

Northwest Section Board of Officers

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President: Chris Comeau, AICP-CTP

Chris is a Transportation Planner with Bellingham Public Works Engineering and has over 22 years of professional experience as a land use and transportation planner in Alaska, Arizona, and several jurisdictions in northwest Washington, including San Juan County Planning (1993-1995); Whatcom County Planning (1999); Skagit County Public Works Engineering (2000-2001); Bellingham Planning (2001-2006), and Bellingham Public Works Engineering (2006-present). A more detailed profile of Chris's work experience can be viewed by searching for *Chris Comeau, AICP CTP* at www.linkedin.com

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Vice President: Derek Koellmann, AICP-CEP

Derek is a Principal Environmental Planner at Anchor QEA with 21 years of professional experience in project management, environmental permitting, National and State Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA) documentation, and Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance as well as significant experience related to regulatory compliance for a wide array of public and private clients. His work history includes 11 years at Anchor QEA, and 5 years each as a planner with Whatcom County and as the Skagit County Salmon Recovery Coordinator.

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Secretary: Samya Lutz, AICP

Samya is the Outreach Coordinator for the Pipeline Safety Trust, providing land use planning expertise to communities across the country dealing with issues related to oil and gas pipelines in proximity to people and development. Samya has over 15 years experience in planning and project management, focused on affordable housing, agriculture, and other long-range growth management issues, as well as affordable housing development.

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Treasurer: Brandon Black

Brandon is a Senior Planner-Team Supervisor for the Current Planning Section of Skagit County Planning and Development Services. A 1995 graduate of Western Washington University with a B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning. Brandon has 19 ½ years of full time employment with Skagit County and has been the acting Treasurer of the APA Northwest Chapter since 2002.

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