

W.A.C.E. CONFERENCE AWARDS

Best in West: W.A.C.E. Recognizes Executives, Chambers for Excellence at Conference

The “best in the West” were recognized at the Association’s annual conference last month in Las Vegas.

Congratulations to those awarded.

Individual Awards

- *Executive of the Year*—**Sharon Silva**, president/CEO, Turlock (CA) Chamber.
- *Gerald W. Hathaway “Staff Person of the Year” Award*—**Jenifer Furda**, senior vice president, Colorado Springs (CO) Chamber.
- *Russell E. Pettit Memorial “Excellence in Leadership” Award*—**Nancy Hoffman Vanyek**, ACE, CEO, Greater San Fernando Valley (CA) Chamber.
- *Rusty Hammer Scholarship Award*—**Ermina Karim**, president/CEO, San Luis Obispo (CA) Chamber.

Core Competency Awards

Promoting the Community and Strengthening the Local Economy:

- *Latino Expo*—**Greater San Fernando Valley (CA) Chamber**;
- *Oregon Horse Country*—**Wilsonville (OR) Chamber**.

Communications Award

- *Outstanding Communications Achievement*—**Fort Collins Area (CO) Chamber**.

Newsletter/Magazine Awards

- First Place (tie) –less than 1,000 members—**Palmdale (CA) Chamber**.
- First Place (tie) –less than 1,000 members—**Turlock (CA) Chamber**.
- First Place—more than 1,000 members—**Las Vegas (NV) Chamber**.
- Special Merit—more than 1,000 members—**Carlsbad (CA) Chamber**.
- Honorable Mention—less than 1,000 members—**Huntington Beach (CA) Chamber**.
- Honorable Mention—more than 1,000 members—**Long Beach Area (CA) Chamber**.

E-Newsletter Awards

- First Place—**Greater Riverside (CA) Chambers**.
- Special Merit—**Fort Collins Area (CO) Chamber**.
- Honorable Mention—**Huntington Beach (CA) Chamber**.

Website Awards

- First Place—**San Diego (CA) Chamber**.
- Special Merit—**Fort Collins Area (CO) Chamber**.
- Honorable Mention—**Monterey Peninsula (CA) Chamber**.