

## RICHARD G (DICK) ANDREWS AWARD

Recognizes an individual who exemplifies Dick's qualities of leadership, mentoring, encouragement, and serving behind the scenes without seeking recognition for him/herself as selected by the Board.

Richard G (Dick) Andrews, (1943-2014) was a long time Washington State Chapter member, Board Member, and Past President. He died on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 after losing a hard-fought battle with an aggressive cancer. Rich Perteet, Dick's employer for many years, noted: "This guy Andrews lives and breathes APWA."

Indeed, Dick's list of APWA activities since he first joined APWA in 1975 is voluminous:

- Board Member
- 2002 Chapter President
- Lifetime Member
- Chapter President's Award
- James Robertson Award
- Education Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Membership Committee
- Construction Management Committee Founder
- Frequent Presenter at Conferences and Workshops
- Served on numerous committees both as a member and as a chair, starting with what is now the Division I-99 subcommittee.
- Served as the Administration Management - now MPAC - Chair.
- Served as the chair of the "Computer Interaction Committee", now the Technology Committee
- Served tirelessly behind the scenes as a mentor and encourager to chapter presidents and committee chairs.
- Facilitated the Chapter's first ever Strategic Plan in 2002-3.



Dick's personal life was no less energetic. He ran a total of 56 marathons, played the guitar, fished for salmon, built a boat, and served as an elected official for 12 years. He was born and raised in Monroe, attended Everett Community College, the US Navy Surveyors School and Cogswell College. He served as a US Navy Seabee from 1961 to 1963, then worked as a structural bridge inspector/ construction surveyor for WSDOT from 1964 to 1974. He then worked for the Snohomish County Public Works Department in a variety of increasingly challenging and responsible positions, along the way mentoring employees who are very prominent and active in the public works profession today, including Steve Thomsen, the current Snohomish County PWD. One of them, Thomas E. Hansen PE, City of Woodinville Public Works Director had this to say:

Dick was my boss for 7-8 years while I was at Snohomish County Public Works. Dick did more to foster cooperative working relationships, and honest and practical resolution of issues on construction projects in western Washington than any other individual or agency in the area. I know I benefitted from his mentoring and so did the

industry. What a man with vision and knowledge to make things happen. Let's celebrate what Dick taught us and a life well lived

From 1993 until his untimely death, Dick worked for number of consulting firms and for Sound Transit and the City of Seattle as a construction services manager. In July 2010, he founded Synergistic Teaming Concept, Inc., with Ron Leaders, Contract Solutions Group, as a participating partner.

Other messages include these:

John Ostrowski

Most of us aren't even aware of the many ways that Dick left his mark. He loved to get the ball rolling and then just watch to see good things happen. In my case, he encouraged me when he was president of the chapter to teach the Public Works Administrator course that evolved into the Northwest Public Works Institute. I hope his approach to synergistic contract management lives on without his continued support because once again he was onto something that many of us just can't see.

Jay Burney, City of Olympia

Dick was a wonderful role model and mentor to me during my time as Chapter President. He went out of his way to spend time with every incoming President to make sure they were supported and had what they needed to be successful. He was a class act in every way. Most importantly, he was my friend, and I will miss him.

Lorelei Williams, City of Seattle

Dick-you were one of the kindest souls that I have crossed paths with in this lifetime, with a true dedication to your field, and above all, a deep love and respect for your family and the people you worked with. May your star continue to shine bright, and may heaven be filled with marathons for you to run!

#### **AWARDEES**

2015 – John Carpita, MRSC

2016 – Toby Rickman, Pierce County

