



President's Award
Richard Carlisle, AICP, PCP

Dick Carlisle, AICP, PCP, president of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, is the 2011 recipient of the Michigan Association of Planning President's Award.

Mr. Carlisle has been a professional planner for more than 30 years, and served as the president of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials (MSPO) during the merger of MSPO and Michigan American Planning Association (MAPA) in 2000. His leadership during this challenging juncture was instrumental in the successful joining of the two associations. MAP has gone on to become one of the strongest and largest APA chapters nationally, in great measure due to Dick's significant contributions.

One of Dick's greatest characteristics is his ability to outreach to others, and this, coupled with his passion and commitment to advance the art and science of planning resulted in the remarkable friendship between Dick, a planning leader, and Steve Robinson, a vice president for a private development company at the time. Introduced through a development proposal in Independence Township, the two would bridge the often contentious divide between planners and the private development community.

Dick persuaded President Robinson to attend his first MAP conference in 1995, resulting in an on-going and unlikely alliance that planted the seeds for many future partnerships between the development community and municipal planners.

Ultimately Steve Robinson became MAP's first president representing the private developer, all thanks to a site plan review process back in Independence Township.