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**King County's Dave Galvin Receives  
"2015 'Gandalf' Award for Exceptional Guidance and Advising"  
at the 2015 U.S. Product Stewardship Forum**

*The Product Stewardship Institute honors Galvin for his longtime, consistent support in propelling the product stewardship movement forward.*

**Boston, Massachusetts**— In honor of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) hosted its [2015 National Forum](#) on December 8-9 in Boston, Massachusetts. Environmental experts from around the United States, Europe, and Canada gathered to discuss issues related to zero waste, product stewardship, and the circular economy. As a part of PSI's anniversary celebration, the non-profit honored key leaders from industry, government, and organizations that have played a significant role in moving the product stewardship movement forward throughout the last 15 years.

During this celebration, Dave Galvin from the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, Washington was awarded the "2015 'Gandalf' Award for Exceptional Guidance and Advising." Always wise, tactful, and honest, Galvin has worked tirelessly to reduce the impacts of hazardous constituents from households and small businesses for a generation. He even coined the widely used term "household hazardous waste" in the early 1980's. Ever since PSI's inception in 2000, the loyal PSI supporter and past President has been an exceptional advisor, always at-the-ready to guide the organization's efforts in the proper direction. His impressive work on drug take-back led to the passage of the nation's second local take-back ordinance for pharmaceuticals.



PSI is incredibly grateful for Galvin's commitment to the organization and the field of product stewardship.

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**About the [Product Stewardship Institute \(PSI\)](#)**

**The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI)** is a national, membership-based nonprofit committed to reducing the health, safety, and environmental impacts of consumer products across their lifecycle with a strong focus on sustainable end-of-life management. Headquartered in Boston, Mass., PSI takes a unique product stewardship approach to solving waste management problems by encouraging product design changes and mediating stakeholder dialogues. With 47 state environmental agency members, along with hundreds of local government members from coast-to-coast, and 95 corporate, business, academic, non-U.S. government, and organizational partners, we work to design, implement, evaluate, strengthen, and promote both legislative and voluntary product stewardship initiatives across North America. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).