

Arlene Kaufman  
NYSACC Office Manager  
NYSACC News CAC/CB Outreach  
Special Projects Award

Arlene Kaufman is the quiet backbone of NYSACC. Without her, many things would crumble or be excruciatingly painful. For one specific reason NYSACC awarded her an Environmental Project Award for Special Projects, but more about that later.

Arlene is the editor of our newsletter. She does all the corrections and communication for our website. Our webmaster, Kevin Holland, does not have to deal with several people telling him what to do. We communicate with Arlene and she communicates with Kevin, resulting in, what I believe to be an excellent website.

Arlene collects our annual dues. NYSACC exists solely on our member dues. We have no other source of income. She answers email questions, produces clear minutes, puts us in contact with one another, and does all that for remuneration consistent with that of a volunteer job.

For 35 years Arlene was a superb elementary school teacher and then computer teacher in a small school district located on Long Island. When the President of NYSACC and the Chair of the Huntington Conservation Board (me), could not find an office manager for NYSACC or a secretary for the Conservation Board, she volunteered to help a friend. She stated, "It's not what I do, but if I can help, I will." Several years later, neither NYSACC or the Town of Huntington could manage without her.

Now, about the award. NYSACC, and in fact, the NYSDEC, has a difficult time locating and identifying conservation commissions throughout New York State. These organizations are labeled CBs, CACs, EACs, etc. There is no central registry. So Arlene tracks them down. She searches the internet; she calls municipalities. She gets excited when she discovers an unknown group. The NYSACC website lists every known CAC/CB in New York State. This year Arlene linked every commission to its website or its Town/Village website. This project was truly worthy of an award and NYSACC presented her with one. Now you can contact any CAC. Here's how -

- Go to NYSACC's website - [www.nysaccny.org](http://www.nysaccny.org)
- Click on NYS CACs/CBs
- Click on a region
- Click on an organization

So here's to Arlene Kaufman, NYSACC's office manager par excellence, and my very good friend for many years.

Joy Squires