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Letter from the KC-APA President

Dear Members & Sponsors,


The 2015 year has busy with a lot of activity. KC-APA committees are in full swing generating ideas to serve the section as well as the community. As I'm sure everyone is aware, we've spent the better part of the year planning the upcoming 2015 Quad State Planning Conference. Beginning October 21, we anticipate 400+ planning professionals from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma to converge upon Kansas City to spend three exciting days immersed in all things planning. It should be a great conference!

In 2015, we've continued to provide numerous continuing educational opportunities to our membership. As with 2014, the KC-APA has continued its partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to provide continuing educational opportunities for local professionals and interested parties. So far in 2015 we've partnered on 15 events with over 43 hours of CM credits. KC-APA has sponsored an additional seven events for over 400 individuals providing eight hours of CM credits. This local continuing education opportunity provides a low-cost opportunity to maintaining certifications for our membership.

Beginning 2015, the KC-APA has also become a charter member of the Center for Architecture & Design (CfAD). The CfAD is a joint collaboration of the local chapters of the AIA (architects), IIDA (interior designers), AIGA (graphic artists), PGASLA (landscape architects), APA (urban planners) and the IDSA (industrial designers). The mission is to serve as an association of design-minded individuals, advancing and promoting the profession of design, and providing a forum for discussion, collaboration, and the promotion of quality design. With this collaboration the KC-APA has had the opportunity to further promote the planning professional amongst our peer design organizations. As a benefit of this partnership, **APA members are also now members of the CfDA, including member pricing at CfDA events.** KC-APA is also working with the CfDA on a new initiative to promote planning (and other design

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professions) as a career option to area middle and high school students. Pay attention for future announcements. A special thanks to KC-APA Board member [Tom Worker-Braddock](#) for leading KC-APA's role within the CfAD.

Lastly, thank you to all of our 2015 sponsors! Without their support many of the activities I've mentioned would not be possible. We had a great response this year and sponsorship support is essential to providing events and educational opportunities.

I am hopeful that all of the members can feel the continued momentum for the KC-APA. We encourage you to get involved and help to make our section stronger. If you are interested in becoming more involved but don't know where to start, feel free to contact any one of our board members about opportunities.

See you at Quad State!

Jim Potter, AICP

KC-APA Elections for 2016-2017 Term

Elections are coming soon! Your KC-APA Board is looking for energetic and dedicated planners to run for three open Board positions: **Secretary**, **Treasurer**, and **Member-At-Large**. These positions will serve a term of two years, from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. Please refer to the list of duties for each position listed below. The three available positions are Section Officers and are part of the 11 member Executive Committee.

Please consider becoming more involved in the Kansas City Section of the American Planning Association to help promote, educate, and advocate for planning in the region. The KC-APA has significantly enhanced its role for our local planning community and candidates interested in the open Board positions should demonstrate a strong commitment to continuing and strengthening this momentum.

If you are interested in serving on the KCAPA Board, please submit a statement of interest (200 words or less) to Shawn Strate (sstrate@kcata.org), Victor Burks (vburks@skw-inc.com), or Ashley Winchell (ashley.winchell@kcmo.org) by the close of business on October 23, 2015.

Ballots will be sent to KC-APA membership in early November and the results of the election will be announced at the KC-APA Holiday Party and Annual Meeting on December 10, 2015.

Position Descriptions

The duties of the **Secretary** shall be to:

1. Prepare and keep minutes of all Section and Executive Committee meetings.
2. File two copies of the Section bylaws and subsequent amendments with the Chapter Executive Committees and Secretaries within one (1) month after adoption, and at least one (1) copy of all reports and publication at the time they are distributed to the Section Membership.
3. Maintain a current roster of Section membership.
4. Notify members of meetings.
5. Transmit to the Chapter Presidents a list of all Section officers (including their addresses and telephone numbers) within thirty (30) days of their election.
6. Notify the Chapters of the results of all Section voting, including the total number voting for each candidate, or "aye" and "nay" votes on each issue.
7. Perform such duties as are customary to the office.

The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be to:

1. Receive all membership dues and other monies in the name of the Section.
2. Disburse funds in accordance with the budget.
3. Keep account records, which shall at all times be open for inspection by Section Officers.
4. Assist the President in preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Section.
5. Serve as a signatory on the Section's bank account.
6. Perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

The duties of the **Member-at-Large** shall be to:

1. Support the duties of the Kansas and Missouri State Chapter Directors.
2. Serve on the Executive Committee of the Section.

Planning in Downtown Overland Park

September 30, 2015 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Matt Ross Community Center, Plaza Room

8101 Marty | Overland Park, KS 66204

A before and after look at how planning in Downtown Overland Park, Kansas has changed since the adoption and implementation of the Downtown Form District and Vision Metcalf Plan.

Box Lunch Provided

\$20 cash or check only at the door

Please RSVP to Gina Murphy at MurphyGL@CDMSmith.com

1.5 CM Credits Pending

2015 Quad State Conference



October 21-23, 2015 | Westin Crown Center in Kansas City

The 2015 APA Quad State Conference is a gathering of professional planners and planning officials across the Midwest. The 2015 conference takes place **October 21-23** at the **Westin Crown Center in Kansas City**. A group of more than 350 individuals, including professional planners, planning officials, lawyers, architects and developers, are expected to attend. The conference will host attendees from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma which provide sponsors, advertisers, and exhibitors. Visit the conference webpage: <http://apaquadstate.com/>

2015 APA Webinar Conferences



November 12, 2015 | 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center
4801 Rockhill Road | Kansas City, MO 64110
AICP CM | 3.0

What do changing weather patterns mean to Greater Kansas City?

Please join us on Nov. 12, 2015, from 1–4 p.m. at the Kauffman Foundation

Conference Center for the first of four workshops focused on climate resilience. The first workshop features Dr. Christopher Anderson, a climatologist at Iowa State University who has conducted extensive research on climate change issues throughout the Midwest.

Dr. Anderson will share potential climate change scenarios – from extreme weather to broad trends – that we can expect in the Kansas City region

Following his presentation, a local panel will explore potential implications for our region. Small group discussions will then focus on:

- Key impacts of these changes on our natural environment, economy, infrastructure and public health.
- Resilience strategies already underway in the region.

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