

Celebrating our Heritage

IAWP Heritage Award Winner 2014: Carol Ann Halliday

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Carol Ann Halliday is like many of the "old-timers" in the International Association of Women Police in that she was a pioneer for women in law enforcement in the early days when there were very few females.

Carol Ann Halliday was a police officer for the Vancouver, British Columbia Police Department for 30 years, and retired as a detective in 1999. Halliday was the department's first female street supervisor and first female detective in the Major Crimes Unit. Today the Vancouver Police Department is 19 percent female, largely in part to Carol Ann and others like her who persevered through dedication to the profession, mentoring other female officers, and set the standard very high for acceptance of female officers.

Carol-Ann is recognised for her many years of service, sacrifices and innovation as BOD member (SGT at Arms, President), Conference Director for two IAWP conferences and Board of Trustees member. Carol Ann joined the IAWP in 1976 in Seattle, Washington, and attended every conference for the next 21 years. In 1978 she became Sergeant at Arms and served two terms as such. That year Vancouver was awarded the bid to host the IAWP Conference in 1983 with Carol Ann as Conference Chair (with Anne Drennen and Lynn Twadarsky). That conference was only the second to be held in Canada at the time. The conference committee, which included her fellow 2014 Heritage Award recipient Maureen Ing, planned and implemented the conference on their own time with no financial backing; only the money they were able to obtain through fund raisers. In 1993 Carol Ann was Chair of the Board of Trustees and was conference director (again with Anne Drennen) for the 1993 conference. Carol Ann was able to obtain the backing of her department and other law enforcement and community resources, in large part due to her enormous previous successes and total commitment to IAWP.



Carol-Ann is a person who has had a tremendous impact on many IAWP members through her leadership influence and mentoring in all things related to IAWP. Her energy, enthusiasm, crazy-hard work ethic and professionalism made her time with IAWP remarkable. While her tenure as President had challenges (name one without them), she showed daring initiative to face those, keeping her loyalty to the organization and its members unflinching.

Carol Ann's career with Vancouver Police Department mirrored her IAWP success, filled with accolades, all well deserved!

Many Board members who were around during her tenure owe their knowledge of Robert's Rules in large part to Carol-Ann and how to conduct a professional business meeting.

Since her retirement, Carol Ann has become an ace bridge player and spends most of her time honing that skill and enjoying the camaraderie of her bridge partners and opponents.