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### Regional Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

By: Patricia Atkins, Series Editor

A new series for *The Public Manager*, entitled Regional Governance, brings to readers of the journal the leading edge of regional governance practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The series was created to showcase the many new programs being fashioned through which America's decentralized regions can achieve complementary, not competitive, governmental actions. Means to collaboration are being implemented through impermanent regional strategic alliances, and, yes, that nineteenth century holistic remedy – the adjustment of the city boundary to include the girdling suburban land – as witness the City of Louisville and Jefferson County merger in 2003. More and more, public agenda items come with the words regional, cross-jurisdictional, and inter-local attached.

It will fall significantly to public managers to encourage consensus, come up both with compromises and creatively improbable solutions, and make the deals that bring regional resolves to fruition. The editors provide the new series as a forum for this public work on regional cooperation.

The new series began with the Winter 2002-03 issue (Volume 31, Number 4). The first article in the series, by Bruce McDowell, is on use of local collaborative efforts to respond to rising wildfire threats, particularly in the increasingly-populated semi-arid West.

Subscriptions may be obtained through: The Bureau-crat, Inc., P.O. Box 347, Arlington, VA 22210-9990. Annual costs for the quarterly publication are \$33 individual and \$62 institutional. You can find more information about *The Public Manager* on their website at <http://www.feiaa.org/Public%20Manager.htm>

### Region Listserv

Pat Atkins and Richard Doege are reviving a listserv for the exchange of ideas and information on regionalism, collaboration, governance, and planning. Richard is an environmental economist and Fellow at the Kennedy School, Harvard University. He is with the Harvard Environmental Regionalism Project and the Institute for the Regional Community (ITRC). Pat, Chair-Elect of SIAM, is a research professor with the George Washington Institute of Public Policy.

The Region Listserv reaches a mix of academics and practitioners, and aims for a dialogue among them on regional policy issues of importance to both sectors. Comments on upcoming national conference sessions relating to regional gover-

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### From the Chair...



Dear SIAM Members

Annual meetings are central in our thoughts as we get ready to travel to Washington for this year's meeting and begin planning for 2004. In this newsletter, we list the SIAM events and identify the wide range of panels that match the varied interests of members of our section.

The work has already begun on the program next year in Portland, Oregon. ASPA leadership wants the Program Committee to play a more active role in designing the program in close interaction with sections. We were asked to suggest themes and topics, and we proposed the following:

- New governance and the challenge to public and nonprofit administration. This includes all the changes brought about by devolution, outsourcing, networking, and globalization.
- Achieving sustainable urban regions (including a panel focusing on Portland and its experience with growth boundaries). There could also be an international panel organized to discuss regional development issues.
- Intergovernmental implications of Homeland Security.
- Promoting Leadership and Management in Large Cities. This would be a continuation of discussions sparked by the Model City Charter revision process which is coming to an end. A number of large cities are reexamining and changing their structure. An update on the introduction of new methods of selecting mayors in Great Britain would be timely.

In addition, the sections will be asked to help organize panels for the meeting rather than relying primarily on proposals submitted from individuals. At the Executive Board on March 17, we will plan our response to this opportunity.

Our chair elect, Pat Atkins, will be a member of the Program Committee. We appreciate her willingness to take on this responsibility. Now it is our turn to generate proposals for the Program Committee to consider.

I hope to see you in Washington.

*Jim Svava*

### Region Listserv *(Continued...)*

nance, planning, and collaboration, new books on regionalism, front-edge research, tools for improving regional policy, and useful regional practices - all are topics for listserv dialogue.

To post a message on the listserv, you may post to [region@scpp.ubalt.edu](mailto:region@scpp.ubalt.edu) or to Pat at [patkins@gwu.edu](mailto:patkins@gwu.edu) or to Richard at [Doege@post.harvard.edu](mailto:Doege@post.harvard.edu). To subscribe, address your subscription message to [majordomo@scpp.ubalt.edu](mailto:majordomo@scpp.ubalt.edu). In the body of the message, type subscribe region [your email address]. You may also contact Pat or Richard for inclusion.

# SIAM HEADLINE NEWS

For more information on the following stories, see the links listed. You can also access the SIAM newsletter online at <http://www.instgov.eku.edu/SIAMNewsletter%20.pdf> and link directly to the articles.

## ICMA Launches Brownfield Source.org

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) launched BrownfieldSource.org during the Brownfield's 2002 conference in November. Designed for local government users and the general public, BrownfieldSource.org provides instant access to news, events, research reports, and other published materials related to brownfields revitalization, focusing on the latest in community, economic, environmental, governmental, innovative, legal, and redevelopment issues.

URL: <http://www.brownfieldsource.org>

## States Tackle Medical Malpractice Market

Spiraling medical malpractice premiums in many states are forcing doctors to move out-of-state, stop accepting new patients, or no longer staff emergency rooms. The trend is prompting governors to take measures to prevent the possible loss of affordable, accessible health care, according to a report released today by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.

URL: [http://www.nga.org/nga/newsRoom/1,1169,C\\_PRESS\\_RELEASE%5ED\\_4707,00.html](http://www.nga.org/nga/newsRoom/1,1169,C_PRESS_RELEASE%5ED_4707,00.html)

## New Study: E-Commerce Sales Tax Revenue Losses

The sales tax base for state and local government is shrinking because of the expanded use of services which are not subject to sales tax and continued legislatively-granted exemptions. The erosion is also due to growth of remote sales including those made through e-commerce (Internet), the telephone and catalogs.

URL: <http://www.statestudies.org/summary.html>

## Education

States manage only a "C" average in their efforts to meet new federal education reform standards, improve teacher quality and ensure that students in poor schools get as much funding as those in richer schools, a new report card released Tuesday (1/7) by Education Week shows.

URL: <http://www.stateline.org/story.do?storyId=280035>

## Economy and Business

A proposed \$1.4 billion settlement between state regulators and the nation's leading investment firms is expected to put an estimated \$450 million in states' coffers once the agreement is formally inked and approved. It will be up to the states to decide how to spend the money, but first, state, federal and Wall Street bigwigs have to nail down final details of the accord. The proposed settlement announced Dec. 20, aims to end conflict of interest on Wall Street and restore investor confidence.

URL: <http://www.stateline.org/story.do?storyId=279360>

## ICMA Launches New Web Site

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) recently unveiled a new web site. ICMA notes that the new site "is more than a redesign it is a complete restructuring of information and resources. The main purposes of the redesign were to improve member services and make ICMA's wealth of information about local government management more accessible." URL: <http://www2.icma.org>

## Rockefeller Institute of Government Launches State/Local Government Gateway

The Rockefeller Institute of Government recently launched the *Gateway for State and Local Government Information*, a web site that

will feature news, analysis and data on the finances and employment of state and local governments in the United States.

URL: <http://stateandlocalgateway.rockinst.org>

## State of the States

Stateline.org's free annual report on key state policy developments in the past 12 months is now available. If you haven't done so, request your PDF copy of "State of the States 2002" by emailing [editor@stateline.org](mailto:editor@stateline.org)

## Census Bureau Reports Number of Local Governments Nears 88,000

The number of the nation's local governments totaled 87,525 in 2002 and nearly one-third of them provided information and services online, according to the first information from the "2002 Census of Governments" released last week by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

URL: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/gc021x1.pdf>

## Census Bureau Announces Program for New Governmental Units

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced the availability of the Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP). This program offers officially certified Census 2000 population and housing counts on a fee-paid basis for new governmental units (such as counties, cities, towns, villages, and townships) or those with legal boundary changes after the census.

URL: <http://www.census.gov/mso/www/certification>

## U.S. Mayors Release Economic Security Plan and Jobs Report

In January, the nation's mayors endorsed a comprehensive plan to promote homeland security, invest in America's cities, create jobs, and spur economic growth. The plan includes homeland security funding, economic assistance for local governments, strategic investments in transportation, housing, and job training, and Medicaid relief for the states. The mayors also released a new report that finds that metropolitan areas lost 646,000 jobs in 2002. Two-thirds of metro areas lost jobs in 2002, including more than 20,000 jobs lost in each of 10 metro areas. The report predicts continued slow job growth in 2003.

URL: [http://www.usmayors.org/71stWinterMeeting/stimulus\\_012203.asp](http://www.usmayors.org/71stWinterMeeting/stimulus_012203.asp)

## NLC Proposes Its Own Economic Plan

The nation needs a realistic economic growth and job creation plan to boost consumer spending, fix state budget problems, and spur economic growth, says the National League of Cities (NLC), which proposed its own economic plan in January. The plan would boost consumer spending for low and moderate income Americans through a tax rebate and extension of unemployment benefits, alleviate the state fiscal crisis through funding for schools, homeland security, Medicare, and transportation, and spur economic growth through special emergency block grants targeted to America's social and infrastructure needs.

URL: <http://www.nlc.org>

## Governing Grades the State Tax Structures

ASPAC Center for Accountability and Performance (CAP) Board members **Katherine Barrett** and **Richard Greene** are co-authors of a new report on state tax systems, released today by *Governing*.

URL: <http://www.governing.com/gpp/2003/gp3intro.htm>

## AGA Establishes Certificate Program for State and Local Governments

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation recently approved the Association of Government Accountants' (AGA) funding to launch a Certificate of

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Excellence in Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting Program (COE in SEA Reporting). This important initiative is aimed at encouraging state and local governments to prepare and issue high-quality service efforts and accomplishment reports. Establishing this program capitalizes on the exciting developments in the state and local performance measurement arena and spotlights AGA's leadership advancing government accountability at all levels of government.  
URL: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

### State Budgeting Crisis

An historic budget crisis in the states is getting worse by the day and shows no signs of letting up anytime soon, according to a report released by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Collectively, states face budget deficits approaching \$26 billion in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30 for most states. This is an increase of \$8.5 billion over what states were facing when NCSL released its last fiscal report in November.

URL: <http://stateline.org/story.do?storyId=286207>

### State of the State Speeches

Check the following link to see full text of the governors' state of the state speeches.

URL: <http://stateline.org/issue.do?issueId=280662>

## Seeking Your Help!

### SECoPA Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award

The SouthEastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) announces and invites nominations for the Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award. This award recognizes sustained, outstanding achievement in, and contributions to, public administration and public service through applied practice in the field.

URL: <http://www.aspanet.org/secopa/DSPA-announcement.doc>

## Celebrate Public Service Recognition Week 2003!

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. Throughout the nation and around the world, public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services make life better for all of us. **ASPA has been asked to construct a database of celebratory events taking place that week. You can help by letting ASPA know whether your agency, chapter or community has such an event scheduled some time during the week of May 5-11.** Visit <http://www.theroundtable.org> for additional PSRW information.

## SIAM 2003 Stone Award Winners

### Academic Award:

**Richard W. Campbell** retired recently as a senior associate in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at The University of Georgia. After completing the Ph.D in public administration (1978) at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, he spent 23 years teaching, administering, consulting, and conducting research at the University of Georgia. His career reflects a commitment to bridging the academy and the world of government practice. He initiated the Vinson Institute's *Public Policy Research Series* in 1986 and edited it until his retirement in 2002. From 1985-2002, he served as editor of the *State and Local Government Review*, a refereed journal affiliated with the American Society for Public Administration's Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management.



### Practitioner Award:

**Anthony H. Griffin**, Fairfax County Executive, has facilitated intergovernmental collaboration and coordination throughout his career in Northern Virginia over the past twenty-five years. The most recent examples of his extensive intergovernmental experience are the critical roles Mr. Griffin played in coordinating immediate and long term regional responses to the 9-11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon and the biochemical (anthrax) incidents in 2001, and the fatal sniper attacks in October 2002. Mr. Griffin has filled various positions in Fairfax County and Arlington County and was City Manager of Falls Church City.



## Attention

### Conference meeting times update:



**Executive Board:** March 17—Breakfast 7:00 a.m.; meeting 7:15

**Membership:** March 17—4:00 p.m. Award presentations followed by *Session # 310 at 4:30* [in same room as \*When Public Service Involves Intergovernmental and Intersectoral Relations: A New, Uncharted Field, or Merely a Few Interesting Questions? (Session # 310)]

## Member News

SIAM Treasurer and Executive Board member **James Ward** has been reappointed for another year to serve as Chair of the *PA Times* Editorial Board



### An Update from our Counterpart

The American Political Science Association Federalism Section conferred its annual awards on August 31, 2002 at the APSA meeting in Boston. The Elazar Award for Distinguished Federalism Scholarship was awarded to Timothy Conlan of George Mason University.

In addition, the section has inaugurated its own web site that contains information on conferences, papers, interesting links, syllabi, book reviews, a list of members, and messages from the Board. The new site can be found at: <http://www.apsafederalism.org>.

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