

## **Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award**

### **Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science**

**Background:** The Leadership and Administration Award was initiated by Dr. A. Hugh Dempsey, University of Georgia, while he has President of the Southern Region, and was first presented in 1979.

In 2006, the Executive Committee voted to rename the Leadership and Administration Award after Dr. Paul Smeal in honor of his 13 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer.

In 2009, the Executive Committee voted to expand those eligible for the award to include administrators of Horticulture Units with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions with examples listed such as Department Heads at Universities, USDA units, botanical gardens and arboreta, etc.

**Award:** A plaque provided by Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science.

**Objectives:** To recognize outstanding and effective Leadership and Administration contributing to the progress of Professional Horticulture. The award should promote interest and appreciation for superior Leadership and Administration for the improvement of Horticultural Science.

**Eligibility:** The recipient should be an active administrator and leader to include administrators of Horticulture Units with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions such as Department Heads or Chairs at Universities or Colleges, College of Agriculture level administrators, University level administrators, USDA units, botanical and arboreta, which must be located in one of the States of the Southern Region ASHS.

**Selection:** The selection committee will be composed of the three most recent past Presidents, Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science. The senior past president will serve as Chairman of the selection committee and each year the immediate past president will become the junior member. No member of the selection committee may be a nominee for the award. If a member is nominated, the nominee must be replaced unless the nominee chooses not to remain a candidate.

**Criteria or Qualification:**

- (1) Leadership and Administrative support that result in substantial progress for Professional Horticulture. Status of a Horticulture Department based on research, teaching, and extension accomplishments; such as publications, grants, undergraduate and graduate programs, and service to advance Horticulture. The selection committee should consider the involvement and

service of a department's faculty and staff in the Southern Region American Society for Horticulture Science.

- (2) Nominees should be nominated and information supplied by those supervised, currently or in the past, by the nominee.
- (3) Letters of support may be obtained from administrators supervising the nominee.
- (4) Nominees who were seriously considered for the award the year of nomination may be continued in contention for one more year without renomination. Unsuccessful candidates will then be dropped from further consideration, unless renominated.

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<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>RECIPIENTS</u></b>
1980	George Bradley, University of Arkansas
1981	Not presented.
1982	Not presented.
1983	Neville P. Clark, Texas A&M University
1984	Not presented.
1985	Donald W. Newson, Louisiana State University
1986	P. Howard Massey, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
1987	A.S. Williams, University of Kentucky
1988	M.E. "Butch" Ferree, University of Georgia
1989	H. Grant Vest, Texas A&M University
1990	Not presented.
1991	Will Waters, University of Florida
1992	Sam Cotner, Texas A&M University
1993	Thomas J. Monaco, North Carolina State University
1994	Not presented.
1995	John W. Kelley, Clemson University
1996	Ronald L. Shumack, Auburn University
1997	Walter A. Hill, Tuskegee University
1998	Dale M. Maronek, Oklahoma State University
1999	Not presented.
2000	
2001	Calvin Arnold, University of Florida
2002	Katherine B. Perry, North Carolina State University
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2004	Tim Davis, Texas A&M University
2005	David Hensley, University of Arkansas

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