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KCAPA Elections

Elections are coming soon! Your KCAPA Board is looking for energetic and dedicated planners to run for three open Board positions: **President-Elect, Kansas Chapter Representative, and Missouri Chapter Representative**. These positions will serve a term of two years, from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. The KCAPA has significantly enhanced its role for our local planning community over the past five years and candidates interested in the open Board positions should demonstrate a strong commitment to continuing and strengthening this momentum.

The **President-Elect** position assists the President with Section responsibilities and attends to correspondence and relationships with the state chapters and the national office. The President-Elect acts in the absence of the President, performs duties as delegated by the President, and is responsible for membership duties as required by the section. The President-Elect will serve as President for the 2017-2018 term.

The **Chapter Representative** positions serve as the primary liaison to the Kansas and Missouri APA Chapter Boards and by virtue of the positions will also serve on those respective State Boards. The positions are also responsible for maintaining legislative updates from each state capitol and other Section duties as they arise.

In accordance with the KCAPA bylaws, section president Diane Binckley has appointed the Election Committee consisting of the following members:


- Shawn Strate (Secretary): shawn.strate@jocogov.org
- Doug Hermes (Missouri representative): DJHermes@kc.rr.com
- Ryan McKay (Kansas representative): ryan.mckay@brrarch.com

The election process:

- September 24, 2014: Call for nominations
- October 22, 2014: Nominations due
- October 29, 2014: Ballots sent to membership
- November 19, 2014: Ballots due

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2014 Board Members

[Diane Binckley, AICP-](#)
[President](#)

[Jim Potter, AICP - President](#)

- December 4, 2014: Results announced at Annual Meeting
- January 1, 2015: Term begins for new officers

[Elect](#)

[Kathy Kem, AICP - Treasurer](#)

[Shawn Strate, AICP -
Secretary](#)

[Doug Hermes-MO Section
Representative](#)

[Ryan McKay, AICP -KS
Section Representative](#)

[Shannon Jaax- Past
President](#)

[Vanessa Spartan, AICP -
Member-at-Large](#)

[Amanda DeBrot - Media
Director](#)

Meet the Past | J.C. Nichols



September 11, 2014 | 6:00pm

Kansas City Public Library: Plaza Branch | 4801 Main Street, KCMO

The latest installment of the Library's popular TV series, *Meet the Past with Crosby Kemper III*, spotlights the influential developer of Kansas City's Country Club Plaza, J.C. Nichols.

Kemper, the Library's director, will hold a public conversation with Nichols as portrayed by historian **Bill Worley**, who has appeared in previous *Meet the Past* presentations as Walt Disney, James Naismith, and Tom Pendergast. The presentation will be taped by KCPT-TV for later broadcast.

Developed by Nichols on what once was swampland on the south edge of Kansas City, the Plaza opened in 1923 as the nation's first suburban shopping district. His emphasis on quality construction, beautiful landscaping, and consistency in planning became a template for cities across the country.

[Click here to register.](#)

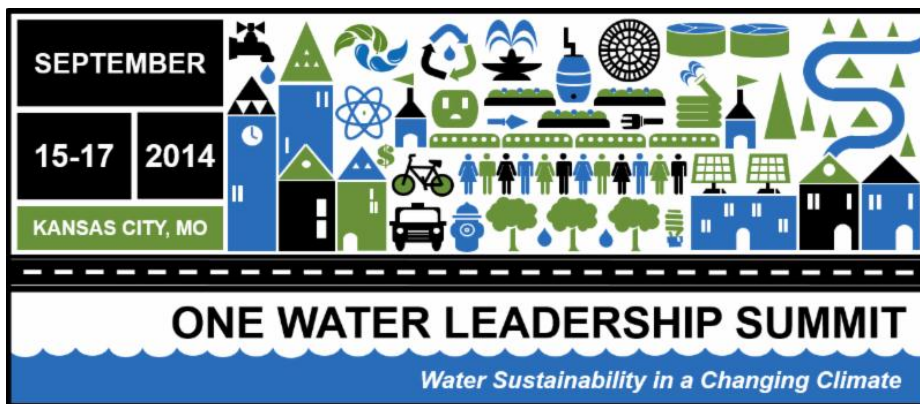
Coming Soon: Planning & Zoning Commissioner Training Series

Your KCAPA, in partnership with the Mid-American Regional Council, will begin a new series of planning and zoning commissioner training and education starting this Fall. The series will focus on the fundamentals all volunteer commissioners will want to know as well as key development topics and trends in the KC metropolitan region. The first program in our series is scheduled for early November. Additional information to be released soon.

One Water Leadership Summit

CM Credits

CM Credits approved for the Kansas City Port Authority Walking Tour and the KCAPA Annual Symposium.



September 15-17 2014

Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO

This year's One Water Leadership Summit in Kansas City offers insights and strategies for managing some of the biggest opportunities and challenges confronting communities and watersheds. Innovative technology, monitoring and modeling, regulation, market-based incentives, finance, and public awareness campaigns all factor into the mix. Attendees will learn from and discuss with water leaders successful strategies to reduce the threat of nutrient pollution and toxic algae in great water bodies such as the Mississippi River, crumbling infrastructure, water scarcity and water waste, habitat loss, and public apathy towards our most precious liquid asset.

Don't wait until it's too late...[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Benjamin Ross Lecture & Book Signing

September 17, 2014 | 6:00pm

Kansas City Public Library: Plaza Branch | 4801 Main Street, KCMO

Transit advocate Benjamin Ross will discuss his new book, "Dead End: Suburban Sprawl and the Rebirth of American Urbanism" at the Plaza Library.

The event is Wednesday, September 17 and is free.

"Ben Ross' Dead End is a highly personal account of a larger journey that we are embarked on as a nation—from sprawl to walkable communities, from anoxic, sterile neighborhoods to vibrant, transit-served urban areas that are the wellspring of innovation, economic development and cultural richness."—John Porcari, Former Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Transportation.

Benjamin Ross was president of Maryland's Action Committee for Transit for 15 years, which grew under his leadership into the nation's largest grassroots transit advocacy group. He is a consultant on environmental problems and served on committees of the National Academy of Sciences and EPA Science Advisory Board. He writes frequently on political and social topics in Dissent Magazine and is the author of The Polluters: The Making of Our Chemically

Altered Environment.

Special Taxing Districts: If they are so special, why does EVERYONE have one?



September 19, 2014 | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Husch Blackwell | 4801 Main St, Ste 1000, KCMO 64112

The topic for this lunch program is Special Taxing Districts. This seminar focuses on the interaction of planners and legal counsel in the formulation and planning of special taxing districts (TDD's, CID's, BID's, SBD's, etc.). Emphasis will be given to Kansas and Missouri statutory regulations impacting the planning process from project initiation through district operations and finally termination. Additional focus will concentrate on specific case study projects in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

CM: 1.5 CM credits pending

The cost for this event is \$20. Lunch will be provided.

Register: RSVP to slachky@marc.org

APA Webinar Conferences: Post-Disaster Recovery in a Changing Climate



September 24, 2014 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm

MARC Conference Center | 600 Broadway, Suite 200, KCMO 64105

Demographic shifts and climate change are making disasters bigger and costlier. Gradually, the nation is moving toward more effective long-term recovery, while communities are working to become more resilient. But greater

resilience calls for more sophisticated planning. Do you have the tools for a safer, stronger community? Learn about the next generation of post-disaster recovery planning from the people who wrote the book — and the new edition. This program is also suitable for planning commissioners. Cosponsored by FEMA.

CM: This audio/web conference has been approved for 1.5 CM credits

Register: No charge. Registration link coming soon

KS Planning Conference - Planning for 3 Million - Register NOW!

October 2 - October 3, 2014 | Wichita, KS

This year's conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas. APA-KS is excited about the wide range of sessions that the conference will offer this year, including Planning Commissioner Training, several mobile tours (even for those biking and running enthusiasts!) and speed dating interviews for students and emerging planners. Our Keynote Speakers for this year's conference include Steve Coen, President and CEO of The Kansas Health Foundation and current APA President, Bill Anderson!

[Register today](#). Online Registration is open until September 19th. Also, remember to reserve your hotel (<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2014APA>), hotel registration is open until September 10th.

MO APA Conference - Building Sustainable Communities - Register NOW!

October 15 - October 17, 2014 | St. Louis, MO

This year's conference will be held at the Westin Hotel located in downtown St. Louis next to Busch Stadium. The conference will include several speakers with a national reputation in leading sustainable initiatives to compliment an exciting group of local- and regional-focused sessions. And this year, the MO APA conference will offer four session tracks instead of three! This means attendees can maximize their time and get up to 15 CM credits. We hope to see you in St. Louis!

Register now at: <http://www.mo-apa.org/events/2014-planning-conference>

Sponsorship Highlight

BNIM

Established in 1970, BNIM emerged as an early pioneer in sustainable design and continues to shape the national and global agenda for responsible architecture and design excellence. With offices in Kansas City, Des Moines, Houston, Los Angeles and San Diego, the firm is recognized nationally as a leading resource for established methodologies, innovative technologies and cutting-edge research in architecture, planning, landscape and workplace design. Areas of expertise include sustainable design and community redevelopment, urban planning and design, educational facilities, campus master planning, residential and corporate office spaces. BNIM's work has evolved to embody the concept of restorative design, which aims to maximize human potential, productivity and health while minimizing the consumption of resources and the production of waste and pollution.

Recognized for holistic planning practices, BNIM believes in a vision for our communities and campuses that is founded on the lessons of the past, acknowledges the goals of the present, and promotes the dreams and possibilities of the future. Our planning services include community planning, urban design, sustainable community consulting, master planning, regional planning, environmental planning and urban revitalization.

Role of the Film Industry and Urban Development in Metropolitan Los Angeles

November 19, 2014 | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Center for Architecture & Design | 1801 McGee, Suite 100, KCMO 64108

Stephanie Frank (Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City) will discuss her dissertation, "The Film Industry and Urban Development in Metropolitan Los Angeles, 1920-1975." Her research documents the role of film studios in the shaping of the urban development of metropolitan Los Angeles as defined by two dramatic shifts in the business model of the film industry. First, the vertical integration of the film industry, which organized



production around manufacturing plants that expanded to meet the growing needs of product for company-owned theaters. Second, after a 1948 Supreme

Court ruling declared such vertical integration an illegal trust and ordered the sell-off of the theater chains, film companies transformed their physical plants for a post-studio system era.

CM: 1.5 CM credits pending

Register: RSVP link coming soon

Save the Date: KCAPA Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

December 4, 2014 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Center for Architecture & Design | 1801 McGee, Suite 100, KCMO 64108

More details coming soon!

Appetizers and Drinks Provided

Free for Members and Sponsors

\$10 for Non-Members

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Job Opportunities

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

Job Opportunities

- Community Development - City of Edgerton, KS
- Coordinator, Neighborhood Programs
- Safe Routes to School Planner

RFQs

- RFQ for K-12 Master Planning Services

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