

Oregon newspapers and industry leaders honored

Redmond, Oregon – The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) presented its 2009 contest awards to member newspapers, and also honored two Oregon newspaper industry leaders, during the awards banquet at the association's annual Summer Publishers Convention, held July 16-17 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon.

Contest awards

At the Thursday evening banquet, ONPA presented awards for two 2009 contests: the Better Newspaper Contest and the Associate Member Publications Contest.

This year, for the first time, ONPA contests were entered and judged online: only 9 of the 34 contest categories required submission of printed newspaper pages. A total of 1578 entries were submitted by 54 general and associate member newspapers, and a total of 459 first-, second-, and third-place awards were presented. The contest was judged by members of the Texas Press Association.

Most entries were submitted as PDF files, and the winning entry files, plus an award summary for each newspaper, are posted on the ONPA web site at www.orenews.com. Choose "Contests" from the Members tab.

Sweepstakes honors were given to the daily, weekly, and multi-weekly newspaper that received the greatest combined score in the Better Newspaper Contest, and to the associate member publication that received the greatest combined score in the Associate Member Publications Contest. Those scores were calculated by assigning 5 points for each first place, 3 points for each second place, and 1 point for each third place award.

In the Better Newspaper Contest, the daily newspaper to receive this honor was *The Oregonian* in Portland; the weekly newspaper sweepstakes winner was the *News-Times* in Forest Grove; and the multi-weekly newspaper sweepstakes winner was the *News-Register* in McMinnville. In the Associate Member Publications Contest, the sweepstakes winner was *Clackamas Review*.

Industry leader honors

The Oregon Newspaper Hall of Fame Award is presented on special occasions to provide appropriate recognition to Oregon newspaper people who have made an outstanding contribution to Oregon newspaper journalism or an extraordinary contribution to their community and region or state through newspaper journalism.

This year, ONPA inducted into the Hall of Fame **Phillip Neiswanger**, editor and publisher of *The News-Review* (Roseburg) from 1974-1993.

The Amos E. Voorhies Award is presented in memory of Amos Voorhies, publisher and co-publisher of the *Grants Pass Courier* from 1897 to 1960. The award honors outstanding journalistic achievement in the public interest, service in the interest of the welfare and honor of the journalistic profession, or long, useful, and honorable careers in the field of journalism.

This year, ONPA presented the Amos E. Voorhies Award to **Robert Caldwell**, currently editorial page editor of *The Oregonian*.

ONPA also presented the **Jerry Latham-Mail Tribune Award**, which recognizes the daily and weekly newspaper with the highest percentage increase in circulation during the preceding year. This year's awards were presented to *The Bulletin*, the daily newspaper in Bend; and to the weekly *News-Times* in Newport.

ONPA, founded in 1887, is a professional association of the state's daily and nondaily paid-circulation newspapers.