

Alaska Planning Journal

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Nominations

It is that time of year again, time for APA Alaska Chapter position nominations. This year we have a spate of positions to fill, due in part to officers moving out of state, and the creation of a new position, and just the natural progression of positions coming open at the end of the current officer's term. We are searching for nominations to fill these very important positions within our chapter. The positions available are:

- Vice President for the statewide chapter
- Professional Development Officer

- Planning Commissioner Representative
- South Central Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer

The following is a brief description of each office and the duties associated with the position.

The Vice President shall: a) assist the President in the guidance and coordination of committee activities; b) assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President; c) coordinate the activities of the Regional Vice

Presidents and report to the Board of Directors on their activities; and d) perform other duties as required by these By-laws or customary to the office.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall: a) maintain an accurate list of the members of the Chapter; b) notify members and the Board

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Vote

Alaska Chapter Makes Donation to Honor Nick Isaacs

The Alaska Chapter has donated \$350 to the Fish Creek Preservation Fund with the Great Land Trust in honor of Nick Isaacs who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Nick was the son of Jon Isaacs, former president of the Alaska Chapter of APA and an

active member of the Chapter. The Great Land Trust is a local non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the special places and signature landscapes of Southcentral Alaska. The money will be used to preserve the Fish Creek estuary and other lands along Fish

Creek, which is close to the Isaacs home and was frequently visited by Nick when growing up. The preservation project includes 33 acres of forest, stream and saltwater marsh.



News and Updates

- The Alaska Chapter of the APA has recently begun the process of developing a website. Keep an eye on www.alaskaplanning.org. We will be posting news, information and upcoming events on this site.
- Planetizen.com has named it's first annual list of what it determined to be the top 50 planning and development websites. They will be taking nominations by readers, and base the list on a set of criteria listed on their site.
- U.S. Supreme Court decision—On October 22, 2002, the Supreme Court issued a decision to open public access ways to beaches to beach communities in places such as Malibu, Laguna Beach, Mendocino and Santa Barbara, California.
- On the Kenai Peninsula, flooding is closing roadways in Homer and forcing

evacuations in Anchor Point. Outlying areas of Seward have also been experiencing heavy flooding. This brings up the need to keep in mind the necessity of Emergency Planning. There are several important websites that provide information on local and Federal training in this field. Keep an eye on www.muni.org/oem/seminars.cfm, <http://training.fema.gov>, and <http://www.ak-prepared.com>.

All members of AICP are encouraged to maintain their proficiency in planning through continuing education and professional development as a responsibility to themselves and to the clients and public they serve. The AICP Commission has developed the Continuing Professional Development Program (CPDP) to assist AICP members to keep track of their continuing education efforts.

National Audio Conference Training Series

APA in conjunction with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is offering an Audio Conference Training Series on various planning issues. The sessions occur once a month and consist of a panel of national experts discussing a specific planning issue and answering questions submitted from across the country. In addition to the teleconference, APA provides a power point presentation and background reading materials

on the issue. Upcoming sessions include "*Getting to Density*" on November 6; "*Mastering Meeting Management*" on December 4; "*Update on Planning and Environmental Law*" on February 5; and "*Planning the Physically Active Community*" on May 21. The sessions cost \$130 for each telephone line. Sessions are currently being sponsored at two locations in Anchorage, one by the Municipality's Planning Department

and one by DOWL Engineers. The sessions are being sponsored by the Mat-Su Borough in Palmer. Sessions have been sponsored in Juneau by various entities include Sheinberg Associates and the City & Borough of Juneau. If a session is not currently being sponsored in your area, ask your local government or a local firm if they would be willing to sponsor one.

APA 2003 National Conference—Denver, Colorado

Denver will host the 2003 American Planning Association National Conference.

The conference will feature over 200 sessions and workshops covering issues such as planning with nature, transforming data to assist with better decision making, and issues involved in transportation and its shaping of urban design. The

conference will also include hands-on GIS and internet workshops. There also will be over 70 mobile workshops, tackling issues such resorts and tourism planning, planned neighborhood and redevelopment, with others covering the history of Denver.

The conference will run from March 29 to April 2, 2003. Pre-

liminary programs will be mailed in November.

More information on the conference can be found on the American Planning Association's web site, at www.planning.org.



Denver Skyline

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of Directors of meetings, prepare and report minutes of Chapter and Board of Directors meetings; c) transmit to the Executive Director of APA a list of all Chapter officers (including their addresses and telephone numbers) within 30 days of their election; d) notify the Executive Director of APA of the results of all Chapter voting, and, in so doing, specify the quorum and the number voting for each candidate or “aye” and “nay” on each issue; e) transmit to the Executive Director of APA at least one copy of each publication of the Chapter; f) submit to the Executive Director of APA proposed Bylaws or Amendments as required by the Bylaws of APA; and g) perform such other duties required by these Bylaws or customary to the office.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall also: a) receive and disburse Chapter funds; b) collect Chapter dues and assessments not collected by the National Office; c) assist the President in preparing an annual budget for review by the Board of Directors; d) maintain accounts which shall be open to inspection by officers and subject to audit; e) prepare for each meeting of the membership and of the Board of Directors a financial report to include a current balance sheet and an income statement reflecting the preceding 12 months of Chapter operations; and f) perform such other duties as required by these Bylaws or customary to the office.

Each Regional Vice President shall: a) serve as a representative of the Chapter in the regional area; b) coordinate regional activities with those of the Chapter and the Associa-

tion; and c) further the purposes of the Chapter within the appropriate region.

The Southcentral Regional Vice President shall represent that portion of the state encompassing the “Southcentral” region of the state (corresponding with the DOT&PF central region boundaries) including Anchorage, Wasilla, Palmer, Bethel, Dillingham, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, and Valdez.

The Professional Development Officer shall: a) promote professional development and continuing education; b) be an AICP; promote membership in AICP by oral/written communication with chapter membership at conferences, workshops, etc., and through chapter newsletters and other such media; c) provide assistance to all chapter members interested in AICP membership by providing all necessary information about qualifications, examination schedules, the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, etc.; d) provide assistance to national AICP office staff when called upon to meet with, or otherwise communicate with, members interested in AICP membership, to determine if they meet eligibility requirements; e) plan and implement chapter programs to assist candidates for AICP membership in any ways possible, including exam preparation alternatives; f) be responsible for assuring chapter input to the accreditation review of planning programs within the chapter area.

The Planning Commissioner Representative shall serve as a voting member on the Board of Directors and shall advise the Committee and the Chapter on the conduct of services to plan-

ning commissioners and the evolving character of the planning profession.

Nominations for these positions are due by November 21, 2002 and may be e-mailed to Don Galligan at dgalliga@hdrinc.com, or mailed to the Chapter address at PO Box 241846, Anchorage, AK 99524-1846, or phoned to Lance Wilbur Alaska APA Chapter President at (907) 343-8411.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate people for our officer positions.

*It is that time
of year again,
time for APA
Alaska Chapter
position
nominations.*



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Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for three Alaska planners. Angela Chambers, Judith Pinton, and Shawn Odell were recently certified as members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). The American Institute of Certified Planners is the professional institute within the American Planning Association that certifies practicing planners and promotes continuing education and professional development.

Certification requires specific education and experience plus passing a rigid examination in planning. Only 14,000 planners in the nation hold AICP certification. Nationally, 1,377 candidates took the exam last May and 782 (57%) passed. Sev-

enty-five percent of the Alaska candidates passed.

If you are interested in taking the May 10, 2003 exam, the application deadline is December 9th, 2002. Interested applicants should contact the American Institute of Certified Planners by phone at (202) 872-0611, by email at aicp@planning.org, or visit the AICP web site at <http://www.planning.org/certification/appinfo.html>. All application materials and instructions are available from the web site. You can also contact John McPherson the APA Alaska Chapter's professional development officer (jmcphers@hdrinc.com) for more information.

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Alternatively, you can email the President of the Board of Directors, Lance Wilber, AICP at: wilberlr@ci.anchorage.ak.us



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