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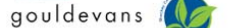
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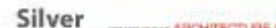
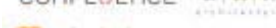
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Elections

Please take time to cast your ballot for the KC APA Elections. You will be voting for the **Secretary**, **Treasurer**, and **Member at Large** positions. Elections will close at 5:00pm on November 20th. Please see Monday's email for the ballot.

UMKC Planning Social

2013 Board Members

[Diane Binckley- President](#)

[Jim Potter - Vice President](#)

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November 12th (Tue) 5:30-7:00 PM

UMKC Katz Hall
5005 Rockhill Road (Corner of 50th & Rockhill)

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This event is to promote interactions in our planning community and to meet new faces. Prof. Stephanie Frank is an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Design in the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design. Dr. Frank is a planning historian who has expertise in the film industry. She received her doctoral degree from USC in 2013. Mr. Stephen Samuels is an urban planner and new Executive Director of Greater Kansas City Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). He was former Director of Business Development at Economics Center at the University of Cincinnati. We would like to see more new faces in the event. We look forward to meeting you at UMKC on Tuesday, November 12th.

November 12 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

UMKC Katz Hall #101 | 5005 Rockhill Road, KCMO

Event Recap

Planning for a Resilient Community

Jim Potter - Vice President

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Representative

Ryan McKay-KS Section
Representative

Shannon Jaax- Past
President

Vincent Gauthier - Member at
Large

Amanda DeBrot - Media
Director

Save the Date

KC-APA Annual Meeting

12/5/13 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

AIA Kansas City





We had a successful KCAPA program the morning of Monday, November 4th. The program was titled “**Planning for a Resilient Community**” and focused on how communities can enhance their resilience and accomplish hazard mitigation through comprehensive planning, zoning, and other planning mechanisms. Approximately 15 people attended the event. A big thanks to our presenters from FEMA Region VII, Michelle Wolfe and Lynn Jameson.

Missouri Encourages Wireless Service Expansion Through Recent Ruling

Missouri courts have struck down the Uniform Wireless Communications Act due to concerns over multiple topics included in one bill. The merits of the bill were not addressed and it is expected for the ruling to be appealed or the issue to be brought up again next legislative session. The Act itself that the telecommunications industry has been pushing for years would significantly limit local government review of proposed cell phone towers and facilities. The MO-APA Chapter Board officially opposed the legislation last year in communications to Governor Nixon.

APA Kansas Annual Planning Conference Recap

This year’s Kansas Chapter APA conference was held in beautiful Manhattan, KS October 3-4 and followed the theme of “Planning for Happiness”. The conference was very successful with nearly 140 in attendance; the largest attendance for the Kansas conference to date! In addition, the Kansas Chapter received more conference sponsors than years past with 11, whether they be universities, agencies or firms, all taking part in helping to make the state conference one of the best in recent years. Keynote speakers Dr. Lopez, author of *Making Hope Happen*, Gallup Senior Scientist and Research Director of the Clifton Strengths Institute as well as Jerry Mitchell, PHD, professor of Urban and Regional Planning from California Poly Tech delivered thought-provoking sessions on Hope and Happiness in and through the planning professions. Nearly 30 sessions comprised the two-day conference with 26 AICP credits up for grabs. The Kansas Chapter Executive Committee will soon

begin planning the 2014 state conference to be held in Wichita, October 2-3. The Conference Planning Committee would like to thank you for your continued support of Planning in the State of Kansas and we hope to see you next year!

APA Missouri Conference Recap

The Missouri Chapter APA conference was put on this year by the Ozark Section of the Missouri Chapter and was held in Branson, MO October 16-18. The theme for the event was "Earth, Wind and Fire in the Hole". The conference was very successful with over 150 in attendance! Keynote speakers included the Mayor of Branson and the Mayor of Joplin as they discussed disaster relief in their communities. Over 20 sessions were offered with the potential for more than 10 continuing education credits. Some of the mobile workshops offered back of house tours for Silver Dollar City and a tour of a moonshine distillery in the backwoods. The St. Louis Section of the Missouri Chapter will soon begin planning the 2014 state conference to be held in the St. Louis region.

Job Opportunities

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

- **Planner/ Senior Planner - City of Lee's Summit**
- **Director of Planning & Development - City of Hutchinson**
- **Executive Director of Regional Planning Commission - City of Boonslick**

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