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Nominations due Friday, Feb. 17, 2017



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2016

Newspaper Person of the Year

Nomination Guidelines

Deadline: Friday, Feb. 17, 2017

The Newspaper Person of the Year is a prestigious award given to a Colorado newspaper professional whose commitment to and leadership within the industry help to shape, support and contribute in a meaningful way to the long-term success of the industry.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. The nominee must be an active newspaper professional in advertising, circulation, digital, business, editorial or any other working department of the news organization.
2. The nominee must have no fewer than five years' tenure at a news media organization and must currently hold a position at a Colorado newspaper that is an current member of the Colorado Press Association.
3. The nominee must actively lead and positively influence the newspaper industry at the state and/or national level.
4. Members of the Colorado Press Association Board of Directors and CPA employees are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination package should include:

1. A nomination letter.
2. A resume or summary of nominee's career accomplishments.
3. A digital photo of the nominee (minimum 300 dpi jpg). May be color or black and white.
4. Any additional supporting documentation to assist the board of directors in making a decision.

Please find enclosed a list of previous recipients.

The CPA Board of Directors will select a Newspaper Person of the Year from the nominations. The recipient of the award will be announced during the 2017 annual convention.

Please submit all nominations to:

Jerry Raehal, CEO
Colorado Press Association
1120 Lincoln St.; Suite 912
Denver, CO 80203

or by email to jraehal@colopress.net



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Newspaper Person of the Year

Previous Recipients

(From 1967 to 1983 the award was called Newspaper Publisher of the Year)

1967	Ed Lehman , <i>Longmont Times-Call</i>
1968	Frank Hoag Jr. , <i>Pueblo Chieftain</i>
1969	Fred Betz Sr. , <i>Lamar Daily News</i>
1970	Glen Edmonds , <i>Pagosa Springs Sun</i>
1971	Clyde E. Moffitt , <i>Fort Collins Coloradoan</i>
1972	Charles Stoddard Jr. , <i>Craig Empire-Courier</i>
1973	R. W. Spencer , <i>Fort Morgan Times</i>
1974	Dean Hammond , <i>Del Norte Prospector</i>
1975	Ken Johnson , <i>Grand Junction Daily Sentinel</i>
1976	Bob Sweeney <i>Craig Northwest Colorado Daily Press</i>
1977	William Dunaway , <i>Aspen Times</i>
1978	Dewey Brown , <i>Montezuma Valley Journal</i>
1979	Ross and Anne Thompson <i>Rocky Ford Daily Gazette</i>
1980	John R. Hudler , <i>Burlington Record</i>
1981	Rev. C. B. Woodrich , <i>Denver Catholic Register</i>
1982	Lee Guittar , <i>The Denver Post</i>
1983	Blair Macy , <i>Windsor Beacon</i> (weekly paper) William Fletcher , <i>Rocky Mountain News</i> (daily paper)
1984	Charles Clark <i>Las Animas Bent County Democrat</i>
1985	Laurie Paddock , <i>Boulder Daily Camera</i>
1986	Fred Betz Jr. , <i>Lamar Daily News</i>
1987	James Adkins , <i>Douglas County News-Press</i>
1988	Ralph Looney , <i>Rocky Mountain News</i>
1989	Robert Rawlings , <i>Pueblo Chieftain</i>
1990	Wilbur Flachman , <i>Westminster Window</i>
1991	Steve Haynes , <i>Monte Vista Journal</i>

1992	Percy Conarro , <i>Louisville Times</i>
1993	Jack Bacon , <i>Aurora Sentinel</i>
1994	Monty Gaddy , <i>Simla Ranchland News</i>
1995	Julie Tonsing , <i>Sterling Journal-Advocate</i>
1996	Ruth Lehman , <i>Longmont Times-Call</i>
1997	Richard Ballantine , <i>The Durango Herald</i>
1998	Barrie Hartman , <i>Boulder Daily Camera</i>
1999	Bill Spencer , <i>The Fort Morgan Times</i>
2000	Bob Rummel , <i>Loveland Reporter-Herald</i>
2001	Fred Brown , <i>The Denver Post</i>
2002	Bob Brown , <i>Colorado Mountain News Media</i>
2003	Dean Singleton , <i>The Denver Post</i>
2004	Rol Hudler , <i>The Burlington Record</i>
2005	Jean Gray , <i>Haxtun-Fleming Herald</i>
2006	Suzanne Schlicht , <i>Steamboat Pilot & Today</i>
2007	Dale L. Carr , <i>Longmont Times-Call</i> Frank Dixon , <i>The Denver Post</i>
2008	Dennis Herzog <i>The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel</i>
2009	Merle Baranczyk <i>Arkansas Valley Publishing Co.</i>
2010	Steve Henson , <i>The Pueblo Chieftain</i>
2011	Rick "Worm" Charbonneau , <i>The Denver Post</i>
2012	Scott Stanford , <i>Steamboat Pilot & Today</i>
2013	Robert "Bob" Silbernagel <i>The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel</i>
2014	Jim Morgan , <i>Colorado Mountain News Media</i>
2015	Randy Bangert , <i>Greeley Tribune</i>



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Service to the First

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The Service to the First award is intended to honor a newspaper's service to the First Amendment guarantee of a free press, including, but not limited to, fighting the threat of censorship in America, overcoming uneasiness with regard to press credibility, combating government secrecy at all levels, and instilling in the public an appreciation of its need as well as its right to know.

Entries could include news and feature stories, editorials, staff-written columns and house ads reflecting the newspaper's service to the First Amendment, or any other documents or explanation of the newspaper's commitment to ensuring Freedom of the First.

Previous entries have ranged from court actions filed by the newspaper to public awareness campaigns conducted by the newspaper or in partnership with other organizations.

Past winners include The Center Post-Dispatch for their legal efforts involving Open Meetings Law Violations, The Fort Collins Coloradoan, The Pueblo Chieftain, Steamboat Pilot & Today, Fort Morgan Times, Glenwood Springs Post Independent, Ouray County Plaindealer, Pine River Times in Bayfield, The Old Berthoud Recorder, Fountain Valley News, Elbert County News in Kiowa, Craig Daily Press, Montrose Daily Press, The Aspen Times, Greeley Tribune and The Denver Post.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Please submit a letter of nomination along with any supporting materials.

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Friend of the First

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The Friend of the First award recognizes a person in your community, or in the State of Colorado, who is a passionate advocate of First Amendment rights, freedom of the press, and open government.

Arvada resident Russell Weisfield was the 2014 "Friend of the First." As a citizen, Weisfield filed a lawsuit against the city of Arvada over an open meetings question, which led to the Legislature to pass HB14-1390 without a single nay vote. The law ensures that anyone has standing to legally challenge violations of Colorado's Sunshine Law.

Former Colorado Press Association Executive Director Ed Otte received the award in 2010 for his many decades of commitment to the First Amendment on behalf of Colorado newspapers.

State Sen. Andy McElhany and Rep. Anne McGihon shared the 2008 award for their sponsorship of a bill in the 2007 legislative session that reduced the cost of copies of public records.

State Sen. Shawn Mitchell was the 2007 recipient because of his sponsorship of bills in 2001 and 2006 that required the electronic recording of government executive sessions. His efforts during the two legislative sessions helped to ensure passage of both bills.

Other recipients include former Mesa State College student newspaper editor Megan Fromm, former CU Regent Jim Martin, former Boulder Daily Camera Publisher Colleen Conant, former Denver Associated Press Bureau Chief Joe McGowan, First Amendment attorney Tom Kelley, and Lori Shafer and Jaclyn Gutierrez, editors of the Overland Scout newspaper.

Awareness of First Amendment issues isn't limited to efforts by the press; it is strengthened by the actions of people in local communities, in public or private organizations, in local or state government.

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Rising Star

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The Rising Star Award is intended to recognize, celebrate and encourage the next generation of leadership in our industry and in the State of Colorado. Candidates will be recognized for their commitment to the newspaper, passion for the industry and contribution to the future success of the industry. This award should recognize an individual who is curious, innovative, progressive and stands out as a future leader.

The competition is open to all employees of Colorado Press Association member newspapers who have been in the industry for five years or less.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. The nominee must be an active newspaper professional in advertising, circulation, digital, business, editorial or any other working department of the news organization.
2. The nominee must have been an active employee of the newspaper during the regular contest period of Sept. 1, 2015 – Oct. 31, 2016 and must not have worked in the industry for more than five years.
3. The nominee may be nominated by a supervisor or peer.

4. Members of the Colorado Press Association Board of Directors and CPA employees are not eligible for nomination.

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1. A nomination letter.
2. A resume or summary of nominee's career accomplishments.
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Newspaper Innovation Award

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“Innovation – an approach, idea, practice or technology which holds out the promise of being a smarter, better way of doing things. Not just new for the sake of being new, but a fresh take on solving a particular challenge or improving on the norm.” - Ashley Friedlein, CEO, Econsultancy

This award will be given to a news organization that has significantly improved its business model in one or multiple areas to reflect changes in audience, revenue streams, content dissemination and other applicable areas of change within the industry. The winning news organization will demonstrate the ability to create, foster and promote innovation, sideways thinking, cultural transformation, originality, measurable impact, a spirit of experimentation and the willingness to risk failure to achieve greatness.

Winning submissions could include innovative new business practices, known business practices or products that have been substantially improved for long-term viability, increase revenue generation, higher audience engagement with products or services or any other demonstrable practices or concepts that have revolutionized the organization and/or industry.

Nomination Guidelines:

- The nominee must be a CPA member newspaper or staff member of a CPA member newspaper during the contest period. All relevant nomination materials must also have been produced during the contest period. Contest period is Sept. 1, 2015 – Oct. 31, 2016.

Nomination package should include:

- A cover letter explaining the reason for the nomination, and all relevant details of the project, program, etc.
- Relevant materials to showcase the components of the nomination (ads, screen shots, social media posts, newspaper articles, etc.). The sky is the limit. If you think it should be included, include it. Digital submission should be a jpg with minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
- A brief description (may be included in the cover letter) of the company, its ownership, position in the market, leadership, etc.
- Mug shots of individuals named as award nominees (if applicable).

Nomination Submission Instructions:

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