



The Broadsheet

Newsletter of the New Mexico Press Women

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From the Desk of the President Cheryl Fallstead



It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end already — which means it's time for us to start planning the 2014 NMPW conference. It seems as though we were just with you in Albuquerque!

This time the Las Cruces Press Women will be hosting the conference, and they are looking at a variety of options for a location, including Ruidoso and other places we haven't visited recently. The board is also considering reducing the number of workshops, perhaps starting the day with the Zia Awards Luncheon, hosting two workshops, then wrapping up with a celebration of our award winners and honoring our Communicator of Achievement. A Sunday morning post-conference optional tour may be offered as well.

Speaking of CoA, it is not too early to start thinking of someone you would like to nominate for our highest award! The nominee must have been a member of NMPW and NFPW for at least the last two years. The judging criteria is based 60 percent on professional achievement, 20 percent on community service and 20 percent on NFPW and affiliate service. Surely you know someone who meets these criteria and deserves to be honored! Anyone may nominate a member to be the CoA. Nomination information is on the NFPW website. NMPW will select one of the nominees to move forward to the NFPW competition.

Along with several other NMPW members, I recently attended the NFPW conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. You'll find information about the conference written by those of us who attended elsewhere in this newsletter. Watch for the NFPW newsletter, too, as it will include summaries of the various workshops and events. Our own Loretta Hall and Sherri Burr gave well-received presentations, and Carol Kreis was honored as our CoA. In addition, NMPW members Loretta Hall, Sherri Burr, Carolyn Gonzales, Ezequiel Ortiz, Sherry Robinson and Margaret Cheasebro picked up awards in the communications contest.

At the conference, I was appointment co-director of membership for the national organization. I accepted the job because we are focusing on this important topic both in

our three local chapters and NMPW. Now I'll have a better understanding of national efforts and be able to share information at all three levels.

As summer passes into fall, I hope you are thinking about the best work you have produced this year. Our NMPW and NFPW communications contest is moving into the digital age: we're going electronic! There was a demonstration at the conference, and I think you'll find it much easier to submit your work for the contest next year. No more mailing envelopes — you just need to go online, fill out a simple entry form, attach a Word document, PDF, jpeg or other appropriate file, pay your fee, and submit. NFPW will be offering webinars to walk members through the process to demonstrate how quick and easy it is.

Watch for information about our 2014 NMPW conference and have a great fall!

Albuquerque Press Women

Diana Sandoval, President



The Albuquerque chapter has been on summer hiatus, but we are getting ready to resume our fall luncheon lineup with a discussion about online news services next Monday. Here is the meeting announcement:

Local News Online — Can Anyone Make it Work?

Albuquerque Press Women will hear from Trip Jennings, executive director of [New Mexico in Depth](#) and Marisa Demarco, editor-in-chief from [NM Compass](#) about what it takes to be a viable local news website. What are the challenges and rewards — and how do you make a living? APW meets on Monday, Sept. 9, at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Eleganté, 2020 Menaul NE.

To make reservations for the luncheon, please call (505) 720-7821 or email presswomen@yahoo.com before Sept. 4, 2013.

Northern Chapter

Anne Hillerman Reports:

We had a wonderful meeting with the Northern Chapter's past president, Tom Berner, showing slides of Cuba and discussing a book he and his artist wife, Paulette Berner, created based on their experience. For the fall meeting, September 7, we are hosting Sally Ooms, author and former member who now lives in San Francisco.

Sally will discuss her new book, *Finding Home*. The book raises and answers the question: What is a home? The book's answers spans a wealth of definitions: life partners, family, friends, community and certainly more than a physical dwelling. For some, home means being part of a heritage or tradition; for others it signifies a spiritual space. Sometimes it's a place found only in the mind, or in the heart. For a few, home simply means feeling right within one's own skin. The book features everyday Americans dealing with the home-focused problems our society is handing us daily: vets and foster kids, single moms and laid-off workers, retirees and small business owners. The people she writes about, Sally says, are doing more than coping. They are innovators in their own lives. They are unstoppable. They are prevailing.

Although she moved to San Francisco for a short time to publish the book, Sally considers herself a New Mexican and still has a home in Taos. She has been a print journalist for 30 years — a reporter, correspondent and editor for publications in Oregon, California, New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri and Kansas. She has covered spot news, government, education issues, the arts, mental and other health concerns, business, sports and local crises during times of war. She has written hundreds of feature articles and investigative reports. Among the publications she has worked for are: the Sacramento Bee, the Las Vegas Daily Optic, the Albuquerque Journal, the Santa Fe New Mexican, New Mexico Business Weekly, Springs Magazine (Colorado Springs), the Kansas City Star and The Sun newspaper (Johnson County, KS). She served on the board of the New Mexico Press Association and was the president of the Associated Press Advisory Board in New Mexico.

Las Cruces Press Women

Cheryl Fallstead, President

Las Cruces Press Women are continuing an active year after taking a summer break. We'll hold a mixer and annual meeting on September 23 at the home of one of our board members, then we'll host a panel discussion with several editors talking about freelance writing and photography opportunities on Saturday, October 12, at 10:30 a.m. In November our focus will be blogging and social media, then in December our guest speaker is our very own Anne Hillerman, talking about her new book, *Spider Woman's Daughter*. Please join us if you're in Las Cruces for any of our events! Details are on our Facebook page and our website lcpreswomen.blogspot.com.

NMPW Members praise Salt Lake City Conference

We asked NMPW members to give us a reaction to the National Federation of Press Women conference held in late August in Salt Lake City. Here's what they wrote:

Cheryl Fallstead

Freelance writer, photographer and editor; radio personality; educator

For the third time since becoming a member, I had the opportunity to attend the NFPW conference. Each time, I have made new friends and connections, learned information that will help my career, and visited a place I had never been before.

To really see the big picture of our organization, it is worth your time to attend a national conference. Some people attend because they are receiving awards, others for the workshops, keynote speakers, networking opportunities, or even the pre- and post-conference tours. Others attend because it is the one time a year they get to visit with long-time friends.

So, what specifically did I get out of attending this year's conference? I'll bullet-point it for you!

- A pre-conference travel writers overnight, comped by the Heber Valley Office of



NMPW members at the national conference in Salt Lake City. From left are Margaret Cheasebro, Loretta Hall, Carolyn Gonzales, Carol Kreis, Cheryl Fallstead, Sherry Robinson, and Sherri Burr.

Tourism. Incidentally, I was the only NFPW member to take advantage of this opportunity!

- A pre-conference tour of Salt Lake City, including the beautiful capitol, Mormon Temple grounds and some buildings, and more. (Last year in Scottsdale I didn't see much beyond the hotel and I promised myself it wouldn't happen again this year!).
- I heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse. Wow!

• Outstanding workshops. One by our own, Loretta Hall, reignited the flames of my desire to really work as a freelance writer. My new *Writer's Market* is already on my desk and a list of projects has been started. Another presentation on social media reminded me there is so much more to know in order to really stand out in a crowded field.

• I made new friends with common goals, people I can connect with throughout the year if I need ideas, suggestions or a little push.

• I heard interesting keynote speakers, such as representatives of *Deseret News* on creating a digital company, Heloise (always a funny speaker and a NFPW member), and Justin Osmond, who told us about his experiences growing up hearing impaired in a

famous family of singers and how he found his mission in life: sharing the gift of hearing around the world through a non-profit organization.

- I became a member of the national board as co-director of membership. Now I can connect the dots between the Las Cruces, New Mexico and national organizations to work on a common goal.

- I saw many of my NMPW colleagues rewarded for their excellent work and shared in Carol Kreis' celebration as our Communicator of Achievement.

- Finally, I had the opportunity to celebrate the history and breadth of our organization, to see how important it has been in the lives of so many women – and men. It made me proud to be a part of it.

Next year's NFPW conference will be held September 4 – 8 in Greenville, South Carolina. In 2015, the conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska, from September 10 – 12, and in 2016 it will be closer to home in Wichita, Kansas. Think about which of these places you'd like to explore and mark it on your calendar!

Carolyn Gonzales
Senior Communications Rep
UNM Communications & Marketing

The conference provided a wealth of information about social media and its use in the media and in public relations. The session fellow NMPW member Sherri Burr presented on copyright gave attendees a sense of how to deal with copyright in process, online and in print.

However, the pre-tours were where it was at. (Don't tell Harriet Gross I ended a sentence in a preposition!) I met NFPW colleagues from across the country, got to hear about their lives and careers, how they retooled themselves for changing media roles and just had a good time. By the time the sessions started, I recognized faces and names, had people to sit with at lunch and dinner, and was able to celebrate their awards, and they mine. NFPW is a pool of experts who can serve professionals young and old. Jump in!

Margaret Cheasebro
NMPW Historian

I learned in one of the workshops how important it is to have a Facebook page about a book I have written. So I went home and started a Facebook page for my PDF ebook, *Healing and Growing with Reiki: Exploring Reiki I, II and III (Reiki Master)*. My address is <https://www.facebook.com/healingandgrowingwithreiki>. I would love to have you visit my site and like my page. In the future, any other books I have published will have their own Facebook page as well. It was easy to set it up, and I hope it will increase sales. That workshop information was invaluable to me.

Loretta Hall
NMPW Zia Book Award Chair

Two workshops at the NFPW conference stand out in my mind as being particularly informative. One was a presentation on copyright law by our own New Mexican Sherri Burr. She delivered important, useful information in a dynamic, personable way and gave knowledgeable answers to many questions from the attendees. The other presentation, by an Arizona attorney, dealt with issues related to writing about real people in either fiction or nonfiction. I was generally aware of libel and slander considerations but found the information about invasion of privacy particularly interesting. Relevant, informative sessions made the NFPW conference well worth attending.

Sherri Burr
NMPW Vice President

One of the most meaningful parts of the conference was the opportunity to hear Loretta Hall speak on writing for trade magazines. She gave an excellent presentation. I also enjoyed Heloise talk about how she took over her mother's column and expanded it.

Ezequiel Ortiz
NMPW Member
Winner of NFPW First Place For Books

I was honored to attend and represent NMPW. I was overcome by all the professional talent represented their states and received certificates for their individual accomplishments. I received a first place certificate for my book in biography or autobiography (*Don Jose*) much appreciated for this award. Thank you very much NFPW.

Sherry Robinson
NMPW Communications Contest Chair

After attending Press Women conferences for all these years, I really go because of the people, and I'm never disappointed. What I hear in the sessions, during breakfast or over beer, is what keeps me going for another year. You can't get that on Facebook!

I was especially struck by our national COA, Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas. Of course, she was elated at the honor, but she'd also been through the worst year of her life, when her husband and both parents became ill at the same time. Her husband, with a crease across his skull from brain surgery, sat beaming at her. I went home thinking about what survivors our members are.

Carol Kreis
NMPW Treasurer

Family was BIG this year, from speakers praising their loved ones to participants taking breaks at the nearby Mormon Family Research Library. I reconnected with people from previous conferences and from NM, sort of like a family reunion.

Feelings of connection extended into the workshops. Two NMPW members offered great sessions. Loretta Hall focused on freelancing for low profile magazines. She suggested using a personal e-mail address with the topic one is researching. It can add credibility when contacting sources. Loretta's handouts listed useful sites for accessing publications that accept freelance work. Sherri Burr made the topic of copyright laws and how to protect media content come alive. What stood out for me though was Sherri's impromptu motivational talk on how any experience can be turned into a variety of stories. With Loretta addressing publishing opportunities and Sherri enthusiastically proclaiming writing possibilities are everywhere, I was eager to get started.

But my mind was on family. It was also great to spend more time with our New Mexicans. We don't see enough of each other. Then, our son, daughter and son-in-law flew in for the Communicators of Achievement banquet, and my husband was the chauffeur.

18 NMPW Members Win In National Federation Contest

During the annual conference of the National Federation of Press Women in Salt Lake City, eighteen members of New Mexico Press Women were recognized through the national communications contest for outstanding work. Some members won more than one category. Each of these NMPW members had won a first-place award in the state competition, entitling them to enter the national contest.

The winners were:

- ☆ Rudolfo Anaya, First, children's books, fiction, for *How Hollyhocks Came to New Mexico*, Rio Grande Books
- ☆ Lyn Bleiler, Honorable Mention, specialty articles –environmental, for stories in *EcoSource Guide to Sustainability*
- ☆ Sherri Burr, Second, talk show, and Third, television interview, both on UPublic TV
- ☆ Margaret Cheasebro, First, specialty articles–education; Second, specialty articles – sports; and Honorable Mention, specialty articles – business, all for stories in *Majestic Living*
- ☆ Kathryn Córdova, Third, newsletters, for Taos Historic Museums; and Honorable Mention, community relations campaign
- ☆ Merilee Dannemann, Second, personal blog
- ☆ Sari Krosinski, Carolyn Gonzales and Jana Fothergill, First, magapapers, UNM Today
- ☆ Melody Groves, Second, website videos
- ☆ Loretta Hall, Honorable Mention, speeches
- ☆ Leota Harriman, Third, photo essay, *The Independent*

- ☆ Lisa Hase-Jackson, Honorable Mention, poem
- ☆ Maggie Macnab, First, nonfiction–general, for *Design by Nature*, New Riders Press
- ☆ James McClure and Ezequiel Ortiz, First, nonfiction–biography, for *Don Jose, An American Soldier*, Sunstone Press
- ☆ Slim Randles, First, nonfiction–humor, for *Home Country*, Rio Grande Books
- ☆ Sherry Robinson, First, continuing coverage, and Second, specialty articles–politics, for stories in the *Gallup Independent*
- ☆ Bud Russo, Second, specialty articles–travel, for stories in *Southwest Senior*
- ☆ Marilyn Stablein, First, graphics in the *Malpais Review*
- ☆ Karen Wentworth, Honorable Mention, online feature, *UNM Today*
- ☆ Ezequiel Ortiz, First, nonfiction books for adult readers–biography



Dynamic Duo Return In Spider Woman's Daughter

Come October, legendary detective Joe Leaphorn and Navajo police officer Jim Chee return in a brand new book entitled *Spider Woman's Daughter*, written by NMPW's

own Anne Hillerman. An author of six non-fiction books and a journalist for more than a decade, Anne decided to answer the questions of many of her father Tony's fans and continue the adventures of Leaphorn and Chee on the Navajo Reservation.

Here's how *Happenstance Magazine* reviewed her first venture in fiction:

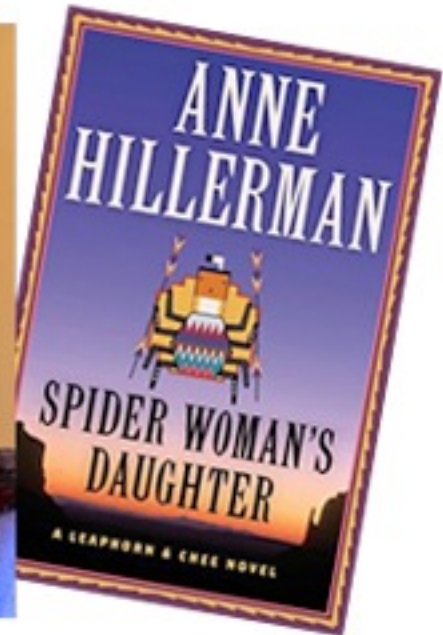
"Bernie Manuelito isn't about to sit out the investigation into the shooting of her mentor and friend, Joe Leaphorn. When the retired lieutenant is shot point blank, Bernie is the first to see him fall and the only witness to the incident. Joe's prognosis isn't good."

Let's stop here. This review is hurting me ... I've followed the dynamic duo for years.

The review continues, "*Spider Woman's Daughter* is a first class mystery filled with interesting detail about being a member of the Navajo police department and part of an extended and sometimes complicated Native American family.

... There's plenty in *Spider Woman's Daughter* to hope author Anne Hillerman will continue in her famous father's tradition of taking character to new depths with every outing. ... The book is described as a Leaphorn and Chee novel. In my view," reports the reviewer, "it stands on its own, a crime mystery in which a determined young woman becomes a police officer to be reckoned with; someone who doesn't wait to be rescued but who takes an active role in her own survival, her own success."

Only a few more weeks and we'll all be able to find out what happens. Good luck, Anne.



Sherry Robinson: I Fought A Good Fight

That's not what Sherry Robinson did ... it's the title of her latest book, published in June. The blog, Writers' Block, reviewed Sherry's latest endeavor to tell the history of the Apaches – this time of the Lipan.

Here's what the reviewer wrote:

"Sherry Robinson is a journalist who loves history. She has been a newspaper reporter, columnist and editor in New Mexico for more than 30 years. She credits her passion for history to three good high school teachers.

"H: *Writing history requires a lot of research. Where did you start in terms of collecting information for 'I Fought a Good Fight, a History of the Lipan Apaches'?*

"SR: I began in local libraries and quickly moved on to UNM's Special Collections and the State Archives in Santa Fe. Researchers learn quickly librarians can be your best friends. By the time I finished, I'd visited more than a dozen libraries and archives in six states.



"H: *Your book has been described by one reviewer as the most thorough historiography of the Lipan Apache. Tell about what sets the book apart from other historical perspectives.*

"SR: When I started this project, I attended a history conference in Texas. Every time I mentioned what I was working on, some learned soul would recite in two minutes what he knew about Lipans and then tell me Lipans were extinct. I was already interviewing Lipan descendants and

knew the learned souls were misinformed. Because I figured it would be difficult to find information about the Lipans, I pursued every tiny thread of information, so my research was extensive.

"H: *In compiling this history, what was your greatest challenge?*

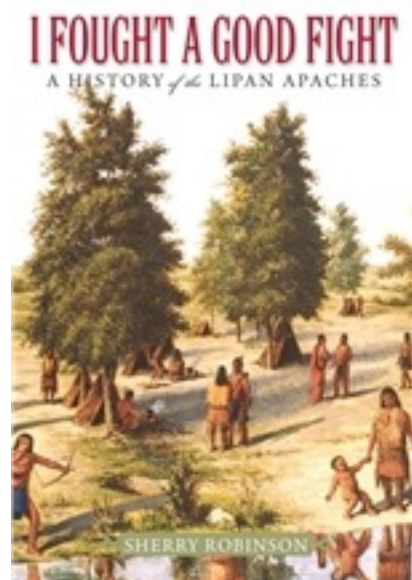
"SR: Information about Lipans appeared in little bits and pieces. Often the history I found was riddled with errors or warped by historical biases – racist attitudes as well as new revisionist silliness. I kept on collecting my bits and pieces and every now then was rewarded with a good, objective account.

When I began stitching them together, I was surprised at what I had.

"H: *Where are the Lipan now?*

"SR: Several hundred Lipan survivors came in to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in southeastern New Mexico between 1875 and 1914. Others, who were in Mexico, began drifting back to their former homes in Texas during the 1880s and, because they feared the army and the Texas Rangers, they passed as Mexican Americans. Some ended up on reservations in Oklahoma. And some are still in Mexico.

"H: *How much of what you wrote came from the descendants of a people who managed against all odds to remain free when many other Native Americans were being sucked up into a system designed to alter who they were and how they lived?*



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“SR: I was fortunate to interview two Lipan elders at Mescalero. One was the great-granddaughter of the last Lipan chief. They were wonderful ladies. And I spoke often to the leader of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas. He is also the descendent of a prominent Lipan chief and began years ago at his family’s urging to try to find the scattered Lipan descendants. I also had access to oral histories done from the 1930s through the 1960s, in three different archival collections.

“H: *Movies and books have portrayed Native Americans in less than heroic light and pretty much bunch all Apaches together. What sets the different tribes or bands apart and how are the Lipan different?*

“SR: People often think the Apaches were one big tribe, and they were all in Arizona and New Mexico in the desert. Not so. There were a number of bands, and within the bands there were groups. They were all autonomous, didn’t necessarily like each other, and each group spoke Apache a little differently. Lipans are Eastern Apaches, along with Mescaleros, Jicarillas and Kiowa Apaches (now called Naishan). Eastern Apaches lived in the mountains and plains east of the Rio Grande. Lipans are culturally Apache, but they absorbed habits of their friends and enemies. For example, Apaches don’t eat fish, but Lipans do. Apaches didn’t count coup, but Lipans did.”

The publisher, Texas A&M University Press, gives this brief synopsis: “This history of the Lipan Apaches, from archeological evidence to the present, tells the story of some of the least known, least understood people in the Southwest. These plains buffalo hunters and traders were one of the first groups to acquire horses, and with this advantage they expanded from the Panhandle across Texas and into Coahuila, coming into conflict with the Comanches. With a knack for making friends and forging alliances, they survived against all odds, and were still free long after their worst enemies were corralled on reservations.

You can find Sherry Robinson’s *I Fought a Good Fight: A History of the Lipan Apaches* in local bookstores or online at <http://www.tamupress.com/product/I-Fought-a-Good-Fight,7451.aspx>.

New Mexico Press Women Stands with NM FOG For Government Transparency

The board of New Mexico Press Women recently endorsed the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government in its effort to have the New Mexico Human Services Department release audits relating to fraud among state health providers. The board passed the following resolution in its support:

WHEREAS, *New Mexico In Depth*, and the *Las Cruces Sun-News* filed a lawsuit on August 27, 2013, demanding public release of an audit used by the New Mexico Human Services Department to accuse 15 health providers in New Mexico of fraud; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Human Services Department has refused to release most of the audit in response to records requests from both news organizations, citing the exemption to the state’s Inspection of Public Records Act; and

WHEREAS, the news organizations contend the law enforcement exemption doesn't apply in this case; and

WHEREAS, NM FOG is New Mexico's leading advocate for transparency in government, with a mission to defend the public's right to know and to educate citizens and government agencies about their rights and responsibilities under New Mexico's open-meetings and open-records laws; and

WHEREAS, NM FOG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, member-supported organization that draws broad membership from the general public, business community, elected officials, journalists and lawyers; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government has stated it believes the Behavioral Health audit should be made public and is reviewing its legal options; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Press Women is a member of NM FOG; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Press Women, the state's largest inclusive media organization since 1949, supports professionals in the media and accessibility to public records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NMPW encourages NM FOG to stand with the two media organizations in demanding the audit's public release.

Focus On First Amendment & Virginia Freedom of Information Act

George Bach, NMPW's new First Amendment Chair, filed this column:

By the conclusion of its term on June 28, the United States Supreme Court had issued only seven opinions mentioning the First Amendment, most of which referenced it only in passing. This report focuses on the two cases with substantial First Amendment issues decided this term, as well as a case involving the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

First Amendment

In *Agency for International Development v. Alliance for Open Society International, Inc.*, 133 S. Ct. 2321 (June 20, 2013), the Court struck down a federal statutory requirement that organizations participating in a federally-funded program to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS must have a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking. The United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 ("the Act") outlined a comprehensive strategy to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world. As part of that strategy, Congress authorized the appropriation of billions of dollars to fund efforts by nongovernmental organizations to assist in the fight. The Act imposed a condition that federal funds may not be granted to an organization unless it adopts "a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking." 22 U.S.C. § 7631(f). Several domestic organizations are engaged in combating of HIV/AIDS overseas feared

adopting a policy explicitly opposing prostitution may alienate certain host governments and may diminish the effectiveness of some of their programs by making it more difficult to work with prostitutes in the fight against HIV/AIDS. While these organizations receive money from the U.S. government, they also receive funding from private donors. Accordingly, they sued the federal agencies responsible for administering the funding, arguing the “policy requirement” violated their First Amendment rights.

Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Roberts drew a distinction between conditions affecting how federal funds are spent and conditions reaching beyond the funded program. While the government could condition funds on a requirement that they not be used to promote the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking, it could not dictate the speech of the organizations outside the use of those funds. Here, the Court found, the challenged condition crossed the line because it dictated what organizations could say in parts of their program entirely supported by private funds. “By requiring recipients to profess a specific belief, the policy requirement goes beyond defining the limits of the federally funded program to defining the recipient.” *Agency for International Development*, 133 S. Ct. at 2331. The Supreme Court affirmed the issuance of an injunction enjoining the U.S. government from terminating the funding of the organizations that refused to adopt the policy statement.

Lefemine v. Wideman, 133 S. Ct. 9 (November 5, 2012), is a short, per curiam opinion issued by the Court that addresses the notion of what constitutes a “prevailing party” for attorney fee awards in civil rights cases. The case involved an abortion protestor and an antiabortion organization that sued the local sheriff after the sheriff prohibited the protestor from using graphic displays on his protest signs. The protestor sued using the federal civil rights statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging violations of his First Amendment right to free speech. The federal district court issued a permanent injunction enjoining the sheriff from prohibiting the use of the images. The protestor then sought attorney fees which, under 42 U.S.C. § 1988, are generally awarded to prevailing party-plaintiffs who bring civil rights claims pursuant to Section 1983. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, however, held that attorney fees could not be awarded to the protestor for successfully obtaining the injunction, without any award of damages. The Supreme Court reversed, holding the issuance of the permanent injunction made the protestor a “prevailing party” who was entitled to fees under Section 1988, even without an award of damages.

Virginia Freedom of Information Act

In *McBurney v. Young*, 133 S. Ct. 1709 (April 29, 2013), the Court ruled a provision of Virginia’s Freedom of Information Act restricting its use to Virginia citizens does not violate either the Privileges and Immunities Clause or the dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Citizens of California and Rhode Island attempted to use the Virginia FOIA to obtain records from the state, which declined their requests. The non-Virginians then sued, alleging violations of the Privileges and Immunity Clause and dormant Commerce Clause, which limit the power of states to discriminate against out-of-state citizens in certain contexts. Writing for a unanimous Court, Justice Alito explained, while the Privileges and Immunities Clause, “forbids a State from intentionally giving its

own citizens a competitive advantage in business or employment . . . [it] does not require that a State tailor its every action to avoid any incidental effect on out-of-state tradesmen.” Id. at 1716. The Court also held that Virginia’s FOIA neither regulates nor burdens interstate commerce and, thus, was not a violation of the dormant Commerce Clause.

2013 Dixon Freedom Award Winners Announced

Five recipients have been selected by the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NM-FOG) to receive the 2013 Dixon Freedom Award. the awards will be conferred at the NM-FOG Dixon Awards Ceremony and Benefit Luncheon October 2 at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

Winners of the Dixon Award are:

Lifetime Achievement Award to Rob Dean, recently retired editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican,

Journalism Award to Heath Haussamen, online investigative journalist,

Journalism Award to The Santa Fe Reporter newspaper,

Law Award to Patrick Griebel and Jeremy Theoret, attorneys who fought and won the right of the public to know the truth about Billy the Kid’s death, and

Citizen Award to Dr. William Turner for his fight to open the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District organization to the public.

The award, which has been given since 2002, honors NM-FOG co-founder and longtime Board member William S. Dixon, who as a leading defender of the First Amendment and public rights under the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Act.

“These individuals and newspaper have fought for the public’s right to know and for government transparency in New Mexico,” said Terry Schleder, NM-FOG executive director. “Innovations in how we access our public documents and history come very fast today, and there are plenty of people who pay lip service to openness in government. Very few people will truly make history come alive – in court or on the page – to protect the public’s right to know what their government is doing, or has done, on their behalf”

Kyla Thompson, NM-FOG’s Dixon Awards Chairwoman, added, “The struggle against any culture of secrecy is a lifelong fight many appreciate yet few actually wage. When you’re in it for the long haul, you’d better have a sharp intellect and a great sense of humor. Bill Dixon had both. We celebrate his memory and we celebrate those who continue the fight in new and innovative ways. Their perseverance benefits us all and serves as a beacon for democracy through good government in a rapidly changing world.”

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