



The Volcker Alliance Receives Multiple Honors for Contributions to Public Service

American Society for Public Administration Bestows 'Public Integrity Award' to the Alliance; 'Harry Hatry' Award to President Shelley H. Metzenbaum

New York, NY (12 March 2015)— The Volcker Alliance, a non-partisan non-profit organization launched to address the challenge of effective execution of public policies and help rebuild public trust in government, has received the 2015 “Award for Public Integrity” from the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration in the United States. Allan Rosenbaum, President of ASPA, presented the award on March 9th at the 2015 ASPA Annual Conference in Chicago to the Alliance’s Chairman Paul A. Volcker and President Dr. Shelley H. Metzenbaum.

In bestowing the award, which recognizes an organization’s outstanding contributions to responsible conduct in public service, Mr. Rosenbaum noted that Mr. Volcker’s name is “synonymous with public integrity”.

Additionally, Dr. Metzenbaum also received the Harry Hatry Distinguished Performance Measurement and Management Practice Award, which recognizes organizations or individuals who have helped promote efficient and effective administration through model performance management techniques.

“It is an honor and a privilege to accept such prestigious awards, which reaffirm the important work we and our many partners are undertaking to ensure truly effective and trustworthy government” said Dr. Metzenbaum. “We must remember that public service must work for the public good. Only by better utilizing the most advanced tools and technologies available to implement policies can we begin to strengthen this social compact upon which our country is based.”

During a plenary session at the Annual Conference, Dr. Metzenbaum also led a conversation with Mr. Volcker, discussing his impulse in launching The Volcker Alliance and its areas of focus. Mr. Volcker quoted Thomas Edison in saying “Vision without execution is hallucination” to make the case that the field of public administration—the implementation of government policies—needs greater attention from universities, from elected officials, and from the public.

Mr. Volcker continued that the focus of the Alliance is to strengthen the administrative capacity of government across all levels. One crucial aspect of that approach is ensuring that schools of public administration are teaching skills and capacities relevant to the work government needs them to do, and to ensure that

this is not lost with exclusive focus on policy formulation. He termed this "understanding the business of government."

Discussing how the Alliance is working to realize Mr. Volcker's vision, Dr. Metzenbaum described the Alliance's work to bring together the top performing federal officials and survey them to determine which courses and skills they have used most in their careers. By making a clear assessment of the "demand" side of the public service preparation, the Alliance can work with universities to ensure that the correct skills are being taught and that relevant policy research is reaching practitioners. Additionally, Dr. Metzenbaum discussed the strong potential for stronger emphasis on goal setting, measurement, and evaluation within government to improve its performance.

The Volcker Alliance is a New York-based non-partisan non-profit organization launched in 2013 by former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker to address the challenge of effective execution of public policies and help rebuild public trust in government.

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