

## CAI National Awards Chapter Excellence

Community Associations Institute's (CAI) Annual Conference was held on May 14-17, 2014 at the Loew's Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, Florida. Here, CAI awarded many representatives of the New Jersey, New York City, and Pennsylvania & Delaware Valley Chapters for their work throughout the year. Recipients of awards for chapter and individual excellence included Tony Campisi, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania & Delaware Valley Chapter. Campisi, with the chapter since 2003, received the Chapter Executive Director of the Year Award. He has not only been a presenter at chapter leadership training sessions at national CAI conferences in the past but has also been the recipient of 19 National Achievement Awards and 2 overall chapter Excellence Awards since 2005. "It is truly an honor to be recognized nationally for the accomplishments our chapter has achieved, and on a personal level I appreciate the recognition from Community Associations Institute and my colleagues around the nation. I've had the good fortune to serve for ten years as chapter executive director and every moment has been enriching and rewarding," Campisi said of the award.

Mitch Frumkin, PE, RS, founding principal of Kipcon, Inc., an engineering and reserve study firm in North Brunswick, NJ, was also honored at the conference, as the recipient of the Excellence in Chapter Leadership Award. Frumkin was recognized for his work initiating the launch of the Big Apple Chapter of CAI. The chapter held its inaugural seminar and networking event on April 30, 2014, in Manhattan. In addition to his work for CAI in New York City, Frumkin is also a member of the Pennsylvania & Delaware Valley Chapter Board of Directors; he has served on the board of the New Jersey Chapter in the past. Frumkin's work for CAI extends to various committee member and speaking roles, including his part on a panel at the Big Apple Chapter's first seminar. Frumkin served

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as CAI National president in 2001.

CAI's Distinguished Service Award was presented to E. Richard Kennedy, an attorney at Kennedy Wronko & Kennedy in Montville, NJ, and a long-time CAI member of nearly 30 years. Volunteering for CAI both nationally and locally, Kennedy has served in the role of dean of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers, as well as president of the Foundation for Community Association Research and on the CAI Board of Trustees. Kennedy's extensive resume with CAI also includes editor of CAI's Journal of Community Association Law and chairman of the Community Association Law Seminar Planning Committee.

Additionally, CAI presented an award to the editorial committee of *Community Trends®*, the official publication of CAI-NJ, for their issue *Restore the Shore*, which focused on the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Jonathan Katz, attorney at Hill Wallack LLP in Princeton, NJ, and editor of the publication at the time of the issue expressed his gratitude for the honor and the hard work of his team on *Community Trends®*. "This award is the culmination of a tremendous amount of work on behalf of the CAI-NJ Editorial Committee and our staff liaisons, Robin (Micallef) Surgent and Kyle Hammerschmidt, not just on this very special issue, but with every issue we publish," Katz said. "I would also like to acknowledge and thank the CAI-NJ Board and our former Chapter Executive Director, Lisa Hibbs, for having faith in the Committee to take some chances with the magazine this past year so we could do issues like *Restore the Shore*." ■