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2005 AICP EXAM

APPLICATIONS DUE IN JANUARY

The next AICP exam will be offered in May 2005. The online application should be available by the time of this newsletter's printing; check www.planning.org/certification for current information. The application, which is somewhat involved, will be due in early January 2005.

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COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Esther Larsen, Legislative Committee Co-Chair

The Legislative Committee is preparing for the 2005 legislative session using, in part, the 2005 legislative platform adopted by the chapter at the October 2004 Annual Conference.

The platform was based on a collaborative effort with input from the GMA Working Group, past and present board and Legislative Committee members, the board's draft Strategic Plan, and "Livable Washington Update: APA's Action Agenda for Growth Management." The entire text of the legislative platform is available on the chapter's Web page at www.washington-apa.org.

The following is a summary of portions of the legislative platform.

First, the function and purpose of the Legislative Committee are important to the well being of the chapter. Thus, the Legislative Committee is prepared to continue its past organization and operation with the professional assistance of the chapter's lobbyist, including regular briefings as the legislative session proceeds.

Meetings will continue to be conducted via telephone conference call with a single phone number and guest code to use

throughout the legislative session. Members participating will be asked to assist with review of legislation, including a written report that will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for action.

The Legislative Committee leadership is committed to promoting the involvement of a consistent and informed group representing the diverse interests within APA and welcomes

past and new members to participate.

An introductory meeting will take place via conference call prior to the legislative session to introduce or acquaint members to the operation of the Legislative Committee. We also will hear from the chapter lobbyist, Mike Ryherd, on the upcoming session.

In addition, the Legislative

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ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee meets weekly by conference call to review the current legislative issue and hear from the chapter lobbyist, Mike Ryherd.

Pending legislation of interest to the chapter is discussed, with items prioritized for further review. Those items are assigned to members who prepare a written report that is e-mailed to the Legislative Committee. Further input from members may take place.

The turn-around time on the review and input is usually only one or two days so the legislative co-chairs are able to summarize and forward to the chapter president and chapter lobbyist for further action, as decided by the Executive Committee.

Committee members may be asked to write a letter for use by the chapter president, to testify at a hearing, to speak with legislators, or to attend special sessions set aside for lobbying on issues.

As the legislative session nears the end of the term there may be additional issues reviewed and recommendations sent to the governor regarding legislation that has passed both houses.

At the end of the legislative session the committee meets to review the session and the work that was accomplished, with the intent of setting forth issues for future Legislative Platforms. The review also is a means to continue meaningful collaboration with partners such as the GMA Working Group and other organizations.

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Committee will continue its partnerships within the GMA Working Group; Steve Butler, chapter president-elect, will serve as the liaison between the two groups.

The following are some of the specific legislative issues set forth in the legislative platform for anticipated involvement of the Legislative Committee during the 2005 legislative session.

- **The Timelines Bill for Updating Comprehensive Plans.** The chapter should work on this bill using the information gained from the 2004 session. In particular, the issue of relating land use and transportation funding should be explored in the updating process.
- **Best Available Science.** The chapter should work on this bill and explore whether or not the issue is ripe for consideration and who should be in the coalition to ensure its passage. It is important to find consensus on this topic, and the chapter should make every effort to work toward that end.
- **Local Government Financing.** The chapter should volunteer to serve on the task force apparently being instituted by Rep. Sandra Romero. This task force will be looking at changing the tax code to reflect needs and responsibilities of local government. Chapter representation should include someone with knowledge of taxing and finance issues.

- **Annexation studies by DCTED.** DCTED is to conduct studies on annexation, the ability of cities to annex and methods of streamlining annexation. The chapter should work with DCTED on these studies.
- **Impact Fees and Concurrency Task Force.** A task force will be considering impact fees and concurrency during the interim. Again, the chapter should have a seat at this table to discuss these issues.
- **Local Revenues.** Participate, as a member or outside commentator, in the governor's funded two-year Local Revenues Study. Inform the governor's policy adviser of APA's concerns.
- **Permitting Task Force.** Participate in the Legislature's Permitting Task Force to offer opinions and suggestions on regulatory impediments to development and promote moving to integration of GMA/SEPA/SMA/WMA and other planning requirements.

Please feel free to contact the legislative co-chairs Ivan Miller and Esther Larsen with any suggestions or questions, or just to sign on to assist with the upcoming work of the Legislative Committee. Contact Ivan at (206) 464-7549 or imiller@psrc.org, and Esther at (509) 477-5709 or elarsen@spokanecounty.org.

We look forward to hearing from you and working on the challenging legislative issues in 2005.

ENERGY TASK FORCE FORMING

Given the recent interest in energy-related issues, particularly conservation and alternative technologies, some planners and other professionals are investigating the issues from the land use and economic development points of view.

A statewide task force is being set up through the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association. We seek planners, economic development specialists and utility planners/engineers to join us in this effort.

If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Anindita Mitra at amitra@crea-affilaites.com.

PLANNING NORTHWEST GOES ONLINE

Planning Northwest will soon be an online newsletter. The Washington American Planning Association Board is working to make the transition in the first quarter of 2005.

What does this mean? It means the newsletter will be sent via e-mail in a format similar to the electronic newsletter regularly sent by the APA national office.

It also means that the Washington APA office needs your correct e-mail address; otherwise, you may not be able to receive the new e-newsletter.

We think you will find the new format interesting and convenient.

To ensure that we have your current e-mail address, please call or e-mail the WA-APA at: (206) 682-7436 or office@washington-apa.org.



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AND ONE MORE THING...



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More than 700 people attended the Washington and Oregon chapters' joint conference in Portland in October.

Congratulations to conference chairs **Deborah Munkberg, AICP (WA)** and **Philip Farrington, AICP (OR)** on a successful conference and many thanks to them and the other volunteers from both chapters for all their hard work.

The keynote speaker, **Daniel Kemmis**, former mayor of Missoula, MT, exhorted us to hold joint conferences more often, and many attendees agreed. We had many experiences to share from our respective states about how we approach growth management.

A hot topic was Measure 37, an assault on Oregon's landmark growth management program. The fate of Measure 37 is unknown at press time. If passed, it will be one of the most far-reaching and destructive takings laws in the country. It requires government to compensate property owners for any regulation that affects the value of the property.

Even more alarming is that any "takings" would be retroactive for as long as the property was in the same ownership, including ancestors. Government could

avoid future takings claims by not enforcing its regulations. If passed, it will take years to sort out legal issues and assess the damage. We should all keep an eye on this.

The Chapter Presidents' Council and APA Leadership meetings also were in Portland in late October. The two main themes of the meetings were the growth strategies and communication initiatives.

APA has set a goal of adding 15,000 members over 10 years; Washington has had about 1,350 members for the past four years. APA is targeting primarily four groups: planning commissioners, students, minorities and directors.

The purpose of the communications plan is to tell the planning story to community leaders and the media. In addition to providing chapters with a tool kit for media outreach, the program will focus on a "super topic," e.g. safe growth. Visit www.planning.org for more information.

At our last board meeting, the chapter adopted a legislative platform and an update to "Livable Washington." These documents establish the chapter's positions on issues we anticipate arising during the legislative session and on the GMA Working Group.

The third major effort is an update to our strategic plan. The plan is organized into three categories with strategic goals under each:

1. Organizational Capacity
 - Broaden chapter membership
 - Enhance fiscal capacity

2. Serve Members
 - Improve member services
 - Expand professional development
 - Improve member communication
3. Advocacy and Outreach
 - Influence public policy
 - Advocate good planning
 - Improve inter-organizational collaboration
 - Develop a constituency.

These will be "fleshed out" with specific, measurable actions covering the next five years. The plan is scheduled to be adopted at our December board meeting. All three documents will be on our Web site, www.washington-apa.org.

As president, I am privileged to acknowledge exceptional contributions of colleagues. This year, three individuals were recognized for their contributions to planning and to the chapter.

A new award was instituted this year specifically for "unsung" planners on the front line who strive to make a difference in their communities. The award is named for **Barbara Grace, AICP**, a friend and colleague who succumbed to cancer several years ago while working as a senior planner for Bothell.

The first recipient is **Rebecca Perkins**, senior planner with Snohomish County, who began her career as a permit clerk in Woodinville 10 years ago and attended night classes to obtain a planning degree from the University of Washington.

Rebecca progressed from permit clerk to permit tech, planning tech, planner and senior planner, all while raising two sons and volunteering in her community.

The **Myer R. "Mike" Wolfe Award** for "Contributions to the advancement of the planning profession" was awarded to **Joe Tovar, FAICP**. Joe was Kirkland's planning director for several years and one of the instigators of GMA.

For the past 12 years, he served on the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board. He currently is an adjunct professor at the University of Washington and a consultant for the Northwest Center for Livable Communities.

This year's recipient of the **President's Award** for service to the chapter is **Michael McCormick, FAICP**. He has been an advocate for planning and the chapter on the GMA Working Group, the Livable Washington Blue Ribbon Panel, and the Legislative Committee.

Mike was actively involved in the creation of GMA and directed the state's role in implementing the act as assistant director at the Washington Department of Community Development. He currently is a planning consultant specializing in growth management, planning and intergovernmental relations.

More to come... stay tuned!

GMA WORKING GROUP STRIVING TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Steve Butler, AICP, President-Elect

In preparation for the upcoming legislative session, the chapter is once again participating in the GMA Working Group to develop legislative and non-legislative solutions to help GMA work more effectively.

As you may remember, the working group's efforts successfully resulted in the enactment of several important legislative amendments last session.

The working group consists of the Washington Chapter, APA; Association of Washington Cities; State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development; Washington State Association of Counties; 1000 Friends of Washington; Washington Environmental Council; League of Women Voters; Washington State Farm Bureau; Washington Association of Realtors; National Association of Industrial & Office Properties; and the Associated General Contractors of Washington.

The working group has decided to focus on the issues of best available science (BAS) and GMA-related Comprehensive Plan/development regulation updates.

1. The best available science discussion has focused on several issues, such as trying to develop a clearer and more easily implementable BAS statute to ensure that regulations protect high value resource areas.
2. The conversation about GMA updates has covered such topics as timing of updates, minimum requirements, and whether there should be a full/partial exemption for very small, slow growing jurisdictions, to name just a few.

Please note that APA's Legislative Committee will be working on a wide variety of legislative issues and initiatives over the next few months, beyond the two working group topics described above.

APA's representatives on the GMA Working Group are Mike McCormick, mjmccormick@olywa.net; Brad Collins, bcollins@cityofpa.us; and Steve Butler, sbutler@ci.seatac.wa.us. The chapter's Legislative Committee co-chairs are Ivan Miller, imiller@psrc.org, and Esther Larsen, elarsen@spokanecounty.org. Please contact any or all of those listed above if you have suggestions, ideas or comments.

WATER RESOURCES PLANNING: A CALL TO ACTION

Water...how much do we really have and how much do we really need? How are land use decisions affected by water availability?

Explore the link between water resources and land use planning in this one-day workshop sponsored by the APA-Inland Empire Section.

Experts in the fields of water law, water rights, and watershed planning will describe the current situation. There also will be opportunities to hear from local planners of implementation strategies that work and to discuss local planning responses to water shortages.

WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

Friday, January 28, 2005

8:30 am-5:00 pm

EWU Riverpoint Auditorium

668 North Riverpoint Boulevard, Spokane

Registration fee of \$35 includes lunch and materials. For information, please contact Susan Winchell, (509) 477-4237, or swinchell@spokanecounty.org.

CHINESE MAYORS' DELEGATION VISITS PUGET SOUND REGION

A 27-member mayoral delegation from the Jiangsu region in China visited Seattle recently. Jiangsu is the richest province in China in terms of its GDP.

During the visit, on October 18-19, the delegation was presented with a glimpse of planning activities in the Puget Sound region, including the Growth Management Act, public infrastructure financing, community participation, brownfields redevelopment, and energy and sustainability.

The delegation also visited local landmarks such as Qwest Field, Boeing, downtown Seattle, downtown Renton and the Pierce County Wastewater Treatment facility in University Place.

This is the second delegation of Jiangsu mayors sent to the United States under a cooperative agreement between the provincial government and the APA to study

urban planning, development and management. The Seattle visit was one stop in the 21-day training covering cities from Washington, D.C. and Boston to Los Angeles and Portland.

The training focuses on a comprehensive array of topics in planning, including transportation, housing, environment, economics, urban design and sustainability. The training is designed to provide a broad and balanced view of the successes and limitations of planning in America. This leadership training helps Chinese mayors with decision-making in urban planning in their own cities.

The American Planning Association (APA) and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), provide their international partners, such as China, with various training services.

APA has been collaborating with Chinese government agencies at central, provincial and local levels since 1979. This program is made possible through partnerships with different government agencies, universities, non-profit organizations, and private corporations, in addition to APA chapters and the East Travel Agency.

From December 15-17, 2004, another delegation, this time from the Chongqing region in China, will visit Seattle. Firms are being sought to sponsor the luncheons and lunch-time presentations. If your firm would like to avail of this opportunity and showcase your work, please contact Anindita Mitra, volunteer coordinator, at amitra@crea-affiliates.com.

PUGET SOUND SECTION

Karen Langrock, President

The section sponsored students from the University of Washington to attend the Joint Washington/Oregon Annual Conference in Portland in October. The following are some of the students' remarks with respect to their experiences at the conference.

Christine Clifford

The Washington/Oregon APA Conference was a great opportunity to learn about issues facing planners today. I found the sessions on transportation and mixed-use planning to be especially informative.

Susie Hamilton

What an excellent opportunity for students to network with professionals involved in planning! It really added another layer of interest and education to the whole event.

Michael Hintze

I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet professional planners and hear about all the exciting things that are happening in both Washington and Oregon in regards to planning and making communities better.

Janet Hyde-Wright

It was very enlightening to learn of our common issues within the Pacific Northwest, such as treating stormwater runoff to protect our water quality, and then to learn of the new and exciting strategies being employed in another city. Sharing ideas and our knowledge base is one of the great benefits of a conference such as this.

One another note, I would like to see APA place the important topic of increasing diversity within the profession to a more accessible time within the conference

because I believed that the breakfast time was not well suited for the best attendance.

I especially enjoyed the opportunity as a graduate student to network and to gain ideas for possible future paths within planning through my discussions with current professionals and the exhibitors.

Gwen Rousseau

It was great to have access to so many professional planners in one place. I especially enjoyed the workshop on how to give good presentations. Michael Buschmohle was very inspiring and he provided good practical advice.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Each year, the Puget Sound Section hosts a holiday party for all WA-APA chapter members in the area.

This year we are returning to the World Trade Center facility at 2200 Alaskan Way, #410, in Seattle on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of fun.

SOUTHWEST SECTION NEWS

Richard H. Carson

The new Southwest Section elected board members met in October and picked the final set of appointed board members. The first full board meeting will be in November.

The appeal period for the recently adopted Clark County Comprehensive Plan ends in mid-November. The Building Industry Association of Clark County said in its recent newsletter that it would appeal the plan.

NEW CHAPTER-ONLY GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPROVED

The board recently approved a new chapter-only group membership opportunity.

This membership is available to planning commissions, city councils and commissions, tribal councils, and board members of non-profit organizations and other professional associations.

Up to 10 members may be included in a group membership. The group rate is \$150 and is administered by the chapter office.

To obtain a group membership form or learn more about the benefits of this membership, contact Anna Nelson, Membership Committee chair, at (206) 382-9540 or anelson@buckgordon.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Membership Committee has been working on creating a brochure highlighting chapter activities and membership benefits.

The committee is in the early planning stages and is seeking volunteers to help with this effort. Please contact Anna Nelson, Membership Committee chair, at anelson@buckgordon.com or (206) 382-9540.



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2004 JOINT OREGON WASHINGTON APA CONFERENCE A GRAND EVENT

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More than 700 planners and friends of planners from Oregon and Washington converged in Portland October 4-6 for a rare joint annual APA conference.

The last time the Oregon and Washington APA chapters met jointly was in 1994. The intervening 10 years have given us much to talk about.

In recognition of the many common interests and issues shared by Oregon and Washington planners, the theme of this year's conference was *Cascadia Convergence*.

Sessions explored the similarities and differences between the two states in planning for urban and rural communities, transportation, urban design, and natural environment management.

With home base in the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower, in the heart of Portland's financial and entertainment district, the conference offered a bounty of activities, events and information.

Some of the highlights included:

- An array of **mobile workshops** that allowed participants to visit the Portland metropolitan area by foot, bus, bicycle and jet boat.

- Keynote speaker **Daniel Kemmis**, director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West, who challenged the audience to think about why we became planners and what we can do to preserve our sense of place.
- **Breakout sessions** discussing professional development, transportation, urban design, growth management and the natural environment from the perspectives and experience of planners from both states and throughout the western United States. Planners could delve into their area of interest and expertise and experiment and expand their knowledge of other areas of expertise.
- For those looking for more, the conference program was topped of by "just for fun" events, including the opening **Rhumba and Raffle**, Tuesday night **pub crawl** to the Republic of Cascadia, and Wednesday morning **fun walk/run** along Portland's Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Special thanks should go to an outstanding program committee, with many volunteers from both states reviewing and tailoring sessions to ensure broad appeal to the entire audience, and to the members of the Oregon Chapter of APA, who were great partners and welcoming hosts in Portland. We also thank Event Dynamics for its excellent management of conference speakers and conference logistics.

Many of the comments from attendees suggested that 10 years was too long to wait for Oregon and Washington planners to meet together. We look forward to more frequent opportunities to converge in the future.

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EWU TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS EXPANDING

Dick Winchell, FAICP

The Eastern Washington University Urban Planning Programs have operated a tribal transportation center under the guidance of **Dr. Dick Winchell, FAICP**, since 1993. The program serves 55 tribal governments in the Pacific Northwest.

Two years ago, a second program was added to work with Alaskan native villages through what is now the Northwest and Alaska Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), funded by DOT and the BIA. The NW and Alaska TTAP Program is an active partner with tribes to address critical transportation issues (www.cbpa.ewu.edu/~LTAP/).

Richard Rolland is the NW and Alaska TTAP director, and is active on the APA chapter, section and Western Planner boards. Rolland also serves on the national Transportation Research Board (TRB) Committee on Tribal Transportation.

He was one of four members of the technical working group to update a critical Federal Highway Administration report, Road Safety Fundamentals, published July 2004. Rolland presented the new FHWA report and the PowerPoint presentation, videos and training materials (see: www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/scp) in a half-day session at the National Tribal Transportation Conference held October 26-28, 2004, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

David Frey is the NW TTAP coordinator, based in the program's Olympia office, a space shared with the Federal Highway Administration. Frey presented an update on the impact of new funding formulas for tribal transportation programs at the Scottsdale meetings.

Dan Moreno, Alaska TTAP coordinator, is based in the program's Sitka office. He presented an analysis of Alaska's tribal

transportation issues and citizen/tribal participation in Alaska transportation based upon his experience as a member of the Tlingit-Haida tribe.

Dr. Winchell assisted the development of a strategic plan for tribal leaders in the Inter-tribal Transportation Association (ITA) that was adopted at the association's recent national conference.

Winchell, Rolland, Frey and **Michele Siedenberg**, our Management Information specialist for the NW and Alaska TTAP in Cheney, also participated in the Washington State-Tribal Symposium held October 14-15 in conjunction with the Washington Department of Transportation.

The NW and Alaska TTAP Center is widely recognized in the region and nation as an effective program bringing tribal transportation issues to tribes and tribal governments, and supporting tribal transportation planning, programs and initiatives.

The center also seeks to expand the positive relations between tribal governments and federal, state and local planning efforts.

Building on several tribal planning sessions at the Seattle National APA Conference several years ago, the NW and Alaska TTAP has helped form the Indigenous Planners Division within APA this past year. This was made possible through lots of support from Washington tribal planners, APA members, and our APA Chapter. Please visit the new Web site and consider joining: www.planning.org/indigenous/index.htm.

The NW and Alaska TTAP is a resource for tribes, federal, state and local programs to address transportation, community and economic development planning. Please contact the staff with your questions about tribal planning issues or resources.



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AICP ELIGIBILITY PROPOSAL TABLED

The proposal to increase AICP eligibility has been postponed by the AICP Commission, pending further study. Evidently, the proposed requirements included some disparities that need to be resolved before being implemented.

CHAPTER EXAM STUDY SESSION IN MARCH

The Washington Chapter again will offer its one-day AICP Study Session in late March 2005. Details about the session will appear on the chapter Web site and in the newsletter in early 2005.

EXAM SCHOLARSHIPS

We anticipate being able to offer three reduced exam fee scholarships for the 2005 exams. Applications will be available in March 2005.

CPDP CREDIT LOGS GO ONLINE

AICP has upgraded its system to allow AICP

members to keep track of their credits online. So far, I am unsure how I am to convey to AICP which classes I have approved for continuing professional development credit (something I am empowered to do as the chapter professional development officer, per the guidelines on the AICP Web site) so they can list them on the online form. The online log is available at www.planning.org/cpdp/procedure.htm.

Since no information on professional development opportunities in Washington is listed online yet, please continue to report your credits the old-fashioned way, using the paper forms found on the AICP Web site.

The "reward threshold" for continuing education credits remains at 60 credits—when you reach that number of credits, AICP will send you a certificate (suitable for framing) recognizing your achievement.

The CDP program is voluntary and you are not required or obligated to prove you have received continuing professional development credits to maintain your AICP certification. The battle for or against mandatory continuing education continues.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was somewhat surprised to read the Planning Northwest article on Senate Bill 6593 written in such a matter-of-fact style. This legislation was pushed through the Legislature by the manufactured housing lobby very late in the session and with no notice to local governments and little discussion. There is a very good possibility that the Association of Washington Cities will sponsor legislation to repeal the law prior to July 1, 2005.

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