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Letter From the KC APA President

Diane Binckley, AICP

Dear Members,

As I begin my time as President of KCAPA, I look forward to the next two years with great excitement. The last couple of years have brought forth a new enthusiasm for KCAPA. With that energy, I have developed goals and priorities for the Section over the next year. The board has accepted these goals and priorities and has already begun working toward accomplishing them. The first priority that has been accomplished is the hiring of AIA Kansas City. The hiring of AIA Kansas City will provide a home for KCAPA, assistance with communications, and a new place to hold continuing education events. We also are very excited about the collaborative opportunities with AIA Kansas City. We hope you are as prepared as we are for another exciting year with KCAPA. Please read the goals and priorities and if you have comments or want to help with any of these, please contact a board member. I look forward to seeing all of you this year at our events.

Goals:

- To continue the great work already started by the current board
- To expand the presence of KCAPA and the planning profession
- To provide educational and networking opportunities for our members
- To get more professionals involved in our organization

Priority 1: Coordinate with other professional organizations, including AIA, ASLA, ULI.

- a) Promotion of educational events between organizations
- b) Develop a broader membership through promotion of Affiliate membership

Priority 2: Work with UMKC to help with their accreditation.

- a) Develop a minimum of two student / professional events
- b) Work with staff to provide professional input on the curriculum (possible

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Diane Binckley- President

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Joe Rexwinkle-Treasurer

representation on their alumni board or other guiding boards)

Priority 3: Continue and improve communications

- a) Hire help for communications, including newsletter, save the dates, and event flyers
- b) Minimum of 10 newsletters per year
- c) Monthly updates for the website

Priority 4: Continue the programming and outreach

- a) Minimum of 10 educational programs per year
- b) Annual Boulevard event
- c) Develop Speaker Symposium
- d) Annual meeting
- e) Outreach to elementary and secondary students to promote planning
- f) Use MARC to help with our coordination of regional issues/ideas

Priority 5: Work with UMKC, KU and KSU for programming and student involvement

- a) Work with each university on opportunities for joint speaker events
- b) Work with the schools on student / professional events

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Pathway to Transition: Efforts of NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan from 2009 - 2011

Kansas Legislature

Dr. Jack D. Kem will provide an update on the efforts of NATO Training Mission Afghanistan from 2009 to 2011 to facilitate the transition of NATO's security responsibilities to the Afghan government. As the Deputy to the Commander of NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, Dr. Kem will also discuss specific planning challenges in Afghanistan, such as property rights issues, building construction standards, siting considerations, contract oversight, and facility engineering. In addition Dr. Kem will discuss his experiences of working with the Afghan Government and NATO allies to train and strengthen the Afghan National

Security Forces - including key efforts to support Afghan businesses, developing institutions and infrastructure, and coordinating with the international community in Kabul.





Friday, February 1st from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Provided

\$20 Members/\$25 Non-Members

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KC APA Legislative Update

Kansas Legislature

The 2013 Kansas Legislative session kicked-off Monday, January 14th with the swearing-in of 49 freshman representatives and 16 freshman senators. During the Legislature's first week, The House of Representatives introduced 35 bills for consideration and the Senate introduced 53 bills. Of particular importance are Senate Bill 32 concerning appropriations to the Department of Health and Environment for the development and implementation of local environmental protection plans and programs, Senate Bill 9 which would enact the cannabis compassion and care act providing for the legal use of cannabis for certain debilitating medical conditions, providing for the registration and functions of compassion centers and other provisions related to administration, Senate Bill 10 related to charges and fees for Open Meetings documentation and Open

Record requests, House Bill 2012 which addresses exceptions to the disclosure of public records and the legislative review process of establishing those exceptions and House Bill 2031 related to the distribution of sales and tax revenue to the Kansas Water Plan Fund.

In addition to the legislative proceedings, last week Governor Sam Brownback issued his State of the State address which outlined his priorities for the upcoming year including continuing to create a business-friendly environment to promote growth in private sector employment, conservation efforts and the protection of the state's aquifers to combat drought, eliminating state income tax with a flat sales tax, implementing a two-year budget to improve stability, he encouraged state legislatures to merge the Kansas Turnpike Authority and KDOT to improve government efficiency and revealed the Kansas Reads to Succeed Initiative which is intended to improve reading proficiency at the fourth grade level.

KCAPA will keep its membership apprised of legislative happenings as bills are introduced and passed through the respective houses. To learn more about current bills, details related to specific legislation, the legislative process and what it means for your community, please visit the Kansas Legislature webpage at www.kslegislature.org. Additionally, if there is a specific bill or legislation you

would like KCAPA to follow, please contact the KCAPA Board members. Contact information is located on the KCAPA website at <http://www.kc-apa.org> under the "About APA" tab.

Save the Date! 5th Annual Planning Celebration at the Boulevard!

March 6th, 2013, 5pm-9pm

Catered by Teocali Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

2501 Southwest Boulevard, Muehlebach Suite



KC APA 2013 Sponsorship Program

Once again it's that time of the year and the KC-APA is in the middle of its 2013 Sponsor Drive. As you know the KC-APA is a member driven non-profit entity promoting the planning and design industry. Sponsorship is an important part of our annual operating budget as we receive minimal financial support from APA National and the local State Chapters. In 2012, sponsor support enabled the KC-APA to host 14 planning/design and construction related forums which catered to over 600+ governmental and private sector planning professionals.

We'd love to have your support for up-coming 2013 year. I've attached our 2012 Year-in-review as well as information on 2013 sponsorship opportunities. For convenience you can pay online at: <http://www.kc-apa.org/sponsorship.php>. Or for further questions contact Jim Potter at 816-916-3664 or jpotter@di-kc.com.

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

This year, the New Partners Conference makes its way to America's heartland—Kansas City, Missouri.

The Midwest is searching for a path to sustainability—what it means in the context of the region, and what it will take to achieve that vision. Like other parts of the country, Midwestern states are wrestling with the challenges of defining and achieving a future that transforms low-density, car-oriented communities into healthier, more walkable and economically vibrant places to

live, work and raise a family. The 12th annual New Partners conference will explore practical strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to more sustainable development in the Midwest and the rest of the nation. Come join us in this process.

Conference will be held February 7th through 9th at the Kansas City Convention Center.

[Click here For More Information](#)

Job Opportunity

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNER/GRANT WRITER

Salary range is \$27,500 - \$30,000 DOQ, with benefits negotiable.

Open: January 21, 2013

Close: February 21, 2013 or until filled

The Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission - the RPC of Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis and Saline Counties of Missouri is seeking an experienced, energetic and innovative individual for their Community Development Planner/Grant Writer is situated immediately east of the Kansas City metropolitan area, a key partner in the Missouri's Economic Development. Economic Development programs include local & regional DED, USDA, and FEMA initiatives, local government technical support, grant administration and a variety of other related efforts.

Candidates should have experience in a number of economic and environmental programs and should have considerable knowledge of the organization and statutory obligations of local governments. Individual must demonstrate strong interpersonal, communication and marketing skills and be a team player, with experience working with local governments a plus. A Bachelor's Degree with major emphasis in the related field is preferred.

To be considered for the position, please submit a resume for the specific position with three professional-related references, no later than Thursday February 23, 2013 to:

Board of Directors

Attn: Randall (Randy) B. White, Executive Director

Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission

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