

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: COS MOWW Recognizes Mr. Bill Hybl, El Pomar Foundation

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to award the Outstanding Service Medal to Mr. William J. Hybl, Chair Emeritus El Pomar Foundation, at our monthly Companions Dinner on Thursday, 30 July 2026. Mr. Hybl provided an excellent overview of the History, Founder's Intent, and Philanthropic Work that the El Pomar Foundation does in support of the people, businesses, non-profit corporations, and local governments throughout Colorado. Since 1937, the El Pomar Foundation has provided over \$790 Million in grants to 4,000+ organizations representing all 64 Colorado counties thanks to the benevolence of Spencer and Julie Penrose, who established the El Pomar Foundation to "assist, encourage, and promote the general well-being of the inhabitants of the State of Colorado".

Mr Hybl serves as Chair Emeritus and a charter member of the board of Trustees of El Pomar Foundation, having served for 30 years as Chairman and CEO. Under his leadership, El Pomar distributes over \$30 Million annually in funding for grants while managing over \$760 Million in assets and providing programs and services in support of Colorado Springs, the Penroses' long time residence. In 2008, Mr Hybl was confirmed by the United States Senate as Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Public Diplomacy, a position he was appointed to by President George W. Bush and still serves as Vice Chairman. He also serves as Chair Emeritus of the U.S. Olympic Endowment and is President Emeritus of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). He has also been engaged in a variety of public service activities currently serving as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (Senior). William J. Hybl, a MOWW Companion, truly lives out our motto - It is Nobler to Serve than to Be Served.



COL Steve Shambach awards the MOWW Outstanding Service Medal to Mr. William J. Hybl, El Pomar Foundation