



## Palm Springs is Opening Doors and Breaking Records

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual NUSA Conference is on track to break conference attendance records on May 15-18, 2019 and it's not too late to join us!

Even though our early-bird registrants took every available room at the Renaissance and Hilton Palm Springs hotels, our amazing Palm Springs hosts

have secured additional rooms at the Hotel Zoso for anyone who waited to register to attend the conference or secure lodging. The Hotel Zoso is located just a few minutes away from our conference site at the Palm Springs Convention Center and can be booked online by visiting [NUSA.org](http://NUSA.org).



### Conference Registration & Hotel Rates

NUSA Conference Registration: \$325  
Hotel Zoso: \$149 per night + tax.

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# Pre-Conference Activities - Wed., May 15

**Registration**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Pre-Conference Tours**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Exhibits Open**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Mix & Mingle**  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

## **NUSA Board Elections will be held:**

**Friday, May 17**  
**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Room: Mesquite G**

Please bring your 2019 NUSA Membership Card and a Photo ID to vote. Membership cards will be included in your welcome packet when you arrive at the conference.

*\*Voting will be closed 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. during the Awards Luncheon.*



# 2019 NUSA Board of Director Candidates

The following candidates shared a few insights about why they deserve your vote to become a member of the 2019 NUSA Board of Directors. Please make it a priority to meet them during the conference and cast your ballot on Friday, May 17.



**Paul Gambill**  
Erie, PA

I have served on the NUSA Board for the past 3 years. I have attended over 13 NUSA conferences. The experience has enhanced my work as a community activist in the Erie PA area. I believe in the NUSA mission and want to continue working on the board to expand its mission, and serve as a representative from the Northeast section of the U.S.A.



**Craig Thomas**  
West Valley City, UT

I have been a NUSA member for 5 years. My first conference experience was in Eugene, OR back in 2014. This first exposure to Neighborhoods USA left me craving to be part of such an energetic, motivational, educational and empowering organization. I have spent 18 years working in the government sector, striving to empower and create strong neighborhood organizations locally. Additionally, I have been involved in my own neighborhood for 10 years as an activist and community council board member. I feel my experiences blend well with the mission of NUSA and would find it a great honor to serve at a national level.



**Simone Peterson**  
Bradenton, FL

I'm passionate about helping neighborhoods become a place to thrive, not just survive. I'd like to continue the great work past NUSA board members have done to uphold the organization's mission statement to provide opportunities for diverse people and organizations to share their ideas, values and experiences, in order to build stronger communities. Specific skills I can bring to the NUSA Board include Marketing, web & graphic design, a team mindset, and flexibility in trying new things. Even if I'm not elected, I'd like to help out wherever I can.



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**Henry Nickel**  
San Bernardino, CA

The work we do matters perhaps more than ever before. We must continue to empower communities with the resources to organize and advance the neighborhood movement. The diversity of our communities and challenges we confront require renewed commitment to our mission. Attending my fourth NUSA Conference as a city council member from San Bernardino, California, I share this commitment to engaging, educating, encouraging and enabling fellow residents to achieve our full potential. With your support and input, we can continue expanding nationwide awareness of NUSA's valuable work while furthering the ability to share our collective wealth of experience and expertise serving neighborhoods. I ask for your vote and welcome your comments and questions.



**Hosea Lewis**  
Birmingham, AL

My name is Hosea Lewis, and I am a native of Birmingham, Alabama. I have been a volunteer neighborhood representative for over 15 years since my return to care for my aging parents. I am Vice President of the Hillman Neighborhood Association and Secretary of the Grasselli Community. I received an award for "Outstanding Community Service, Man of Distinction" from the Metro Birmingham NAACP for my work throughout the community. I have been active throughout my community for more than 15 years, offering mentoring and leadership opportunities through sports to our youth. I believe I would be an asset to your organization because I put people and community first. I will advocate for community wellness. I am a driven person who works hard to attain my goals. I have an optimistic attitude when dealing with people in my community. I believe that there is always room for improvement and have strived to make things better in my community as a whole. I will give my time freely to better the cause of the NUSA Board of Directors.



**Joyce Cox**  
Memphis, TN

Most people in today's world rely on a community for practical purposes. The necessities of life rarely come from one's own hands, but rather from a complicated "web of mutuality," as Martin Luther King, Jr. once phrased it. While most people need to be part of a community for life's necessities, most people want to be part of a community because there is something indescribably lovely about being a part of a group of people who share something more substantial than geographical location...something they feel passionately about. Something I have learned over the years is, challenges communities face are not exclusive to one community - they are everywhere. However, some have come up with great solutions and the need to share. When we connect to one another we solve those challenges together. Therefore, I do believe NUSA is the best way to connect people on a national and international level.

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**Sterling Boston**  
Syracuse, NY

Prayers and blessings to all concerned. I am a 62 years young black man who trusts and believes that the almighty God created all of us in his image in love and respect of his creation. Because of my life's experience, I believe I can be a great tool for organizing and bringing our representatives together on one accord to make issues work for our purpose as we decide. I request your support in giving me, Sterling Boston, your vote to be a representative on the NUSA board. Thank you.



**Dora Sims**  
Birmingham, AL

I believe I will be an asset to the NUSA Board because I have served as Secretary, and Vice-President of my neighborhood association and President of my community (4 yrs). My total of 28 years of service has given me hands-on learning experience in working with residents, citizens, City Council, Mayor and Staff helping to revitalize neighborhoods and the community. In addition, I have served on the Library Friends Board, the Library's Board of Trustees, and United for Libraries national board interacting with individuals committed to improving the quality of life for all throughout the neighborhoods and communities across the USA. This has given me hands on experiences and knowledge of programs to implement in our own neighborhoods and communities.

# 2019 NUSA Award Finalists Announced

Congratulations to the 2019 NUSA Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award Finalists.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Organization</i>
<b>Physical Revitalization/ Beautification</b>	Saturn Hills Community Garden	Orchard Hills NA
	Visual Impact Committee	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.
<b>Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships</b>	Silent Railroad Crossings Project	Berkley Place NA
	Soar Serves Seniors	Sylvan Old Auburn Road NA
	Historic Fairmount 5K Run	Fairmount NA
	Summer Games & Movies	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.
<b>Social Revitalization/ Neighborliness</b>	Happy Birthday Highlands Day Festival	Highlands Council
	AOC7 Literacy Fair	Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street NA
	Santa Anita Social Revitalization	Santa Anita NA
	Palm Springs Black History Parade and Town Fair	Palm Springs Black History Committee
	Whitely Community Safety Project	Whitely Community Council
	Taste & Sounds of Old Town	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.

All Finalists have been invited to make an in-person presentation to a panel of judges on Thursday, May 16. Finalists will be recognized and award winners announced during the NUSA Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 17.



## Congratulations to the 2019 NUSA Best Neighborhood Program of the Year (BNP) Award Finalists.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Organization</i>
<b>Physical Revitalization/ Beautification</b>	The NAMAZing Eagle Street Initiative	The NAMAZing Initiative
	Neighborhood Public Safety Initiatives	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.
	Small Sparks Program	8 Twelve Coalition
	Best Neighborhood Program	City of Peoria
<b>Social Revitalization/ Neighborliness</b>	Neighborhood Pop-Up Parties	Highlands Council
	Back to School Celebration	Round Rock Police Department
	TCU Neighbor to Neighbor Program	City of Fort Worth
	MAP Neighborhood Treasurer Program	City of Monrovia
	Southside Farmers Market	City of Tallahassee
	Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	City of Vancouver
	The Good Neighbor Awards	City of Rowlett
	Fort Lauderdale Little Free Libraries	City of Fort Lauderdale
	Taste & Sounds of Old Town	Goleta Old Town Community Assoc.

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## Congratulations to the 2019 Neighborhood Newsletters Award Finalists.

<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Orchard Hills NA Quarterly Newsletter	Orchard Hills NA
RNP Newsletter	Riverside NA
Neighborhood News	City of Bend
News from the Neighborhood	Belmont Heights Community Association
NOPNA News	North of Pandhandle NA
Whitely Community Newsletter	Whitely Community Council
City of Balch Springs Community Newsletter	City of Balch Springs
Connection News	Highlands Council

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## New NUSA Affiliate Members

We sincerely appreciate your support and value your membership with NUSA.

**Bahamas National Neighborhood Watch Council** – Nassau, Bahamas

**University Neighborhood Association** – Riverside, CA

**Dahlman Neighborhood Association** – Omaha, NE

**New Chicago Community Partnership Revitalization CDC** – Memphis, TN

**Highlands Council** – Issaquah, WA