

**Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing
Hall-Wicker Award**

Description and Nomination Criteria

The Hall-Wicker award was established by the Carolinas Association of Government Purchasing (CAGP) in 1996 to recognize outstanding contributions and service to the cause and advancement of the purchasing profession and to jointly honor Warren “Jake” Wicker and the late W.T. “Tom” Hall, Jr. As part of this recognition, the nomination form contains a brief summary of their contributions and accomplishments.

The Hall-Wicker award consists of a plaque and a \$200.00 savings bond to be given annually at the CAGP Spring Conference. The recipient is selected by a committee chaired by the previous recipient and consisting of at least two other people chosen by the chair.

Nominations may be submitted by any person.

Nominations must be received no later than December 31 of year preceding the year of the award.

Criteria for award:

A nominee must be an active or retired member of CAGP, and must have been a member for at least seven years at the time the award is given (March of the calendar year following the nomination);

Certification is not required, but will be a positive factor to be considered in evaluating nominees;

Service as an officer in CAGP is not required, but will be a positive factor to be considered in evaluating nominees;

Characteristics and accomplishments that will be considered include:

Contribution to the professional development in purchasing;

Innovation or advancement in purchasing practices;

Leadership;

Length and continuity of service;

Results of service;

Written or oral contributions (articles for publication or public speaking);

CAGP activities;

Educational activities;

Civic and community activities.

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Tom Hall was a purchasing agent's purchasing agent, a true professional in his work, a leader in purchasing organizations, and a model public servant. As purchasing agent for the Town of Cary, North Carolina, he was a tireless innovator, directing his energy toward new ways to make purchasing more efficient and effective. He was a leader within the state in areas such as paperless purchasing, cooperative purchasing, use of procurement cards, and privatization of vehicle maintenance supplies. He also developed numerous proposals for legislative changes to improve the laws governing public purchasing and worked hard to win their passage.

In addition to his service to his unit, Tom devoted immeasurable efforts to increasing opportunities for professional development for purchasing agents. He served in most of the offices of the Carolinas Association of Government Purchasing and was its president in 1986. He was instrumental in establishing the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer program in 1985 and served as chairman of the professional development and certification committees for many years. Tom obtained his CLGPO and C.P.M. certifications and encouraged both his employees and his colleagues to pursue their education and certification.

At the regional level, Tom served as chairman of the Professional Development committee of the Triangle Chapter of NAPM-CV, Inc. and worked with the Institute of Government to establish a series of purchasing programs for both private and public purchasing agents, reflecting his view that public purchasing agents could benefit from knowledge of practices and innovations available in the private sector. At the national level, Tom served on the Professional Development committee of NAPM, District V, and had been designated to serve as chair before he succumbed to heart failure in late 1995.

Tom's efforts to promote the highest standards for education, technical proficiency, and professionalism in public purchasing made a lasting impact on the profession and are perhaps his greatest legacy. Both his warmth and dedication are remembered by all who knew him.

Jake Wicker retired from the Institute of Government at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1991 after serving on the faculty for over 40 years. Jake was instrumental in the founding of CAGP and in the development of a substantial curriculum in purchasing at the Institute of Government for North Carolina public officials. During his tenure at the Institute, Jake was the primary resource and authority on purchasing law and practice, answering numerous telephone inquiries on a daily basis, and giving accurate information and practical guidance.

Jake's unique gift, to those who were fortunate enough to know and work with him, was his dedication to excellence. He was known for both his sense of humor and high integrity, combined with his personal commitment to and compassion for his students and colleagues. There is no question that hundreds of purchasing officials hold Jake Wicker responsible for their personal and professional success and count on him as a mentor, friend, and colleague. Both private and public purchasing officials who have had the opportunity to know and learn from Jake Wicker, have expressed the highest respect for his work and contribution to the purchasing profession.

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Nomination Form

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31

Nominee Name: _____

Current employer: _____

Title: _____

Certifications obtained: _____

CAGP offices held: _____

Other Professional activities, certifications, or awards: _____

Contributions to purchasing within the nominee's own unit of government: _____

Contributions to purchasing within the region or state: _____

Contributions to CAGP organization or mission: _____

Contributions to purchasing profession in general: _____

Other relevant characteristics or accomplishments (see list of criteria attached): _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

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