

Honoring Judy Stokes-Weber

You cannot think about ACI without also thinking about Judy Stokes-Weber. As many of you know, Judy stepped down from her long-time post as ACI Treasurer, a position that she mastered with sheer leadership, professionalism and true ACI spirit.

Judy first started attending the ACI conference in 1990. When asked about her first impressions about ACI, Judy said “I was excited to learn there was a group of people facing the same daily agency communication challenges that I was. Everyone was so willing to share solutions and support with the new kid. Since that day I have been an advocate for the organization and ACI is always the first thing I share with new I & E people I meet.”

For many of us, she was often the first person to go out of her way and make us new kids feel welcome.

Prior to her nearly 12-year stint as Treasurer, she hosted the ACI Conference in New Hampshire in 1993, served on the board, was the ACI President from 1999-2001 and was awarded the Spirit of ACI award in 2008. Because of her enthusiasm and dedication with our organization, she was honored as a lifetime ACI member.

She was the I&E Chief for the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation from 1979-1989 and then served as Public Affairs Division Chief for ACI member New Hampshire Fish and Game from 1989-2012. Over the past 18 + years she has also been involved with leadership development with the Conservation Leadership Program's MAT Team. Through her guidance, leadership, dedication and influence, she has helped make ACI the organization we are today.

Judy, we want to thank you for the decades of service you have given not only to ACI, but to the entire outdoor community.

Blake Podhajsky

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