



Award presenters and recipients of this year's Excellence in Annual Reports Awards gather for a group photo.

Excellence in Annual Reports Awards

On Thursday, the Excellence in Annual Reports Awards celebration provided recognition for 18 towns and three cities for production of exceptional annual reports. "These cities and towns truly deserve sincere recognition for their outstanding efforts in producing such impressive public documents, which inform citizens of important financial information while also conveying a sense of community spirit," said LGC Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer Sandal Keffe. Also participating in the presentation of awards were LGC Government Finance Advisor Barbara Reid and Risk and Control Officer Nancy Cone.

Winners were selected from annual report submissions received from 151 cities and towns. Submissions were first reviewed for presentation of basic financial information; reports passing this initial test were then scored for creativity and reader appeal. Town reports are judged in six categories based on population.

The following are the winners in the 2011 Excellence in Annual Reports Awards:

Cities:

First Place – Nashua; Second Place – Portsmouth; Third Place – Concord

Towns:

Population 0 – 750:

First Place – Shelburne; Second Place – Sugar Hill; Third Place – Stark

Population 751 – 1,500:

First Place – New Castle; Second Place – Lincoln; Third Place – Springfield

Population 1,501 – 3,000:

First Place – Newbury; Second Place – Lyndeborough; Third Place – Gorham

Population 3,001 – 5,000:

First Place – Enfield; Second Place – Northwood; Third Place – Moultonborough

Population 5,001 – 7,500:

First Place – Belmont; Second Place – Peterborough; Third Place – Northfield

Population 7,501 and above:

First Place – Windham; Second Place – Hampton; Third Place – Hollis

NHMA Annual Meeting and Municipal Advocate of the Year

Local officials from New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) member municipalities gathered on Thursday afternoon to elect new and returning members to the Committee on Government Affairs and Municipal Advocacy Committee. During the meeting, NHMA staff announced the establishment of a Municipal Advocate of the Year Award. The award will be given annually to a local official who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of NHMA's legislative goals.

Judy Silva, Deputy Director for Legal Services and Government Affairs, announced that the staff had decided in June to give the inaugural award to Bedford Town Manager Russ Marcoux. Sadly, Russ passed away shortly before the Annual Conference. Judy summarized Russ's many contributions to NHMA's legislative successes and stated, "Among the many things we lost with Russ's death, we lost a passionate advocate for local government." She stated that the Municipal Advocacy Committee will be asked to name the award for Russ in recognition of his devotion and tireless work on behalf of local government.