

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2019 SMA BOARD RECRUITMENT – NOW OPEN

Applications will be accepted  
through December 21, 2018 -  
<https://tinyurl.com/y85k286a>

*We are seeking folks  
from diverse  
backgrounds,  
perspectives, and  
departments to help us  
create even better  
programs and events in  
2019 and beyond!*



Mayor Durkan and Chief Best at the 2018  
SMA Excellence in Leadership Awards

## 2018 SMA EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS – A SOLD OUT SUCCESS!

**Thank you** for your support and participation in the sold out 2018 SMA Excellence in Leadership Awards! Police Chief Carmen Best was the Keynote Speaker and was introduced by Mayor Durkan.

*A highlight of Chief Best's keynote was the importance of mentoring and sponsorship; lending your credibility and support to emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds.*

Dwane Chappelle provided levity and humor as MC for the second year in a row, and introduced the presenters of the Award winners in five categories:

**Race and Social Justice: Team:** Seattle Parks and Recreation HR Foundations of Change Team; Bobby Humes, Desiree Tabares, Aaron Ball, Lisa Nielsen, **Individual:** Manal Al-ansi, Seattle Department of Transportation

**City Government Service: Team:** Seattle Police Department Resilience Program; Sgt. Ronald Campbell, Ofc. Clay Stockwell, **Individual:** Steve Lavender, IT Department

**Planning /Project Management: Team:** Anti-Harassment Inter-Departmental Team; Andrea Ramirez, Seattle HR, Loren Othon, Office of Civil Rights, Simone Goldman, Mayor's Office, **Individual:** Jeanne Fulcher, Seattle HR/Finance and Administrative Services

**Community Service: Team:** Seattle Parks and Recreation Community Learning Center; Daisy Catague, Lori Chisholm, Mike Brown, Damien Hicks, Bakahri Thornton, Will King, Conor Durham, Cheyenne Stolmeier, Won Choi

**Emerging Leader:** Qiana Norwood, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, Jerry Waldron, Seattle Public Utilities

**Save the date for the 2019 Excellence in Leadership Awards, Thursday, November 7.** Start thinking about the leadership you are seeing every day that you'd like to recognize in these categories + Environmental Stewardship by submitting a nomination in Summer 2019. For more information about our awards program or other SMA sponsored events, please sign up for SMA updates and more at <http://www.seattle.gov/seattle-management-association>.

**Feedback Request:** If you attended the event and want to provide feedback, please complete our survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CB8VV6Y>

**Photos:** If you missed out on the event and still want to see the fun, you can see professional photos of the event provided by [Opening of the Eyes](https://tinyurl.com/ybq6z9g5) Photography at <https://tinyurl.com/ybq6z9g5>. Also, Award Winner Jerry Waldron has provided a short video of his impromptu speech: <https://vimeo.com/298573545>



*Members of the 2018 SMA Board, from left to right, Jennifer Dawson-Miller, Jennifer Greenlee, Armand Shahbazian, Rufi Mallick, Astatke Gebreyesus, and Eric Dripps. Not pictured, Veronica Harris*

## 2019 SMA BOARD RECRUITMENT – NOW OPEN

SMA is currently recruiting for Board Members, including Officer roles. Grow in your own leadership while supporting our mission: To support and grow effective public sector leaders by providing City of Seattle employees with opportunities for professional development, networking, and recognition.

Apply to be a board member yourself or send this newsletter to someone who wants to grow and contribute in leadership.

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*Jennifer Dawson-Miller, SMA President Elect (left) presents 2018 SMA President Jennifer Greenlee (right), award at the 2018 Excellence in Leadership Awards*



## SPECIAL THANKS TO JENNIFER GREENLEE, SMA PRESIDENT 2016-2019

Jennifer Greenlee is retiring as a Board Member after serving 3 years as SMA President, and 5 years on the board. Jennifer has been a stabilizing force and exceptional leader, as we have been faced with challenges like those that many also feel at the City; higher than normal attrition rates for our board. She stepped up when needed to continue her leadership for a third year. For her efforts and dedication, she received a surprise Distinguished Service Award at the 2018 SMA awards. *We thank you for your leadership, Jennifer, and wish you the best as you continue your career in Leadership in Public Service!*

**Questions, Feedback, Resources?** Please email us at [sma@seattle.gov](mailto:sma@seattle.gov). We hope you have enjoyed our inaugural newsletter and will subscribe to our listserv @ <http://www.seattle.gov/seattle-management-association>. Feel free to forward this newsletter and spread the word about SMA!