

## **JOHN PEREZ RECEIVES THE 2011 DONALD C. MACDONALD AWARD**

*Speech by Sue Collins,  
'Mac' award committee member and past recipient*



*Photo by Scott Thomas*

I have the privilege tonight of presenting the Donald C "Mac" MacDonald award for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the history of this association. This prestigious award has only been given to 9 other individuals to date. These are individuals that are voted on by their peers and considered to have contributed substantially to the profession of process servers.

This year's recipient came to the fore-front in 2005 with the roar of a lion and a challenge for change. He has worked diligently during his tenure to upgrade the status and professionalism of process servers across the United States. He has traveled extensively across this country to organize and educate our members and state associations at great sacrifice to himself and his business, but to the benefit of NAPPS and its members.

Although this individual has a law degree he started out in the title insurance business in 1985 and was very successful. When that profession ran into economic problems, he went to work for another NAPPS member and learned the process serving business – the rest is history.

This man attended his first NAPPS conference in Cherry Hills, New Jersey where he learned of his own

state association and immediately become involved. He saw that they were in need of an educational program, so he designed one. His first seminar was attended by 8 members. He then reformatted the educational seminar to go beyond the basic New Jersey material to include an overview of the American legal system, requirements of due process of law, the structure of state and federal courts, service of federal process, service of out-of-state process, and other important topics and began holding seminars on his own offering them to the general public.

During this time, he also became active with NAPPS, attending our annual conferences and Board meetings throughout the country. At one of these conferences, he met Tony Klein who was exhibiting educational material he had written on the topic of service of process in California. He was very impressed at the depth of his knowledge of the material he had written, and the two have been friends and collaborators on educational material and seminars ever since.

Education of process servers has since become a passion of this individual. Ethical and professional conduct of private process servers has also become a passion. In NAPPS, he first proposed, and the membership adopted, the current policy for NAPPS' Standards and Best Practices.

He has been a member of the NAPPS Board of Directors for six years, and has served as NAPPS President for two years. He has been involved with, and strongly supports existing state associations. He encourages the establishment of new state associations and was instrumental in drafting the current NAPPS Policy for Chartered State Associations. Together with Larry Yellon, they have participated in the NAPPS State Associations Committee, and just in the last year assisted with the formation of seven (7) new state associations throughout the country.

Over the years, witnessing the professionalism and high ethical standards of the NAPPS members, he proposed, and the membership adopted, a change to the Bylaws referring to us as a "profession" rather than an "industry". This change is not only symbolic but truly reflects who we are.

I have the honor of presenting the Donald C Mac MacDonald award to this year's recipient-**JOHN PEREZ**