



The Florida Society of Certified Public Managers 2009 Awards

The Exceptional Leadership Award

is given to managers and leaders who provide outstanding leadership within the organization whether at the state or chapter level. This individual stays on top of things and is aware of what is happening within the organization and is always there to provide a guiding hand where needed. He or she encourages board members to excel.

Ruthie Doles

Ruthie currently serves as President of the Suncoast Chapter. Her dedication to the CPM program is shown through her desire to increase our membership (which we did at the Tampa Graduation with 17 new memberships), her commitment to the Florida Society and the AACPM assisting with the annual AACPM Conference in Orlando, and her desire to run again as President of the Suncoast Chapter for the upcoming year. Ruthie is an active voice in the Florida Society of Certified Public Managers and her desire to see the CPM program grow and succeed. She pays out of her own pocket to attend the Symposium and the Conference so she can be a presence there and represent our Suncoast Chapter.

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Nominations time each year has gotten more difficult. I have been the chair of the Suncoast nominations committee for three years now and with shrinking budgets and less staff, members are less able to participate in chapter leadership. Enter Ruthie Doles, Ruthie was our Secretary when no one was willing to accept the nomination for President in 2008. Ruthie stepped up to the challenge and has been a supportive, energetic, and inspiring leader. Now in 2009 she was nominated for President again and has willingly accepted the charge to continue guiding the chapter through these challenging times. Ruthie truly encourages all of our hearts with her endless smile and thoughtful guidance. She challenges us to inspire others and in turn has inspired all of us.

Ruthie has exhibited true 'Servant Leadership' skills since she has been a member of the FSCPM and as a Suncoast Chapter member. Her positive 'can do' attitude is infectious and it was no more evident in her leadership this year as Suncoast Chapter President. Personally, as I was struggling with the possibility of a career change she shouldered many of my responsibilities as Secretary until I had cleared that hurdle. She encouraged me all along the way and this is just one of her exceptional leadership skills. I am proud to nominate her for this special and much deserved award.

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