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## APA Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

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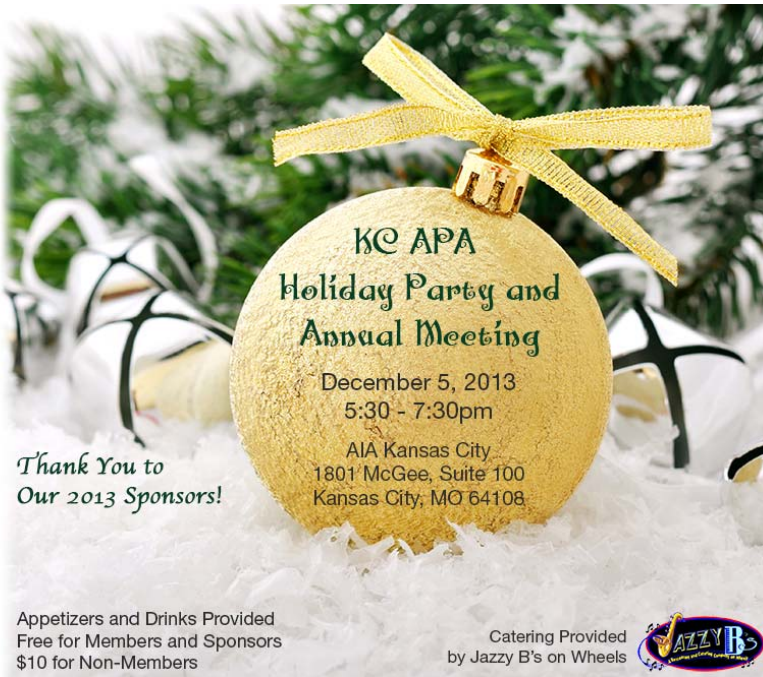
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## Kansas City Design Week



KCAPA is excited to be a sponsor of the 2014 [Kansas City Design Week](#) (February 27 - March 8). Be on the look out for a full listing of the week's

events. Follow all of the updates on our [Facebook page](#).

## 2013 Board Members

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# Event Recap

## Planning Social

On November 12, 2013, UMKC and KCAPA hosted a joint Planning Social to introduce some new faces to the Kansas City planning community. There were around 40 guests which enjoyed drinks and appetizers while meeting the new professionals. Dr. Stephanie Frank, a new addition to the Urban Planning + Design program at UMKC was one of the guests of honor. She is the new Assistant Professor of Urban Planning + Design in the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She received her Ph.D. in Policy,



Planning, and Development from the University of Southern California in May 2013. Frank previously earned a B.A. and an M.A. in American Studies with a Certificate in Historic Preservation from the University of Maryland, College Park and worked as a historic preservation planner on both coasts. Frank is a planning historian interested in private, corporate, and industrial planning and urban development. Her current book project is on the role of the film industry in the urban development of metropolitan Los Angeles. Frank teaches courses on planning history, urban studies, housing, and historic preservation.

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## Paul Farmer, FAICP, CEO of the American Planning Association Announces Plan to Leave His Position in mid-2014

Paul Farmer, FAICP, Chief Executive Officer of APA and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified planners, announced his plan to leave his position next July. A search committee, headed by APA President William Anderson, FAICP, will begin the process of finding a successor next month.

As CEO of APA and AICP since early 2001, Farmer and the APA team have been responsible for:

- Substantially expanding educational offerings: the National Planning Conference, the world's largest annual gathering of planners; in-depth Planners Training Service workshops; Institutes for Directors, Managers and Emerging Professionals; and, webcasts, podcasts, streaming media and e-books.
- Developing an extensive communications program with key messages, user toolkits, the National Community Planning Month, and the Great Places in America Program that annually reaches over twenty million Americans. The Great Places Program has spawned state-level initiatives, and it has been replicated in both Canada and Australia.

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## Save the Date

**Boulevard Annual Planning Celebration**

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Boulevard Brewery

initiatives, and it has been replicated in both Canada and Australia.

- Directing implementation of the Board's Growth Strategy with membership increasing from 31,000 in 2000 to 45,000 pre-recession, including a doubling of academic members and thousands of students, who had the benefit of APA's Free Student Program, now in its 10th year. Building on the student program, the Early Career Program is now underway as well.
- Establishing the National Centers for Planning, in the areas of hazards, health and green communities, as a component of APA's independent research efforts that began in 1949.
- Implementing three major initiatives of the AICP Commission: Certification Maintenance, the mandatory continuing education system for planners; three Advanced Specialty Certifications (environment, transportation and urban design) that allow planners to demonstrate advanced expertise; and, the Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) Program to provide pro-bono services to communities in need of planning assistance.
- Strengthening Chapters and Divisions so they now provide many times more local and distance education offerings to meet the needs of professional planners, allied professionals, appointed officials and engaged citizens.
- Creating strong and effective partnerships with many organizations such as ASLA, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the National Building Museum, UN-HABITAT, the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Planning Institute of Australia, the Canadian Institute of Planners, many federal agencies, the Royal Dutch Embassy and Dutch colleagues, as well as others.
- Founding the Global Planners Network with partners representing 35 nation-based planning organizations, with APA hosting 2 of GPN's 4 Congresses in Zhenjiang and Los Angeles.
- Providing post-Katrina assistance with governmental organizations, NGO's, elected and appointed officials, private firms and the Netherlands. The alliances have continued in other situations such as Superstorm Sandy, professional study tours, and assistance to other countries.
- Establishing the annual Federal Policy and Program Briefing with Planners' Day on the Hill that brings together APA leaders and members, partners and elected officials to engage in discussions regarding federal policies critical to the success of all of America's communities.
- Filing numerous Amicus Curiae briefs in federal and state courts on issues affecting planning, our communities and key legal principles that benefit from planning knowledge as a critical element of APA's knowledge-based advocacy efforts.
- Publishing dozens of books and advisory reports, giving voice to planners and allied professionals in both disseminating best practices and challenging accepted practices.
- Becoming a leader in the use of all forms of digital technology, with 60,000 web pages, increasing interactivity through social media, and electronic transactions and marketing that reduced reliance on printing and traditional mailing.

- Redesigning and relocating APA's offices in D.C. and Chicago to: increase staff collaboration; maximize natural light; minimize use of both materials and negative environmental impacts. Both locations maximize accessibility to all forms of non-automobile travel options.
- Guiding APA through the Great Recession, leaving APA in a strong financial position so that its good work and that of its members can continue to address the needs of planners, engaged citizens and communities of all types throughout the world.

Farmer and his wife will continue to live in downtown Chicago. The APA Board has asked that he remain as an advisor to APA for a period of time. He will continue to be involved professionally in the planning profession. "I was lucky enough to discover this profession in high school and my three careers have all been in planning—teaching for almost a decade, practicing for two and, ultimately, this privilege of leading APA. It's been incredibly gratifying to work with our dedicated leadership, our terrific staff and our committed members on key issues that we address for people and communities."

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## Proposed 2014 Budget

Please view the proposed [2014 KC APA Budget](#) here. A review and discussion will occur at the Holiday Party, followed by a vote at the next board meeting.

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## Kansas Legislative Update

The Kansas City Section of the APA is committed to following legislative actions and bills that could potentially impact planners and the field of planning throughout the State of Kansas. The 2014 Kansas Legislative Session will kick-off the second Monday of January (1/13) at 2pm. The annual session typically runs through early may. Bills are first introduced in the House of Origin (House or Senate), then referred to committees before the bills are brought back to the House of Origin for deliberation and approval. After approval in the House of Origin, the bills are introduced in the Second House (House or Senate) and the approval process follows the same procedure as in the House of Origin before the bills are ultimately signed into law or vetoed by the Governor. If vetoed, both chambers must override by 2/3 vote for the bill to become a law. To learn more about the state legislative process, current Legislators and to track legislative action throughout the upcoming 2014 session, please visit the legislature home page at <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. In addition, if there are specific bills you would like KCAPA to track this upcoming session, please contact us.

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## Missouri Legislative Update

Governor Nixon called an extraordinary session of the General Assembly beginning December 2 to consider legislation to help the state win production of Boeing's next-generation commercial aircraft, the 777X. Some believe these discussions may also form a basis for legislative action this coming year to

better align Missouri's economic development programs.

The 2014 legislative session will begin on January 8. Legislators have already begun pre-filing bills.

Over the summer, a joint committee on solid waste management held hearings on the operation and effectiveness of the State's regional solid waste management district program, that includes the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) solid waste management district. Local government representatives throughout the state were vocal in their support of the program and encouraged strengthening the regional planning and administrative structure as opposed to consolidating the program back to Jefferson City. Legislative action is expected in 2014.

A initiative petition has been filed with the Secretary of State proposing a vote on a one cent sales tax for transportation purposes. The Missouri Department of Transportation would be charged with developing a list of potential improvements funded under the new program prior to an election. They are already working with their local transportation planning partners including the Mid-America Regional Council and metropolitan area communities to identify potential transportation improvements and programs.

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## Job Opportunities

The following jobs have been posted recently to [www.kc-apa.org](http://www.kc-apa.org). [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Planner - City of Lenexa**
- **Director of Planning & Development - City of Hutchinson**

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