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**CAI HONORS IINDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS HOUSING MODEL**

**May 23, 2019 — Falls Church, VA —** [Community Associations Institute \(CAI\)](http://CommunityAssociationsInstitute.org), the leading international authority on community association governance, management, and education, announced the recipients of CAI's highest honors at its Annual Awards Dinner, held on May 17 in Orlando, Fla., in conjunction with CAI's 2019 Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW. The honors presented salute individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership to advance community association living.

**T. Peter Kristian, CMCA, LSM, PCAM**, was awarded the **Distinguished Service Award**, CAI's most prestigious recognition presented periodically to an individual selected for long-standing, extraordinary contributions to the Institute. Kristian has been a strong supporter and volunteer with CAI for decades, serving as a member of CAI chapter leadership and legislative action committee leadership since the late 1990s. He served as chair of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee in 1999 prior to moving to South Carolina, where he has been active in the South Carolina Chapter and Legislative Action Committee.

John Hammersmith, CMCA, AMS, PCAM, CAI's 2018 president, honored **David I. Caplan, CMCA, AMS, PCAM**, with this year's **President's Award**. Given solely at the discretion of the immediate past



*Figure 1 John Hammersmith, CAI past president, David I. Caplan, President's Awardee, and Ursula Burgess, CAI president-elect*

president, this award recognizes an individual who has displayed exemplary service and commitment to CAI and who has been instrumental in helping the president achieve CAI's goals.

**Wendy W. Taylor, CMCA, AMS, LSM, PCAM**, received CAI's **Outstanding Volunteer Service Award**, which recognizes a member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and long-term dedication to CAI. Taylor has served as a CAI faculty member for five different courses in the Professional Management Development Program

(PMDP), mentoring managers and sharing her expertise.

**Michael E. Packard, PCAM**, was awarded **Educator of the Year**, which honors an individual who has excelled in elevating the quality of CAI's education programs by developing, teaching, or leading a significant national course. Packard, a member of CAI's San Diego Chapter, has been a member since 1982 and was among the first 20 members to earn the Professional Community Association Manager

(PCAM) designation. Since then, he has taught CAI's Professional Management Development (PMDP) courses all over the world, to thousands of people. His teaching for CAI and other organizations has taken him across the U.S. and to Australia, Canada, Japan, Poland, Russia, and United Arab Emirates (Dubai).

The **Georgia Legislative Action Committee** was named **Legislative Action Committee of the Year**, an honor that recognizes a state legislative action committee for demonstrated organizational excellence, strong member support, and successfully raising the visibility and effectiveness of CAI. In 2018, the Georgia LAC and CAI members spent many, many hours protecting community associations in Georgia by defeating legislation that unreasonably capped fees charged by associations or their managing agents for important information and documents provided to prospective homebuyers at the time of resale of a home within a community association.

Fifty-six CAI homeowner leader members received the **Award of Excellence in Government and Public Affairs** on behalf of their volunteer service with CAI's 36 legislative action committees. These homeowner leaders have the responsibility of representing their fellow homeowners to help industry professionals and lawmakers better understand how laws and regulations impact today's community association residents.

**Kenneth Zook, CMCA, AMS, PCAM**, was recognized as CAI's **Recruiter of the Year**, an honor given to a member who has demonstrated continued leadership by supporting CAI membership campaigns and recruiting the greatest number of new members during the year. Zook is a member of the Central Florida Chapter, and he recruited more than 100 members in 2018.

**Marvin J. Nodiff, Esq.**, a retired attorney in St. Louis, has been a regular contributor to CAI's *Common Ground*<sup>™</sup> magazine, and is the author of numerous industry publications. He was awarded Author of the Year, a recognition that honors a volunteer who consistently provides extensive and timely editorial support and content expertise by writing, editing, and reviewing CAI publications and/or newsletters, authors a new, significant publication, or otherwise authors materials of significance to CAI's mission.

**Kelly G. Richardson, Esq.**, of Calif. was honored with the **Byron Hanke Award**. Named for one of CAI's original founders, this award is presented periodically to an individual who supports the education of and research for homeowners and homeowner-controlled associations. He and his colleagues created the California CID Law Course—the homeowner education course in California—and is one of the advocates behind the highly successful California Legal Forum. He has served as a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers Membership Committee, Audit Committee, Foundation for Community Association Research Board of Directors, and CAI Board of Trustees, including a term as CAI president in 2016. Kelly is a patient and dedicated advocate for homeowner leaders and the community association housing model.

For a complete list of honorees and award recipients, including chapter awards, visit <https://www.caionline.org/AboutCAI/Pages/CAIAnnualAwards.aspx>