad Wirth, requested assistance from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in identifying nominees for the medal. It was agreed that the Academy would identify worthy nominees and the National Park Foundation would make the final selection. In 1996, the Foundation invited the Academy to also make the final selections. The Foundation's role is now limited to producing the medals for the Academy with funds from the original Pugsley endowment. Out of respect for the impressive history of the Pugsley Medals, they are still cast from the original mold. They feature Mr. Pugsley's facial profile on one side, and the crest and name of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society together with the name of the recipient on the other.

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## Daniel L. Dustin

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As an author, philosopher, teacher, mentor, environmentalist, activist, public intellectual, and scholar, Daniel L. Dustin has enhanced the value of public lands as they enrich people's lives. He has advanced the cause of parks and public lands and the biodiversity of all living things through his writing, teaching, and service. As a staunch advocate and dedicated steward, he has elevated the ways people view public lands as contributing to the general welfare and public good. He has challenged professionals, students, and the public to value parks and outdoor spaces through being stewards of access, custodians of choice. For example, the four editions of his co-authored book, *Stewards of Access, Custodians of Choice*, has been a philosophical foundation for parks, recreation, and tourism for almost 40 years.

Dan's personal and professional life has embraced writing and presentation opportunities regarding the intersecting aspects of conservation, equity, and health and wellness. Specifically, he has addressed elements of healthy parks, land management ethics, social and environmental justice, and the spiritual and healing aspects of nature.

Growing up in Michigan with numerous family vacation trips to the West, Dan developed an additional love for mountains to complement the natural resources of forests and rivers in his native Michigan. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Michigan with a major in geography. During his college years with civil unrest prominent, he nurtured a concern for equity issues in both urban and rural areas. After spending four years in the U.S. Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War, he returned to the University of Michigan to attend graduate school to get a master's of science degree in resource planning and conservation. His PhD was completed three years later at the University of Minnesota, where he wrote a dissertation on the emerging area of gaming simulation applied to land management.

Dan received tenure over the years at San Diego State University, Florida International University, and the University of Utah. During his career, he was an invited visiting professor at over 25 academic institutions in the U.S. and Canada. Although a successful teacher and mentor as well as an active participant in numerous professional organizations, Dan's greatest

contributions lie in the writing and presentations about emerging ideas related to conservation, equity, and health and wellness. He is the author of 14 books, dozens of book chapters, and hundreds of articles and presentations. Dustin's work challenges the way people think about important, sometimes taken-for-granted, areas related to parks, conservation, and recreation.

Dan never shied away from tackling controversial subjects to critically analyze dominant assumptions related to natural resource management. One example is the article he co-authored in the *Journal of Forestry*, "The Right to Risk in Wilderness." This article and subsequent rejoinders provoked great interest in defining the possibilities and limits of how lands might be managed. Dustin, along with other co-authors, advocated voraciously for the significance of wilderness as our nation headed into the 21st century. He also reflected on why wilderness will continue to be of value 50 years from now with an article published in *Park Science* and reprinted in the *National Parks Traveler*.

Dan was one of the early authors to discuss the importance of equity and respect regarding outdoor recreation. Dustin and his colleagues suggested that

people's relationship with the natural world should reflect a deeper understanding of the interdependence of all relationships in nature. Almost all of Dan's writings elaborated on how people are part of nature. He advocated that if people conduct their lives in ways that contribute to a more caring and connected relationship with the larger community of life, then the world will be a better place. Professionals in the field of parks, recreation, and conservation have that opportunity, or as Dan would argue, that mandate.

Dan suggested that human health depends on nature's health. The two cannot be separated. Through his connection with the University of Utah and being in a parks and recreation program within a larger College of Health, Dustin's more recent teaching, writing, and presentations focus on health and particularly "green health" as it relates to how the natural world provides health opportunities for humans, and how humans have the responsibility for facilitating healthy environments.

Related to health has been Dan's passion for understanding and articulating how nature is a healing and therapeutic arena to address social issues. He has advocated vehemently for examining how nature provides an environment to address mental health issues of veterans. He garnered a grant from a large national foundation to study these phenomena and has held two conferences in Salt Lake City to bring organizations, practitioners, and scholars together who wish to promote the idea of the healing power of nature. The results of these conferences and his research include numerous academic articles as well as three books that address these issues: *Outdoor Recreation and Our Military Family: Pathways to Recovery*; *Nature's Grace: America's Veterans and the Healing Power of Nature*; and *This Land is Your Land: Toward a*

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*Better Understanding of Nature's Resiliency-Building and Restorative Power for Armed Forces Personnel, Veterans, and their Families.*

One area that Dan has linked to land ethics is the spiritual dimensions of the outdoors and wilderness. He defined spirituality and the human spirit related to nature not only in terms of religiosity but also how nature provides a broad means to nurture a sense of wonder, reverence, and awe. A notable book that he co-edited is entitled, *Nature and the Human Spirit: Toward an Expanded Land Management Ethic.*

One of the most accessible contributions that Dan has made to the field of parks, recreation, and conservation, and to broader public audiences is his five editions of *The Wilderness Within: Reflections on Leisure and Life.* In this series of personal and philosophical essays, he writes about his subjective insights regarding his journeys to the exterior world of mountains, forests, deserts, and tundra. The thesis of this book is that when people can find meaning in their lives through their relationships with the environment, they can live more fully through respect for themselves, others, and the natural world.

Dan's work has enhanced the value of public lands. He is held in the highest regard and distinction by his peers. Further, his career has emphasized how individuals and professionals have an obligation to respect the interdependence of all beings. His efforts have been rooted in his conviction that health promotion (in its broadest sense) within the context of social and environmental justice in park, recreation, tourism, and conservation, is the profession's, as well as humankind's, destiny. His literary work and passionate orations focus on how living life in increasing harmony with the larger world is the best expression of the self. These ideas reflect how he has lived his personal and professional life and how his work has had a lasting and positive impact on colleagues, students, and the general public.

# Past Recipients

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- 1928      **Gold Medal**—Stephen T. Mather, Director and Founder of the National Park Service  
**Silver Medal**—Duncan McDuffie, San Francisco, California member of the California State Parks Commission  
**Bronze Medal**—Beatrice Ward Nelson, Charlottesville, Virginia, Secretary of the National Conference on State Parks
- 1929      **Gold Medal**—Mary Averell Harriman, Philanthropist  
**Silver Medal**—Nathaniel Lord Britton, New York Botanical Garden  
**Bronze Medal**—Thomas W. Hardison, Morrystown, Arkansas
- 1930      **Gold Medal**—Horace M. Albright, Director, National Park Service  
**Silver Medal**—Theodore Wirth, General Superintendent of the Park Commissioners of Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**Bronze Medal**—Charles G. Sauers, Indiana State Parks and Superintendent of the Cook County Illinois Forest Preserve
- 1931      **Gold Medal**—Richard Leiber, Director of the Indiana Conservation Department  
**Silver Medal**—Albert M. Turner, Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission  
**Bronze Medal**—Stella M. Leviston, San Francisco, California
- 1932      **Gold Medal**—Chauncey J. Hamlin, President of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences  
**Silver Medal**—Peter Norbeck, United States Senator from South Dakota  
**Bronze Medal**—Margo K. Frankel, Chairman of the Iowa Board of Conservation
- 1933      **Gold Medal**—William W. Niles, Chairman of the Taconic State Park Commission  
**Silver Medal**—Tom Wallace, Kentucky State Park Commission, Editor of the *Louisville Times*  
**Bronze Medal**—David E. Colp, Chairman, Texas State Parks Board
- 1934      **Gold Medal**—William A. Welch, General Manager and Chief Engineer, Palisades Interstate Park, New York and New Jersey  
**Silver Medal**—William E. Carson, Riverside, Virginia, Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation  
**Bronze Medal**—Philip W. Ayres, Chief Forester of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
- 1935      **Gold Medal**—Howard B. Bloomer, Detroit, Michigan, Chairman of the Michigan Conservation Department  
**Silver Medal**—John McLaren, Park Superintendent, San Francisco  
**Bronze Medal**—Will O. Doolittle, Superintendent of Parks, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 1936      **Gold Medal**—Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks for the City of New York  
**Silver Medal**—Roger W. Toll, Superintendent of Yellowstone Park  
**Bronze Medal**—George M. Wright, Founder and Chief of the Wildlife Division of the National Park Service
- 1937      **Gold Medal**—J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, President of the American Civic Association  
**Silver Medal**—Charles P. Wilber, State Forester and Director of Department of Conservation and Development of New Jersey  
**Bronze Medal**—William H. Carr, Director of the Trailside Museums at Bear Mountain

- 1938      **Gold Medal**—Arno B. Cammerer, Director National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
**Silver Medal**—Raymond H. Torrey, Journalist and Secretary of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society  
**Bronze Medal**—Alvin E. Reeves, Director of Division of State Parks, Oklahoma
- 1939      **Gold Medal**—Robert Fechner, Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps  
**Silver Medal**—Charles C. Deam, Indiana State Parks  
**Bronze Medal**—William P. Alexander, Buffalo, New York
- 1940      **Gold Medal**—Hermon C. Bumpus, President of Tufts University; Chair NPS Advisory Board  
**Silver Medal**—Newton B. Drury, Secretary, Save the Redwoods League of California  
**Bronze Medal**—William A. Stinchcomb, Director, Cleveland Metropolitan Park District
- 1941      No medals were awarded
- 1942      **Gold Medal**—Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior  
**Silver Medal**—Arthur E. Demaray, Assistant Director, National Park Service  
**Bronze Medal**—Harlean James, Executive Secretary of the American Planning and Civic Association
- 1943-1946 Medal awards discontinued during World War II
- 1947      **Gold Medal**—Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
**Silver Medal**—Thomas J. Allen, Regional Director, National Park Service, Richmond, Virginia  
**Bronze Medal**—Samuel H. Boardman, Oregon State Highway Commission, Salem, Oregon
- 1948      **Gold Medal**—Percival P. Baxter, Portland, Maine  
**Silver Medal**—Minor R. Tillotson, Regional Director, National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
**Bronze Medal**—Ellwood B. Chapman, President, Pennsylvania Parks Assn., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1949      **Gold Medal**—Waldo G. Leland, National Park Service Advisory Board  
**Silver Medal**—Hillory A. Tolson, Assistant Director, National Park Service  
**Bronze Medal**—Jay Downer, Chief Engineer, Westchester County, New York
- 1950      **Gold Medal**—Newton B. Drury, Director, National Park Service  
**Silver Medal**—Frank A. Kittredge, Chief Engineer, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
**Bronze Medal**—William N. G. Haynes, Stonington, Connecticut
- 1951      **Gold Medal**—Arthur E. Demaray, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
**Silver Medal**—Victor W. Flickinger, Chief, Division of Parks, Department of Natural Resources, Columbus, Ohio  
**Bronze Medal**—Frank D. Quinn, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Austin, Texas
- 1952      **Gold Medal**—Harlean James, Executive Secretary, American Planning and Civic Association and the National Conference on State Parks, Washington, D.C.  
**Silver Medal**—Ronald F. Lee, Assistant Director, National Park Service and Secretary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.  
**Bronze Medal**—Jerome C. Dretzka, Milwaukee County Commission, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1953      **Gold Medal**—Frederick L. Olmsted Jr., Palo Alto, California  
**Silver Medal**—Edward J. Burns, Washington, D.C.  
**Bronze Medal**—Olaus J. Murie, President, Wilderness Society, Moose, Wyoming

## A Shift in Criteria for the Medals

By 1954, park facilities and services offered by local and state agencies were expanding dramatically. For many Americans, the most important parks were now those closest to their homes because they used those most frequently. Hence, the Pugsley Medals were reoriented to recognize their important role. The gold, silver, and bronze medals indicating different levels of meritorious contributions were replaced by recognition of outstanding service at the local, regional/state, and national levels. These contributions were recognized as being of equal merit. This interpretation was confirmed in a 1959 letter written by Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, in which he stated, "The gold medal is usually awarded to someone in the national field of park development; the silver is someone in the state field of park development; the bronze is someone in the metropolitan or city field of park development. While they are in gold, silver, and bronze, they all have equal value in their respective spheres of influence." While this general framework has been retained, in many cases, Pugsley Medal recipients made contributions at multiple levels, so the practice of formally associating them with a single level was abandoned.

- 1954      **Adrian D. Barnes**, Dade County Park Department, Miami, Florida  
**Russell Reid**, Superintendent, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismark, North Dakota  
**Harold C. Bryant**, Assistant Director, National Park Service, Ovinda, California
- 1955      **Loring McMellan**, Vice-President Statten Island Historical Society, New York  
**Ruth E. Peeler**, Vice Chair State Parks and Research Commission, Des Moines Washington  
**Thomas C. Vint**, Chief Design and Construction, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1956      **Harold S. Wagner**, Metropolitan Park System, Akron, Ohio  
**James F. Evans**, Director New York State Park System, Albany, New York  
**Gilbert H. Grosvenor**, Chairman, National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.
- 1957      **Charles E. Doell**, Superintendent, Board of Park Commissioners, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**Kenneth R. Cougill**, Division of State Parks, Anderson, Indiana  
**Ben H. Thompson** Division of Recreation Resource Planning, NPS, Glen Echo, Maryland
- 1958      **Walter W. Wirth**, Salem Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon  
**Thomas W. Morse**, Superintendent, State Parks, Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Eivind T. Scoyen**, Associate Director, NPS, Washington, D.C.
- 1959      **Homer W. Fish**, Superintendent of Parks, Wheeling, West Virginia  
**George L. Collins**, Regional Chief of Recreation Resource Planning, National Park Service, San Anselmo, California  
**Alfred A. Knopf**, Publisher, Federal Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments, New York, New York
- 1960      **Louis B. Houston**, Director, Dallas Parks and Recreation Department, Texas  
**Harold W. Lathrop**, Director of Colorado State Parks and Recreation, Denver, Colorado  
**Edmund B. Rogers**, Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park and of Yellowstone National Park, Denver, Colorado
- 1961      **Frank G. McInnis**, Director, Detroit Zoological Park, Royal Oak, Michigan  
**Charles A. De Turk**, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, California  
**Allen T. Edmunds**, Recreation Resource Planning, Regional Chief, National Park Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 1962 **Elo J. Urbanovsky**, Texas Technological College, Department of Park Management, Lubbock, Texas  
**Sidney S. Kennedy**, Division Cooperative Services, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, NPS, Washington, D.C.  
**Freeman Tilden**, Author, Warner, New Hampshire
- 1963 **Thomas S. Jett**, Regional Director, National Capital Parks, Washington, D.C.  
**Edward J. Meeman**, Conservation Editor, Scripps-Howard Newspapers  
**Conrad L. Wirth**, Director National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1964 **Daniel L. Flaherty**, General Superintendent of Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois  
**U.W. Hella**, Director, Division of State Parks, Department of Conservation, St. Paul, Minnesota  
**Harold P. Fabian**, Attorney for Jackson Hole Preserve, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 1965 **Frank C. Vaydik**, Superintendent, Board of Park Commissioners, Kansas City, Missouri  
**Russell B. Tobey**, Director, Division of Parks, Concord, New Hampshire  
**Elbert Cox**, Regional Director, National Park Service, Richmond, Virginia
- 1966 **Norman S. Johnson**, Superintendent of Parks, Los Angeles, California  
**Kermit McKeever**, Chief, Division of Parks and Recreation, Charleston, West Virginia  
**James H. Evans**, Chairman, National Recreation and Park Association, New York City
- 1967 **John P. Hewitt**, Director, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Silver Spring, Maryland  
**Earl P. Hanson**, Chief, California Division of Beaches and Parks, Sacramento, California  
**George B. Hartzog, Jr.** Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1968 **Theodore Kazimiroff**, Historian, Bronx Borough, Bronx, New York  
**William M. Gosdin**, Director, Department of Park Services, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin, Texas  
**Lemuel A. Garrison**, Director, Region V, National Park Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1969 **Nash Castro**, Regional Director, National Capital Parks, Washington, D.C.  
**Joseph J. Truncer**, Director, Department of Conservation and Economics, Division of Parks, Trenton, New Jersey  
**Lawrence N. Stevens**, Associate Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Washington, D.C.
- 1970 **Robert W. Ruhe**, Superintendent, Board of Park Commission, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**Ben H. Bolen**, Commissioner, Virginia Division of Parks, Richmond, Virginia  
**Harthon L. Bill**, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1971 **Earl E. Gaylor**, General Manager, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia  
**Joseph W. Sousa**, Director, Hawaii State Parks, Hawaii  
**Melvin M. Payne**, Chairman, National Geographic Society
- 1972 **Howard W. Gregg**, General Manager, Milwaukee County, Park and Recreation Department, Wisconsin  
**William P. Mott**, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, California  
**Nathaniel P. Reed**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.
- 1973 **Horace Caldwell**, Executive Director, Jekyll Island Authority, Georgia  
**William A. Par**, Superintendent, Maryland State Parks  
**Elbert Cox**, Regional Director, National Park Service, Richmond, Virginia
- 1974 **Rhodell E. Owens**, Director, Peoria Park District, Illinois  
**Lawrence Stuart**, Director, Maine State Parks  
**Russell Dickenson**, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1975-1978 No medals were awarded.

1979 Max D. Ramsey, Director, Cultural Resources and Recreation for Tennessee Valley Authority  
Nash Castro, Executive Director, Palisades Interstate Park Commission, New York-New Jersey  
Daniel J. Tobin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1980 No medals were awarded.

1981 Frank Vaydik, Director, Kansas City Parks, Recreation, and Conservation

1982 Graham A. Skea, Director, Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Orange County, New York  
William P. Mott, Director, California Parks Foundation  
John A. Townsely, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

1983 David O. Laidlaw, Director, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Ohio  
Charles Odegaard, Director, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Manus J. Fish, Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1984-1986 No medals were awarded.

1987 Robert F. Toalson, Director, Champaign Park District, Illinois  
William C. Forrey, Director, Pennsylvania State Parks  
Marc Sagan, Chief, Harpers Ferry Center, National Park Service

1988 William R. Bird, Director, Metropolitan Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, Florida  
William C. Walters, Director, Indiana State Parks  
William P. Mott Jr., Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1989 H. C. Johnson, Director, DuPage County Forest Preserve, Illinois  
Orin Lehman, Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Philip O. Stewart, Assistant Director, Land Acquisition, National Park Service  
Willis P. Kriz, Chief, Land Resources Division, National Park Service

1990 Richard Trudeau, Director, East Bay Regional Park District, California  
William J. Hopkins, Director, Delaware State Parks  
David G. Talbot, Director, Oregon State Parks  
Gary Everhardt, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1991 Ronald H. Dodd, Director, Chicago Park District, Illinois  
Ford W. Hughes, Director, St. James Foundation  
Dennis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1992 Ralph S. Cryder, Director, Los Angeles County Parks, California  
Boyd Evison, Regional Director, National Park Service  
Ray Murray, National Park Service, San Francisco, California

1993 James A. Colley, Director, Phoenix Parks, Recreation and Library Department, Arizona  
Andrew Sansom, Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
William J. Briggles, Superintendent, Mt. Ranier National Park  
James M. Ridenour, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

1994 James A. Truncer, Director, Monmouth County Park System, New Jersey  
Cordie O. Hudkins, Director, West Virginia State Parks  
John Cook, Regional Director, National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico



- 1995 Charles R. Jordan, Director, Portland Parks and Recreation, Oregon  
Edward J. Koenenmann, Director, Vermont State Parks
- 1996 No medals were awarded.
- 1997 Ernest W. Nance, Director, Oaklawn Park District, Illinois  
Ira J. Hutchison, Assistant Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 Ken Winslade, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, New Westminster, BC, Canada  
Fran P. Mainella, Director, Florida State Parks
- 1999 Joseph Caverly, Director, Westchester County Parks Commission, New York  
John L. Crompton, Distinguished Professor, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- 2000 Christopher K. Jarvi, Director, City of Anaheim, California  
Carol M. Severin, Chair, East Bay Regional Park District, California  
Bruce Babbitt, Secretary, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Anne S. Close, Fort Mill, South Carolina  
Andrea S. Moore, State Representative, Illinois  
Joseph J. Bannon, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
- 2002 Eugene Young, Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Commission for East Baton Rouge Parish (BREC), Louisiana  
Bernadette Castro, Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Dean R. Tice, Executive Director, National Recreation and Park Association, Ashburn, Virginia
- 2003 Terry Hershey, Conservationist, Houston, Texas  
Pat O'Brien, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District, California  
Robert G. Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Victor Ashe, Mayor of Knoxville, Tennessee  
Brian O'Neill, Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service, California  
Laurance S. Rockefeller, Conservationist and Philanthropist, Pocantico, New York
- 2005 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Conservationist, Austin, Texas  
Clifton E. French, Superintendent, Hennepin County Minnesota Park Preserve District  
Patrick F. Noonan, Chairman, Conservation Fund, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Tony A. Mobley, Dean Emeritus, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
L.W. "Bill" Lane Jr., Retired Publisher of *Sunset*, Menlo Park, California
- 2007 Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, President, Central Park Conservancy, New York City  
Stuart L. Udall, Secretary of Interior, Washington, D.C.
- 2008 Henry L. Diamond, Environmental Lawyer, Washington D.C.  
Vern J. Hartenburg, Executive Director, Cleveland Metroparks, Ohio  
Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam, Founding President, Student Conservation Association, New Hampshire
- 2009 George L. Bristol, President, Texas Coalition for Conservation  
Huey D. Johnson, President, Resource Renewal Institute  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Executive Vice-President, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation  
Anne M. Burke, Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

- 2010 **Martin J. Rosen**, Founding Member, Board Chairman, and retired President, The Trust for Public Land  
**Harry (Hal) G. Haskell, Jr.**, Life trustee, National Recreation and Park Association, citizen advocate, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania  
**Charles E. Hartsoe**, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- 2011 **Roderick Frazier Nash**, Author and Professor, Santa Barbara, California  
**James Reed Ellis**, Citizen Activist and Conservationist, Bellevue, Washington  
**John L. Nau III**, Historic Preservationist, Houston, Texas
- 2012 **Pete Dangermond**, Previous Director of California State Department of Parks and Recreation, and President of Save-the-Redwood League, California  
**Roger K. Brown**, Previous Parks and Recreation Director for seven different departments over 50 years, Former President of both NRPA and IFPRA, First Southeast Regional Director of NRPA; Greensboro, NC  
**Joe Crookham**, Citizen Advocate for Youth, Family, and Community, President, Musco Lighting, Oskaloosa, Iowa
- 2013 **Beverly D. (Brandes) Chrisman**, Chairman of NRPA (1991–1995); Chairman of Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (1987–2002) in Irmo, SC; Lexington, SC  
**John H. Davis**, Executive Director of NRPA (1976–1986); Director of Dalton, Georgia Recreation Department (1957–1963); Culpepper, Virginia  
**Barry Sanford Tindall**, NRPA Director of Public Policy (1967–2005) including assistance to The Nature Conservancy, NPS, and President’s Commission on Americans Outdoors; Falls Church, Virginia
- 2014 **Eric W. O’Brien**, Chairman of M.E. O’Brien & Sons; Chair of NRPA (1995–1999); Chair of Foundation for Sustainable Parks and Recreation (2014)  
**James A. Peterson**, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University Department of Recreation and Park Administration; President of NRPA (1987–1988); Inducted into Indiana Football Hall of Fame (1993)  
**Kathryn A. Porter**, Chair of NRPA (1989–1991); Past President of National Recreation Foundation
- 2015 **Lamar Alexander**, three-term U.S. Senator for Tennessee; former U.S. Education Secretary; former University of Tennessee president  
**John C. Potts**, Illinois parks leader; 12-year Academy Executive Secretary/Treasurer; NRPA Directors School faculty charter member  
**M. Kathleen Perales**, research biologist with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; leader in creation of Natural Resource Management Gateway
- 2016 **Richard L. Ash, Jr.**, former Director of St. Charles, MO Parks & Recreation, leader in formation of Great Rivers Greenway District, former President of Conservation Federation of Missouri  
**John Sutter**, 20-year member of East Bay (CA) Regional Park District Board, three-term Board President, founding member of Greenbelt Alliance
- 2017 **Anita B. Gorman**, Kansas City, Missouri, longtime Park & Recreation Board Commissioner; driving force behind City of Fountains Foundation  
**Lewis Ledford**, North Carolina State Park Director; executive director of National Association of State Park Directors  
**Peter G. Sortino**, force behind City ArchRiver Initiative, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2018 **Robert E. Doyle**, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California; founding board member Save Mount Diablo, East Bay Conservation Corps, and Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
**William C. Scalzo**, (retired) Director, Maricopa County Parks & Recreation Department, Arizona; Chair Arizona State Parks Board

2019

**Renée E. Bahl**, former director San Diego County Park Department, California; former executive director Arizona State Parks Board; former Santa Barbara County's Assistant County Executive Officer, California

**Richard J. Dolesh**, former vice president conservation and parks and former vice president of strategic initiatives, National Recreation and Park Association

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