2024 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. Annual 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 2024

	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget
Beginning Cash Balance	$5,656	$5,475	$5,192
Revenues from APA WA	$1,477	$1,152	$1,152
Interest Earned	$1	$12	$ 5
Scholarship	$-1,200	$-1,200	$-1,200
AICP Study Materials	$-1,000	$0	$-1,000
Speaker Fees	$0	$0	$0
Refreshments	$0	$-247	$-300
Ending Cash Balance	$4,934	$5,192	$3,848

2024 ELECTION AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON THE NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD

We are getting back to our regular election cycle after COVID-19 impacted our 2021 election cycle. There are many positions that need to be filled; the following positions are up for election:

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

Descriptions of the duties of each position are available in the Northwest Section bylaws posted on the Northwest Section's webpage at: https://www.washington-apa.org/northwest-section

2024 APA WASHINGTON NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Board Elected Positions	Name	Service Term(s)	Term End	Current Employer
President	Brad Johnson	2023-2025	11/1/25	City of Burlington
Vice President	Katie Bunge	2023-2024	11/1/24	WSDOT
Secretary	Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 2024	Retired
Communications Coordinator	Vacant	CY 2024	N/A
WWU Faculty Representative	Tammi Laninga	CY 2024	Western Washington University
WWU Student Representative	Ella Barnard	2023-2024 Academic Year	Western Washington University