



American Planning Association  
**Washington Chapter**  
**Puget Sound Section**

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# Planning Law Conference April 2011

## Call for Sessions

The Puget Sound Section of the Washington State Chapter of the American Planning Association invites you to submit a session or speaker proposal for the 2011 Planning Law Conference, scheduled for this April.

This year's theme is: **"Building the Planner's Toolbox": Planning and Legal Tools at the Level Where you Work.**

The Puget Sound Section Board is planning for three tracks that provide planning expertise at several levels of the profession; from long range regional planning to permit review at the counter. The three tracks will be:

- 1) GMA at 20 years**
- 2) Legal and Legislative Issues**
- 3) "At the Counter"**

Proposals for sessions may be on any topic relevant to these themes or others. Proposals should be linked in some way to legal or legislative issues planners deal with on a daily basis. The PSS board would like to organize the most relevant and complete conference possible. We know there is a lot going on in the planning profession in our region. We encourage you to submit any session ideas that you are interested in or that will be beneficial to your colleagues. We may adjust the themes of the three tracks based on the responses to this invitation, so please do not limit yourself.

Deadline for submissions is November 19, 2010. We hope to create a program with a variety of topics and speakers, while maintaining a focus on the legal issues of planning and providing attendees with tools they can take back to their everyday work.

Organizers of sessions will be contacted by the Board to discuss session details. The section expects to offer AICP CM credits for all sessions, so organizers should structure their session(s) to be consistent with the Criteria for Certification Maintenance. The CM Data

Collection Template and Criteria can be found at the APA Washington Chapter's Puget Sound Section website (<http://washington-apa.org/sections/pugetsound/>). Session organizers will be responsible for providing all information necessary to complete the Data Collection Template.

### **Session Formats**

- Formats other than traditional presentations are encouraged, including: Panel Discussions, Single Speaker, Moderated Debate, or others.
- The number of presenters in each session is limited to 3 plus moderator (75–90-minute session).
- Audio/visual equipment (including laptops and LCD projectors) and a technician will be provided for each session.

By November 19, 2010, please e-mail session proposals with the following information:

- Session name (brief, catchy, and descriptive).
- Paragraph describing the topic and what track you think it may fit into. Provide enough detail in description so that the committee can help make a great selection (500-word maximum).
- Organizer's name, e-mail and telephone number.
- Proposed speaker(s) (additional speakers may be added later).

### **Submittal Instructions and Questions:**

Please e-mail your proposal submittals and any questions regarding proposals to **Alex Cohen** at [acohen@esassoc.com](mailto:acohen@esassoc.com), 206-789-9658.

AICP CM Credit questions may be directed to Stan May at [stan.may@bhconsultants.com](mailto:stan.may@bhconsultants.com), 206-505-3400.