



2023 NORTHWEST SECTION WORK PLAN

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES

1. **Partner with the Washington State Department of Commerce to host quarterly planners forums that serve a broad range of planning professionals**
 - 1.1. Include topics that serve tribal, non-profit, and private sector planners
2. **Provide meaningful communication to and from the Northwest Section membership**
 - 2.1. Core message from Northwest Section is to prioritize planning that addresses climate change
 - 2.2. Facilitate communication between NW Section Membership and the APA WA Legislative Committee regarding GMA WAC updates and any future GMA legislative changes.
 - 2.3. Update the Northwest Section webpage at <https://www.washington-apa.org/northwest-section> as needed, with notifications of updates sent to members.
 - 2.4. Produce quarterly Board Reports for APA Washington that will also be sent to NW Section members.
3. **Continue to build a strong relationship with the WWU Planning Program that connects our regions strengths in academics and professional practice**
 - 3.1. Quarterly outreach activities to WWU classes, Planning Club, and other related clubs
 - 3.2. WWU Student Representative partners with a professor to encourage attendance at planners forums
 - 3.3. Run a scholarship/internship/student representative program
 - 3.4. Engage our local WWU professors to disseminate their knowledge and research via planners forums
4. **Grow a diverse and inclusive Northwest Section membership**
 - 4.1. Provide outreach and education to employers in our region as well as planning commissions regarding the benefits of APA membership and AICP certification.
 - 4.2. Encourage membership among WWU planning students
5. **Support our AICP candidates, certified planners, and members in their professional development**
 - 5.1. Launch an AICP exam study group for members that includes the cost of exam preparation materials at no cost to the individual.
 - 5.2. Continue to offer AICP CE credits for quarterly planners forums
6. **Convene the Board of Directors as needed**

NORTHWEST SECTION BUDGET FOR 2023

	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,656	\$5,656
Revenues from APA WA	\$1,312	\$1,477
Interest Earned	\$4	\$1
Scholarship	-\$1,200	-\$1,200
AICP Study Materials	-\$299	-\$1,000
Speaker Fees	\$0	\$0
Catered Lunches	\$0	\$0
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,473	\$4,934

2023 ELECTION AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON THE NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD

Like every other organization and agency across the country, the activities of the all-volunteer Board of the Northwest Section has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic starting in March of 2020. The Section was not able to run elections in 2020, which impacted the 2021 election cycle. We are working toward returning to our regular election cycle. In 2023, the following positions are up for election:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Communications Coordinator (appointed)

Descriptions of the duties of each position are available in the Northwest Section bylaws posted on the Northwest Sections webpage at: https://www.washingtonapa.org/assets/docs/NW_Section/2017/nw_section_bylaws_2017_final.pdf.

2023 APA WASHINGTON NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Board Elected Positions	Name	Service Term(s)	Term End	Current Employer
President Elect	Brad Johnson	2022-2024	11/1/24	City of Burlington
Vice President	Katie Bunge	2021-2023	11/1/23	WSDOT
Secretary	Melissa Fanucci	2021-2023	11/1/23	Whatcom Council of Governments
Treasurer	Rachel Belt	2022-2024	11/1/24	City of Lynnwood
Appointed (Non-Voting) Positions	Name	Service Term(s)		Current Employer
Professional Development Coordinator/ Leg. Liaison	Ian Munce	CY 2023		Retired
Communications Coordinator	Vacant	CY 2023		N/A

WWU Faculty Representative	Tammi Laninga	CY 2023	Western Washington University
WWU Student Representative	Ben Jones	2022-2023 Academic Year	Western Washington University