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Louisiana State Civil Service Director Wins National Award

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The National Association of State Personnel Executives recently awarded Byron P. Decoteau, Jr., Louisiana State Civil Service Director, the 2018 Oscar B. Jackson President's Award.

"Byron was selected because he epitomizes the standard set for winning this award. He is the ultimate ambassador for NASPE, both for new members and for those of us who have been in the organization for years," said Joyce Oreskovich, Human Resources Director for the State of Maine and outgoing NASPE president. "He is supportive and encouraging and stepped up on many occasions this past year to lead important NASPE initiatives."

Decoteau was honored at the awards luncheon on Tuesday, July 17, during NASPE's 2018 Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"I am honored to receive this recognition. Oscar Jackson's contributions to NASPE have been immeasurable. As president, I strive to uphold the same principles, dedication, and support to my fellow NASPE members," Decoteau said.

The President's Award was named for Oscar B. Jackson, Jr., who was appointed Administrator of the Oklahoma Office of Personnel Management by Governor David Walters in 1991. He served in this capacity and later as Secretary of Human Resources and Administration until his retirement in 2011. Jackson truly reflected the spirit of NASPE, and the President's Award is given to one member each year who best exemplifies his ideals.

During the meeting, members of NASPE elected Decoteau to serve as the organization's president for the next year.

NASPE was established in 1976 to enhance communication and the exchange of information among state personnel executives. NASPE's mission is to provide a national leadership forum to advance state government human resources through the exchange of best practices, strategies and solutions. The association strives to be recognized as the authority on state government human resource issues.

