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## American Planning Association **Kansas Chapter**

*Making Great Communities Happen*

### President's Message

I hope that you are having a great summer! The wet Spring may have made getting out on the lake to enjoy a boat ride or swim a challenge, but at least the sun is out now!

Recently, I had the privilege of attending training in my organization to improve our understanding of diversity and inclusion for my City. Like most, another afternoon for training didn't fit well into my schedule, but thankfully I worked hard to have a different attitude and attend the training fully present and willing to learn and participate. I am glad I did! I left that training with a better understanding of my role as a Community Planner in addressing these wildly important social issues. As a community planner, the issues of diversity and inclusivity should be paramount to our approach to master plans, rezoning requests, and plats, to make sure that everyone in our community has a voice in these planning efforts. Having a diverse City makes our community vibrant and exciting. Being a City that strives to welcome and include everyone, builds a stronger social fabric that creates more engaged citizens in the community building process.

If you are fortunate enough to diversity and inclusion training coming up – I encourage you to step into that meeting embracing the importance of the discussion. I also encourage you to check out APA's policy guide for Planning for Equity. It is an exceptional document giving specific actions on how to create an equity-in-all-policies to planning and governance.

Chad Bunger  
APA KS Chapter President

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### Quad State Conference Information

Time is running out for the early registration rates for the Quad State conference. **Be sure to register by July 31st** to receive your discounted rate. The conference is planned for October 9-11, 2019 in Tulsa. A free AICP exam prep session will be held on October 12th.

The conference website includes helpful information leading up to the conference.

- Registration and conference rates
- Hotel reservation information – \$93/night

- [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](#)

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## **Employment Opportunities**

The following are job postings **current as of July 18, 2019**. For more information about a particular job, click on the highlighted area. This information is also posted on our website.

- [Lead Planner – City of Kansas City, KS/Wyandotte County](#)
- [Planning & Zoning Administrator - City of Haysville](#)
- [Sustainability & Food Systems Analyst - City of Lawrence](#)
- [Community Development Director - City of Lenexa](#)
- [Volunteer Services Manager - Bridging the Gap - Kansas City, MO](#)

If you have a job posting or RFP to share, please visit our website to fill out our request to post form: <https://kansasplanning.org/jobs-and-requests-for-proposals/>

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## **Professional Development Officer (PDO) Report**

*CM Credits at the Quad-State Conference, Congratulations new AICP member, AICP Test Prep*

### **Lots of Variety at the Quad -State Conference – Get Your CM Credits! LAW and ETHICS included!**

If you go to every day of the conference (and are diligent about going to sessions), you can get 12 CM credits including your required LAW and ETHICS credits. The ETHICS session is on the first day, Oct. 9th at 1:30 p.m. and the LAW session is on the last day Oct. 11th at 1:15 p.m. – see what they did there! Ha! Trying to get you to come to everything! BUT there is such a variety of sessions and really reasonably priced mobile tours that it will be well worth coming to the whole thing.

<https://missouri.planning.org/conferences-and-meetings/chapter-conference/2019-quad-state-conference/conference-schedule/>

at the Tulsa Public Library. Interested persons should select a ticket for the prep session when registering for the conference.

### **Congratulations new AICP planner!**

Aaron Barlow, AICP, Associate Planner, City of Hutchinson – passed the May exam! So excited for you Aaron.

### **Applying to be AICP**

AICP gives the exam only two times a year, in May and November. The application window for November's exam has closed. Those who applied early should know if they can take the exam by August 5th and the rest will know by September 30. The deadline to sign up for the test is October 31st. The testing window is November 4-18th.

### **Contact me**

If you have questions about applying for the AICP exam, taking the exam, or getting your CM credits, let me know. Email: [bojohjohn@ku.edu](mailto:bojohjohn@ku.edu) or 785-864-7147, Bonnie Johnson, AICP, Director/Associate Professor, Urban Planning Program, University of Kansas.

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## **Distance Learning Opportunity**

This fall, the University of Iowa has two online courses that could be of benefit to APA-KS members. See the list of the two courses below - click on the links for detailed information and registration. Both courses are hands-on courses taught by practitioners and therefore should be of interest to planning practitioners. People are able to register as a distance learner or nondegree student.

- [Disaster Mitigation and Recovery](#) taught by Jim Schwab, well known internationally for his work in disaster recovery and mitigation.
- [Economic Impact Assessment](#) taught by Dave Swenson, well known in Iowa for his approach to economic impact assessment.

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## **About APA Kansas**

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.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association is to communicate, educate, advocate, and celebrate our members, communities, and profession.

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