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## **Lower Paxton Township Manager Receives Association's Distinguished Service Award**

George Wolfe, long-time manager of Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, received the Chairman's Distinguished Service Award April 23 at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors in Hershey.

The conference attracted attendees from every county in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, which has no townships.

The association's Executive Board established the award in 2000 to honor those individuals who offer their time and talents to help township officials and PSATS, the organization that represents them. The award is only presented for extraordinary service to the township association.

"George has been a tremendous supporter of township government and the state association for many years," PSATS Executive Board Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer Marvin Meter said in presenting the award to Wolfe.

Wolfe completed two stints on PSATS' Secretary-Manager Standing Committee and has served as a moderator, instructor, and awards program judge for the association.

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During his 28-year tenure as Lower Paxton Township's manager, Wolfe has had many accomplishments, including construction of the popular Friendship Community Center, a \$7.5 million indoor recreation facility, and development of a "length of service" awards program that provides municipally funded, retirement-like benefits to help recruit and retain volunteers for the township's three fire companies.

Wolfe, who is retiring in May, is a member of the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) and the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management, through which he has earned the designation of credentialed manager. Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards for his dedication and outstanding performance, including the ICMA Service Award for 38 years of local government service and the PSATS President's Leadership Award in 2010.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class represent more residents — 5.5 million Pennsylvanians — than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth and cover 95 percent of the commonwealth's land mass.