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By Ivan Miller, AICP

I am very pleased to announce the release of the chapter's <u>2012-</u> <u>2013 Biennial Report</u>. This report details the work,

accomplishments, and successes of APA Washington during the past two years under the leadership of Past President Jill Sterrett and the Board.

I encourage even the most dedicated readers of the chapter newsletter to peruse the report. Having served on the Board during this time, even I remain impressed with how much work a small nonprofit organization like APA Washington can accomplish with strong leadership, dedicated volunteers, smart part-time staff, and engaged members.

Some highlights:

- \checkmark Successful conferences in Olympia and Bellevue

• V Hundreds of CM credits offered through our conferences, Planners Forum partnerships, and other continuing education programs

- \checkmark Awards for inspiring plans and projects, given in partnership with PAW
- 🗸 Awards to inspiring planners
- \checkmark Formation of a Young Planners Group and engagement with planning students
- ✓ Scholarship funding provided to graduate students in accredited planning programs
- \checkmark Stabilization of chapter revenues and creation of a Prudent Reserve Fund
- ✓ Stabilization of our membership (and we're growing)
- ✓ Partnership with APA Oregon on the Game Changing Initiative
- \checkmark The addition of sessions from architects, developers, and landscape architects at our conferences
- \checkmark Community Planning Assistance Team supporting small communities around the state
- ✓ Reviewing and providing technically credible comments on planning-related legislation
- ✓ Hosting a Youth Summit on Climate Change and providing planning curriculum in schools
- ✓ Updating our strategic plan and improving our bylaws



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- \checkmark Hosting fun (and important) social events and local networking opportunities
- If that's not enough, the report has action, drama, romance... and more!

I'm exhilarated and a bit exhausted just reading this summary. Although the report primarily focuses on past accomplishments, as you've seen in these president's articles, there's also a lot of great work ahead.

The Zen of Planning (and Football)

Sometimes planning can be a rough-and-tumble sport. We must juggle politics, finances, equity, property rights, developers, community groups, and a <u>Code of Ethics</u> that obligates us to conscientiously serve the public interest with integrity, proficiency and knowledge.

Unless we're just going through the paces, we look for guidance wherever we can find it. This month I found it in the Zen of Football.

Planners around the state may have heard that our local team won the Super Bowl. Even if you are not a big sports fan, or even (gasp) are a fan of a different team, one can respect what the Hawks did. But how did they make this great accomplishment, and what guidance can we take from it?

I read <u>a great article</u> about how the Seahawks do things a bit differently - just like APA Washington! Here are some of my favorite nuggets of wisdom that I took away from the story:

- Always compete.
- Quiet your mind.
- Visualize success.
- [Be] in the moment.
- Protect the team.
- · No whining, no complaining, no excuses.
- Be early.
- · Believing you can do something great means you will do something great.

These are words to plan by!

Be the 12th Planner: Volunteer!

(Editor's note: warning, football metaphors continue below)

The chapter's 2012-2013 Biennial Report demonstrates that APA Washington, a mid-sized team in a small market, makes a big impact, and it's because of the 12th Planner. Not content to sit on the sidelines and let the starters (i.e., the Board) do all the work, planners are stepping up, participating, and helping us move Planning down the field.

We have a large squad involved in the <u>Big Ideas/Game Changing Initiative Task Force</u> and just last week, we recruited two fantastic planners to run with the ball for the Awards Committee. Despite no signing bonuses, planners stepped up to fill volunteer spots advertised in past articles: We have a great new Planning Officials Development Officer, two new detail-oriented newsletter editors, and two terrific volunteers that call every new member to congratulate them for joining the roster.

We have a few more spots to fill on the roster:

• Volunteer to support the chapter newsletter's "Elsewhere Online" series, where we bring you the "best of the best" articles from APA, Planetizen, MRSC, Crosscut, Commerce, and more. If you read some or all of these regularly, help us carry the ball and bring the best content to 1,300+ appreciative planners.

• **Support our Planning Officials Development Officer.** This committee is creating a Speaker's Bureau to bring knowledgeable planners to smaller communities and develop a database of Planning Commissioners' contact information so we can share our conference details, awards program opportunities, and other important planning data. If you are, or have been, a Planning Commissioner, we'd love to have you join this committee.

• Join the Community Planning Assistance Team and help us provide planning assistance to smaller communities around the state. The chapter has received awards for this work and smaller communities need the support.

• **Chair the Sponsorship Committee.** Help support sponsorship-related work for the annual conference, including sponsorship and advertising on our website, newsletter, and reports such as the Biennial Report. If you have marketing experience and/or love to ask for money for a good cause (i.e., APA Washington), ka-ching!

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Play for play, with engaged volunteers, we win! If any of these are interesting to you, get on the field, contact me at <u>ivanmillerseattle@hotmail.com</u>, and be our next 12th Planner. Go team!

2013 Conference Presentations Available



Presentations from the 2013 Conference in Bellevue are now available. This process has taken longer than usual for a good reason. Thanks to the great work of 12th Planners **Yorik Stevens-Wajda** and **Erika Harris, AICP**, the chapter is releasing these presentations in a searchable database for the first time. Check out this **powerful new planning resource** <u>here</u>.

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By Nancy Eklund, AICP, WA-APA Professional Development Officer

AICP Exam Prep Session-Coming Soon!

Planning to take the AICP Exam this coming May? Don't be unprepared!

The annual Chapter AICP Exam Prep Study Session will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014. It will be an all-day event, most likely at the South Seattle Community College, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When details have finalized, online registration (\$30) will be <u>available here</u>.

If you applied to take the spring exam, you will be notified of the study session. If you are planning to take the exam in the future and want to get a jump on your studying, please <u>email me</u> and I will notify you when the study session details are finalized.

REMEMBER: Session attendees pass at a higher rate than other Washington planners taking the exam!

New AICP Members in Washington APA

Ten Washington APA Chapter members passed the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) exam in November 2013. Be sure to congratulate them on this professional and personal achievement!

Ryan Harriman, AICP	Christine Phillips, AICP
Matthew Hermen, AICP	Lindsey Sehmel, AICP
Elizabeth Jacobson, AICP	Michael Stringer, AICP
Samya Lutz, AICP	Sara Walton, AICP
Anthony Muai, AICP	Jonathan Williams, AICP

Are You Catching Up on Your 2012-2013 CM Credits?

If you have still not logged or acquired all your CM credits for the previous reporting period, time is running short—you have until the end of the grace period, April 30, 2013, to log all 32 credits.

If you just need to <u>log your credits</u>, get on it! If you still need a few more credits, check out the Chapter events occurring around the state-see the <u>AICP page</u> for some last minute ideas, or see the <u>APA CM log</u> for upcoming activities that have already been approved for credit.

If you need any help locating CM options, or have other CM-related questions, please contact Chapter PDO <u>Nancy Eklund, AICP</u>.

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The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association invites you to submit session proposals for its 2014 Annual Conference, to be held **October 16-17** at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington. This year's theme is Legacy & Prophecy. **The deadline for submissions is March 21.**

<u>Click here</u> for further submittal information, form and CM criteria. Please note that your submission needs to include the submittal form and the completed CM form.

Please email any questions regarding proposals to Stephanie Kennedy, conference manager, at totaleventconnection@frontier.com. New initiative encourages collaboration among state planners — APA Washington



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New initiative encourages collaboration among state planners

By Peter G. Conrad, AICP and Zachary Chissell

If you're a planner who focuses on state-level projects, there's a new venue for you to collaborate with others and advance effective planning through sharing success stories and ideas.

In November, APA National's <u>Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division</u> launched the <u>National</u> <u>Collaborative of State Planners</u> to create a specialized network spanning all 50 states.

Strong interest in new collaboration

State planners are indeed seeking a means for increased collaboration, according to a 2013 survey with strong turnout distributed to nearly 350 state planners across the United States. As one Rhode Island state planner put it: "Great idea for a state collaborative ... It would be good to know what each state thinks it does best — this may be an entire program and not just a best practice."

The survey also found that important issues facing state planners today include climate change, the need for outreach regarding the benefits of statewide planning, and the integration of economic development with planning. Planning for public health is another growing area of interest that is not well addressed.



Survey results showed that with tight budgets, state planners prefer a free online platform to share best practices, seek and provide feedback, and connect with one another. They see the most value in tools such as periodic e-newsletters and webinars that address state-level planning issues.

Find more survey results on the National Collaborative's website at http://www.stateplannersus.wordpress.com/.

The National Collaborative's website also features a growing set of best planning practices from across the

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country. Highlighted initiatives include Massachusetts' Ocean Management Plan and Delaware's Strategies for State Policies and Spending, as well as multi-state practices such as statewide growth/land use councils.

Next steps: Webinar, APA National conference

The National Collaborative is collecting information on state climate change initiatives to be the subject of a webinar this spring. The webinar will explore issues about integrating the related issues of disaster mitigation/response and sea level rise, additional issues identified by survey participants.

You can also learn more by joining the National Collaborative at a facilitated discussion at the <u>APA national</u> <u>conference in Atlanta</u>. Discussion leaders will be Richard E. Hall, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning; Armando Carbonell of the Lincoln Land Institute; Allison Joe of the California Strategic Growth Council; and Tim Chapin of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University.

How to get involved

It is an exciting time for this new division initiative, and we encourage all state planners to get involved and add their voices to the collaboration.

- Visit our website
- Submit <u>best practices</u>
- Take our <u>survey</u>
- Join our mailing list
- Attend our facilitated discussion at the APA National Conference

For more information

Visit <u>http://www.stateplannersus.wordpress.com/</u> or contact Peter G. Conrad, AICP, division director of membership at <u>peter.conrad1@maryland.gov</u>.

Conrad and Chissell work for the Maryland Department of Planning.

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Save on National Charrette Institute training courses with your APA Washington membership

The National Charrette Institute invites APA Washington members to save 10 percent when they register for intensive training sessions in Portland, Ore. during the second week of March.

If you're looking to learn a systemized process for involving all stakeholders and community members in planning projects, the NCI Charrette System training can provide you with the tools you need.

In one week, you can earn both your basic and advanced NCI certificates:

- NCI Charrette System Certificate Training: March 11-13, 2014
- NCI Charrette Management and Facilitation Certificate Training: March 14-15, 2014

The courses will take place at CH2M Hill's offices in Portland. Learn more and register at www.charretteinstitute.org/trainings.html

These trainings and all live webinars are all accredited with the AIA for continuing education system (CES) units, AICP for certification maintenance (CM) credits, ASLA for LA CES professional development hours (PDH), and the Congress for the New Urbanism for CNU-A continuing education credits.

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Pacific Northwest International Society of Arboriculture invites proposals for 2014 conference

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture is currently accepting request for presentation proposals for its 35th Annual Training Conference, to be held in Vancouver, Washington from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. This year's theme is "Our Trees, Our Future."

Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 14. Presentations should last about one hour and should fit at least one of the following tracks:

- **Track #1:** Municipal Arborists & Urban Foresters — Track Chair: Scott Johns, Certified Arborist, Associate Planner, City of Port Angeles
- Track #2: Commercial Arborists & Consulting Arborists
- Track Chair: Favero Greenforest, Greenforest, Inc.
- Track #3: Climbing Arborists
- Track Chair: Brian French, Ascending the Giants
- **Track #4:** Utility Arborists — Track Chair: Ben Cave, BC Hydro, PNW's Utility Arborists Association Representative

Submission Instructions: Please email the following information in a Microsoft Word document or PDF – named with proposed presentation title only – to Micki McNaughton, Conference Program Chair, at <u>micki.mcnaughton@pnwisa.org</u>. You may also email her for more information, or call her at 360-790-6294.

- Presentation Title (12 words or less): brief and catchy, yet descriptive of the topic.
- Proposed Track: Municipal, Commercial, Climbing, or Utility; please note if covering multiple tracks.

• Program Description (200 words or less): Paragraph describing the topic and proposed means of delivering information; should contain a clear and concise explanation of what participants will learn from the session as well as how the presentation relates to the conference theme and its proposed track.

- Contact information including:
 - Speaker Name(s)
 - Company Name or Agency
 - Title(s)
 - Email Address(es)
 - Mailing Address(es)
 - Phone Number(s) for the speakers/moderator along with

• Provide a complete professional biography for each speaker. Biographies will be used to apply for continuing education credits. PNW-ISA reserves the right to edit biographies for length for promotional

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purposes.

• Provide a high-resolution headshot photograph for each speaker. If multiple speakers, please designate one as the primary contact and indicate who that is in the contact information above.

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Float Fill Flood: Building on Water — project by David Dahl

Join AIA Seattle as it showcases Float Fill Flood: Building on Water, a project by David Dahl, the recipient of AIA Seattle's 2013 Emerging Professionals Travel Scholarship. He explored three places that are closely tied to the water: Inle Lake in Myanmar; Mexico City, Mexico; and Venice, Italy.

Based on the research from Dahl's travels, the project uses successes and failures associated with these three cities to project the future of waterfront cities, including Seattle.

The opening reception is on Thursday, March 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the AIA Seattle Design Gallery, 1911 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98101. Drinks and light snacks will be provided. For more information, visit <u>www.aiaseattle.org/node/8810</u>.

In addition to the reception, the exhibit will be on view March 4 – April 25.

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The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife will present two training sessions on alternative shore armor techniques in March. These workshops will introduce and highlight examples from the soon-to-be-released Marine Shoreline Design Guidelines (MSDG).

Topics will include site assessment approaches, the use of soft shore protection techniques, and brief coverage of bulkhead removal, minimizing impacts of hard armor, and monitoring needs. The document's authors will present the workshops.

Upon its expected release in early March, the guidelines document will be made available on the \underline{WDFW} website along with all of the other Aquatic Habitat Guidelines series documents.

WHEN ARE THE WORKSHOPS?

Trainings will be all-day events and are scheduled for:

- Thursday, March 20 at Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way
- Tuesday, March 25 at Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER ATTENDING?

Because there are limited seats available, the workshop organizers prefer that registrants are those who will derive the greatest benefits: planners who focus on marine shoreline environments, as opposed to freshwater environments. This course does not offer continuing education credits.

How do I register?

- For the Federal Way training: https://msdg-fedway.eventbrite.com/
- For the Mt. Vernon training: https://msdg-mtvernon.eventbrite.com/

QUESTIONS?

Contact Theresa Mitchell, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, 360.902.2750 or <u>Theresa.Mitchell@dfw.wa.gov</u>.