



COMMUNITY FIRST

In the 2008/2009 term, the Southern Nevada Chapter's "Community First" focus will increase ASPA's connection to and involvement in the community, increase support for ASPA, and establish and strengthen partnerships with the public and private sectors, non-profit organizations, and other professional organizations with similar goals. The year 2009 will be a critical one for the public sector. We have been asked to increase workloads and accountability while maximizing limited resources. The 2009 legislative session provides us with both opportunities and potential threats. Elections will provide us with changes in leadership at all levels. It is more important than ever to engage our membership, our community leaders, and the public in understanding and supporting the important role and responsibility of public administrators.

•"Community First" means that we will identify issues which are priorities for citizens and the public administrators who serve them.

•"Community First" means that we will examine ways we can be helpful in addressing challenges and expand opportunities that are brought to our attention.

•"Community First" means that we will engage community leaders by providing an information pipeline that offers opportunities for tackling today's tough issues.

•"Community First" means that we will strengthen the links between public service and the community.

"Community First" means better service to you both as a fellow public administrator and fellow citizen.

•"Community First" means that we will successfully make the case to our organizations, to the public, and the media, that investing effective public management represents an investment in and benefit to the community.