

Chapters Enjoy Getting Bummed Out!

In familiar fashion, APA local chapters exceeded expectations when they arrived en masse to show off their beach bum duds at the Congress costume contest. Obviously, this was the opportunity chapters had been waiting for to have a little fun and set a festive tone for the evening's beach party. The chapters displayed an impressive amount of teamwork and planning for the contest with songs, thongs, and even a few visits from the cast and crew of the SS Minnow!

One chapter—completely outfitted with earmuffs, gloves, and mufflers—had everyone guessing until it announced that they were representing the Greater Milwaukee Chapter. Hey, Wisconsin beaches are cold in March! Members of the Greater Nashville Chapter entertained the crowd with their version of a payroll hula dance, and members of the Washington Metro Area Chapter were outfitted as lifeguards for the day.

In the end, the contest came down to a battle between the South Carolina Chapter and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. The two were so evenly matched that the deadlock had to be broken with a coin toss. That fateful coin toss resulted in the South Carolina Chapter basking in the glow of their newly purchased “hard bodies” while the SEPA crew was left somewhat marooned in their shadow. But it was all in the spirit of fun, and everyone congratulated the South Carolina contingent as they paraded off the stage with their fishnet beach bum sashes and APA beach towels.

We want to thank the illustrious judges, who had their hands full rebuffing offers of various kinds during the contest selection process. The judges were Suzanne Geisler, Irene Chapman, CPP, Sherri Booker, CPP, and Don Gerardi, CPP. A big thanks also goes out to Carol Franket, CPP, who controlled the masses and Jeff Geisler, CPP, CPA, who certified the votes. Congratulations to all!