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American Planning Association **Kansas Chapter**

Making Great Communities Happen

President's Message

Happy Spring!

Spring rains have brought some beautiful flowers around my house. Those showers (and thunderstorms) have also caused a lot of flooding across the State and Great Plains. Seeing the flooding around Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri reminds me about how important our involvement in creating a resilient is. Not only do planners bring a high experience level in the built environment, but we also bring a lot of insight into demographics and the make-up of our community. Planners also have a great understanding of how our communities function and can be pretty awesome and GIS analysis, not just map making. All of these attributes and many more should make us great partners with engineers and emergency managers to make our communities safer before, during and after an emergency. So if you haven't yet, introduce yourself to your City or County Emergency Managers and let them know how you can help. I am sure they will appreciate your experiences and insight. I know your community will!

This newsletter includes updates from our Professional Development Officer, Bonnie Johnson, as well as Quad State conference information. Finally, we are now accepting Award Nominations for our chapter through June 21 (see details below). I know that a lot of great planning is underway in our state, so I encourage you to submit a nomination for your community. I look forward to hearing about all of the award submissions and celebrating great planning in Kansas!

Chad Bunger
APA KS Chapter President

Chapter Awards Nominations Sought

It's the time of year where we want to hear about and celebrate great planning efforts happening throughout the state! Now through June 21, 2019, we want you to nominate an outstanding planning effort by completing and submitting a nomination. See the nomination form at the link below. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Knebel at 316-268-4456 or sknebel@wichita.gov



Quad State Conference Update - Sponsors Needed!

Conference planning is well underway for the upcoming Quad State conference planned for October 9-12, 2019 in Tulsa. The conference website now includes helpful information leading up to the conference.

- Registration date – June 1st – and conference rates
- Hotel reservation information – \$93/night
- Sponsorship information – see more below
- Poster session submittal information

View the conference website here: <https://missouri.planning.org/conferences-and-meetings/chapter-conference/2019-quad-state-conference/>

Sponsors Needed!

Are you looking for a great way to reach over 400 planners for your firm or business? Then the Quad-State Conference in Tulsa, OK is an outstanding opportunity! This year's conference theme is Gather+Engage+Connect. The conference will bring over 400 planners and other professionals together for a 3-day event to share and learn. We would invite to be a conference sponsor to help make this event possible, support planning in Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and expand your business. If you have any questions, please feel to call or email Chad Bunger. See the information at the two links below.

[2019 Quad State Sponsorship Information](#)

[2019 Quad State Sponsorship Form](#)

News from NPC19 – 10th Anniversary of CM Credits

I went to the Professional Development Officers' Exchange at the conference and heard the latest APA and AICP news. Here's what I heard:

Architectural Registration Boards since 2007. He spoke to the PDOs about his understanding of the need for quality, efficient, certification processes. Read more here: <https://www.planning.org/blog/blogpost/9171839/>

- The AICP Commission is considering changing the required CM credits. Today AICP members are required to get 1.5 ETHICS and 1.5 LAW credits every 2 years. They are considering changing those to 1 ETHICS, 1 LAW, 1 EQUITY, and 1 changeable topic depending on what is needed at the time. This would change the number of required credits from 3 to 4. Be on the lookout for more about this and let me know your thoughts.
- **AICP Exam preparation and application updates:**
 - AICP Exam Prep 3.0 – The all web-based exam preparation course is going away. It will no longer be offered because it has not been updated for the new version of the exam AND APA is making much more material available online for FREE.
 - The AICP exam and application guide has become 2 guides. The AICP Guide Part 1 is all about how to apply for the exam and Part 2 is about taking the exam.
 - There is a push to make sure everyone knows that the application to qualify to take the exam is part of becoming AICP. The application is as important as the exam. You have to be able to tell others what “planning” is and how you have actually done the work of planning.
 - The AICP Membership Committee is updating the application criteria – not changing it, but making the requirements clearer for all kinds of planners.
 - In the winter, there should be a new Chapter Presidents Council manual for studying for the exam.
 - Take a look at “APA Learn” (see more below) – The APA Education department is going to be looking at all of the materials offered through the e-library, PAS reports, and video presentations looking for ways of matching those to parts of the AICP exam to make studying even easier.
 - APA now regularly sends out the “Provider Insider” which goes to CM credit providers (like KS APA Chapter) keeping them up-to-date.

It has been 10 years since AICP adopted requiring Continuing Maintenance credits. Can you remember when we did not have to log CM credits?

APA Learn – Makes getting CM credits and studying for AICP easier

The APA website now offers “APA Learn” which has over 375 online courses for over 500 AICP CM credits including LAW and ETHICS sessions. It does cost money though. For members, 1.5 CM credits are around \$30.00. Learn more about the topics covered in this blog post of “APA Learn: Planning Education from A to Z”:

<https://www.planning.org/planning-ed-a-to-z/>

AICP Candidate Pilot Program – Going Well and Headed into Year 2

AICP continues piloting of an alternative route to AICP certification. They need a couple of years to see how it works because it still takes time for candidates to gain the 2 years of experience needed to become fully AICP. The program started in November of 2017.

This program encourages graduates of Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) Accredited Planning programs like KSU and KU’s graduate planning programs to take the exam after graduation, commit to the code of ethics, start earning CM credits AND then, when they get their years of experience, apply for AICP, and gain their AICP status. In essence, this reverses the traditional framework which goes from 1. Education to 2. Professional Planning

Professional Planning Experience to 5. AICP credential. This process would have to all occur within a 5-year time frame or Candidate status would lapse. Statistics show that if you take the exam closer to the time you graduate, the more likely you are to pass on your first try. This also commits those planners to the code of ethics sooner as well.

The traditional format is there and has not changed for those with degrees from non-accredited schools or for those who do not have planning degrees.

Progress - After one year (2017-2018), 1,050 members joined the program: 700 were graduates that were ready to take the exam, 137 passed the May 2018 AICP Certification Exam to become AICP Candidates, and 20 successfully applied for AICP in June 2018. Here are more details: <https://www.planning.org/aicp/candidate/>

AICP Exam application window opens June 3rd – Need tips for studying?

The next exam window is November 4-18, 2019. The application window opens June 3rd and closes June 27th. The early bird deadline is June 10th. The early bird deadline is good because if there are any issues with your application, they will tell you and allow you to try again right away instead of waiting until the next application window in December.

We just did an AICP Exam prep session at the Kansas Mini-conference in March BUT there will be one at the Quad State Conference in October. In the meanwhile, if you send me an email, I can send you a link to more study resources as well.

As always, if you have questions about applying for the AICP exam, taking the exam, or getting your CM credits, let me know. I'm available to read your application if you need another set of eyes.

CM Credits – Right here in KANSAS! & a Hot Tip!

If you attended the Kansas Spring Mini-conference: Resilience and Mobility in March remember to record your CM credits via the AICP website. Search for Spring Mini-Conference Kansas to bring it up in the online logging system.

Hot AICP Tip! - Remember you can also get CM credits for pro-bono work – here's more about it: <https://www.planning.org/cm/logging/selfreport/probono/>

Questions?

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The Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Kansas) is a professional organization representing practicing planners, government officials, and citizens involved with urban, regional, and rural planning issues within the State of Kansas.

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