



PDO Team Conference Call

February 10, 2016 11 am

Call in Number: 866-499-7054; Passcode 2991253365#

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| Testing Window | May 9–22, 2016 |

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6. 2014-2015 AICP Reporting Period – Members in Danger of Losing AICP Status

Grace period ends April 30, 2016.

7. Core Professional Skills Training

The California Planning Roundtable (CPR) is interested in assisting the Chapter with providing core professional skills training for planners, particularly those newer to the profession. Brooke Peterson, past Chapter President, went to the CPR retreat in 2014 to discuss a possible partnership with the Chapter. CPR members were very supportive and the first step was to propose a series of such sessions at the 2015 Chapter conference and then assess the next steps.

CPR would like to continue to build a stronger bridge with the Chapter and define a role for CPR in terms of professional training; professional training seems to be a natural fit given the breadth of expertise among CPR members. They are now exploring possibilities and wanted to get input from the APA Board on what they see are the next steps, such as training sessions we might do outside of the annual conference. They are focusing training on AICP core competencies for entry- and mid-level planners, and filling the niche on those topics that are not commonly covered in graduate urban planning programs, such as strategic thinking, organizational skills, time management, dealing with hostile environments, and political acumen.

They felt that a three-hour dedicated workshop at the conference on core professional skills could be a guaranteed session sponsored by CPR/APA. The subject matter would vary from year to year. In addition to these workshops at the conference they'd also like to coordinate with the section boards and PDOs to sponsor and organize similar workshops at various locations throughout the state that would be eligible for CM credits. They're also looking for some funding to cover incidental expenses for these section-sponsored workshops (from the sections and/or the Chapter).

I think this is a great opportunity to take advantage of the resources CPR members have to offer and to provide workshops at the section level where they may not be enough or in some cases, none at all. I'm requesting that you reach out to your section boards to get their feedback on this opportunity. If you all are okay with me contacting your chapter directors directly, I'd like to do that. I'd like to give them a heads up and then have you individually discuss this at your next board meeting. Once I get some feedback I'll report back the Chapter Board and CPR.

8. FAICP Nominations

We're still waiting to hear from National about our Chapter's nominations. The following individuals submitted applications to National:

- Brian Mooney (San Diego)
- Larry Morrison (Los Angeles)
- Susan Peerson (San Diego)
- Celia McAdam (Sacramento)
- Kurt Christiansen (Los Angeles)

9. CA Conference of Local Health Officials/County Health Executives Association/Local Health Departments

I've been working with the above organizations on what they call the "Chronic Disease Prevention Leadership Project." It's an effort to connect and promote planning and health. After several conference calls with them they have decided to submit some session proposals for the upcoming conference in Pasadena. Another idea they have is to submit an all-day, pre-conference workshop proposal for the conference in 2017. I'm continuing to work with them to help them find ways to connect better with us around the topic of planning and health.



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1. AICP CM Grace Period

I just found out last week thanks to our PDO from the Northern Section, Sharon, the grace period for the two-year reporting period 2014-2015 has been extended to May 31st. National didn't notify me directly so I only found out about this through her. National is in the process of upgrading their website so they extended the grace period to ensure that everyone has sufficient time and opportunity to earn and log the credits they need. If you haven't already, please alert your members to this extension. AICP members who have not yet logged the required number of credits should have received a letter from National.

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I sent out an email to the section directors letting them know about this effort and that you'd be bringing this up with them and your respective boards. As I said, I think this is a great opportunity to take advantage of the resources CPR members have to offer and to provide workshops at the section level where they may not be enough or in some cases, none at all. I'm requesting that you reach out to your section boards if you haven't already to get their feedback on this opportunity. I'd like to report back to the folks at CPR and the Chapter Board on what you and your boards think.

7. CA Community Planning Assistance Team Program

The CA APA Board has approved the initiation of a California Chapter Community Planning Assistance Team Program modeled after National's program (<https://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/>). Robert Paternoster is leading the effort and is working on the launch of the effort. As soon as it goes live I'll provide you with the details.

8. National PDO Team Quarterly Call

Beginning last November National began quarterly calls with all of the chapters' PDOs. During our call last month, we discussed the update to the AICP exam that is currently being undertaken. National is conducting a job analysis survey to determine what planners are engaged in today and endeavors to make changes to the exam that reflect this. National is looking for volunteers to serve on the Test Specifications

Task Force. Please let me know if you're interested. A new exam outline is expected to be released in July. The expected date for the roll out of the new exam is May 2017.

The other important topic of discussion was related to CM credits. National is now going to allow AICP members to log up to eight CM credits for volunteer work, such as that done as part of a planning assistance team. Persons requesting such credits will be required to view a web tutorial prior to logging them so it's clear that the activity they're seeking credit for qualifies.



PDO Team Conference Call
June 17, 2015 Noon
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| Final Application Deadline | June 30, 2015, 11:59 p.m. CT |
| Early Bird Notification Deadline | July 24, 2015 |
| Registration Deadline | October 22, 2015, 11:59 p.m. CT |
| Transfer Deadline | October 22, 2015 |
| Testing Window | November 2–17, 2015 |

4. AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships – Chapter.

The Chapter is once again offering reduced fee scholarships for the AICP exam. These come from National and are awarded by the Chapter. Only one was awarded for the May 2015 exam so we have seven still available. Please find attached information on the scholarships and the application form. If I understand it correctly we award the Chapter scholarships first and if those are all awarded then additional scholarships may be awarded at the Section level. Applications are due to me no later than 5 PM on Friday July 17, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

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7. APA State Conference-Oakland (October 3-6, 2015)

This year's conference is looking to be a really great one. There will be over 100 conference sessions and 16 mobile workshops. Here's the link to the *Conference at a Glance*: <http://www.apacalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Glance-10.pdf>. I lived in Oakland up until a year and half ago and can say with all honesty that it is a city square in the middle of a renaissance and is definitely worth a visit. The conference is always a great place to see all of the amazing planning that is going on in our great state and to spend some time with friends and colleagues and see the local area. It is also the Chapter's main fundraiser for the year, with the profits benefiting the host section, as well as all of the Chapter's sections. Please promote it to all of your members.

8. November 2015 AICP Exam Preparation Activities & Resources

9. FAICP Nominations/Applications

David Miller, our FAICP Coordinator, tells me we have at least three solid candidates at this point. The FAICP Nomination Committee will meet shortly to look at the preliminary applications.

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10. Proposed AICP Candidate Pilot Program – Request For Your Assistance

The AICP Commission requests your help in providing and soliciting feedback on a proposed [AICP Candidate Pilot Program](#) that will foster students' and other emerging professionals' career development and clarify the path to certification.

The proposed AICP Candidate Pilot Program is designed to achieve several key goals:

- Foster interest in planning as a career;
- Introduce students and other emerging professionals to the ethical and professional standards that are the foundation of the AICP credential;
- Provide professional development opportunities as students and other emerging professionals begin and progress in their careers;
- Establish a clearly defined path to AICP certification; and
- Maintain—and even enhance—the value and integrity of the AICP credential.

Features of the proposed AICP Candidate Pilot Program include:

- Eligibility will be limited to students in and graduates of [Planning Accreditation Board](#)-accredited programs (both graduate and undergraduate).
- AICP Candidates will be eligible to apply for the AICP Comprehensive Planning Exam one year earlier than non-AICP Candidates.
- AICP Candidates must participate in a modified [Certification Maintenance](#) program and log a minimum of 16 CM credits during their candidacy.
- AICP Candidates will commit to the [AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#).
- AICP Candidates will be authorized to use “AICP Candidate” on correspondence, resumes, and other references.
- Participation in the AICP Candidate Pilot Program is limited to five years.
- AICP Candidates may be matched with a mentor to provide support in applying for and preparing to take the exam.
- The AICP exam application fee will be discounted (\$15 instead of \$70).
- AICP Candidates will receive an AICP exam application toolkit.

Input is needed to create an AICP Candidate Pilot Program that will achieve the Commission's aforementioned goals.

The Commission wants as many people as possible to be aware of this proposal and have the opportunity to comment by completing a brief online survey.

Learn more about the proposed AICP Candidate Pilot Program and take the survey [here](#).

Please share this information as widely as possible in your newsletter, by email, or in other ways. I encourage you to take this opportunity to reach out to students and faculty in the planning programs in your area. We request that the survey be completed by **Thursday, September 1**.

APA will augment your efforts, using *Interact* and email to individual members to publicize the program and invite feedback. Please direct any questions to APA at AICPCandidate@planning.org.

The Commission will consider all comments and finalize the details of the AICP Candidate Pilot Program this fall. We plan to launch the AICP Candidate Pilot Program in August 2017. The first opportunity to apply for AICP Candidate status will be in November 2017.

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These sessions will be available for viewing at \$15 each and \$10 for each additional person in a group registration. Each session is claimed once for CM credit. After deducted expenses, proceeds accrued will be used to enhance this program but will also be donated to the California Planning Foundation's (CPF) educational purposes. The CPF is APA California's non-profit educational organization dedicated to providing scholarships to university students in need and promoting other educational opportunities. See more about CPF's activities by following [this link](#).

A number of sessions from the most recent conference in Pasadena were recorded and will eventually be added to our library of distance education sessions available online. More information to follow.

6. APA State Conference – Pasadena (October 22-25, 2016)

This year's conference was a great success. Thanks to all of you for your contributions to making it so. It was good to see those of you that I ran into. Attendance exceeded 2000 persons. Kudos to the Los Angeles Section for doing such a great job!

7. Core Professional Skills Training

The California Planning Roundtable (CPR) was able to add a third guaranteed CPR session to this year's Chapter Conference on core professional skills. The session was entitled: *Purposeful Strategic Planning - Gaining Community Support for Innovative Planning in a Challenging Environment*. It was a 3-hour, two session workshop to allow for more interactive learning. Organizers of the workshop were CPR members Carol Barrett, Liz Falleta, Hanson Hom, Marc Roberts, and Janet Ruggiero. Brooke Peterson was involved in planning the workshop.

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8. CA Chapter Planning Assistance Team Program

As I noted previously, the CA APA Board approved the initiation of a California Chapter Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) Program modeled after National's program (<https://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/>). Robert Paternoster is leading the effort. Details can be found at: <http://www.apacalifornia.org/professional-development/apa-california-cpat-program/>.

19 planners have volunteered to date. Robert believes that we can get all of the qualified professionals that we need once we have some real projects to work on. We have not yet received any applications, although we have had two serious inquiries. We still need help from the section directors with promoting this opportunity. We went all out at the conference in Pasadena, including a full-page ad in the program and promoting the program at the meeting of planning commissioner and board representatives.

9. AICP Exam Update

As noted in my email to everyone earlier this month, National is updating the AICP exam effective with the testing window next May. Thanks to all of you that sent me your comments on the exam content and the reading list. I have forwarded those on to National. Please do not share any of the specifics of these with your members until National gives the go ahead to do so. I'll let you know when it's ok.



PDO Team Conference Call

December 14, 2016 at 11 am

Call in Number: 866-499-7054; Passcode 2991253365#

Chapter Team:

Terry Blount, VP for Professional Development; Kim Brosseau, AICP Coordinator (incoming VP for Professional Development; Carol Barrett, Statewide Programs Coordinator; David Miller, FAICP Coordinator; Marissa Aho, Region VI AICP Commissioner; Laura Murphy, New Horizons Enterprise, Chapter Staff

Section PDOs:

Roberto Brady (Central); Lilly Rudolph (Central Coast); Julie Rynerson Rock (Inland Empire); Richard Rojas (Los Angeles); Christopher Palmer (Los Angeles); Sharon Grewal (Northern); Don Bradley (Northern); Belinda Deines (Orange); Starla Barker (Orange); Blake Roberts (Sacramento Valley); Matthew Gelbman (San Diego); Asha Bleier (San Diego)

INFORMATION

- 1. CONGRATULATIONS to Kim on her election as the next VP for Professional Development!**
- 2. REMINDER – CM Section Activities Summary of Events by Section for Chapter Annual Report is due now.**
- 3. AICP Exam (May 2017)**

The next AICP Exam is scheduled for May 2017. The application window is now open. The schedule is as follows:

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| Early Bird Deadline | Passed |
| Final Application Deadline | December 30, 2016, 11:59 p.m. CT |
| Early Bird Notification Deadline | January 24, 2017 |
| Registration Deadline | April 28, 2017 |
| Testing Window | May 10–23, 2017 |

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5. AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships – Chapter

The Chapter is once again offering reduced fee scholarships for the AICP exam. These come from National and are awarded by the Chapter. Applications are due Friday, February 24, 2017. The application will be posted on the Chapter's website shortly. Please promote the availability of these scholarships.

6. AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships – Sections

| SECTION | SECTION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2016 |
|-------------------|---|
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| Central Coast | ^Unlimited # @ \$100/passers |
| Inland Empire | \$270 in PD budget but for general purposes |
| Los Angeles | *2/exam @ \$360 each |
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**Neither Northern nor Central Sections require applicant to demonstrate passing to receive award; must prove they sat for exam

^Central Coast and Orange award Section Scholarships to exam passers without Chapter involvement

7. Session Recordings from the CA APA 2015 Conference – Oakland and the CA APA 2016 Conference – Pasadena

A reminder asking you to continue to promote the distance education sessions recorded at the 2015 state conference in Oakland and the 2016 state conference in Pasadena. The webpage where you can sign up to view them is: <http://www.apacalifornia.org/professional-development/certified-maintenance/distance-education-webcasts/>. Remember the profits received from this effort benefit the California Planning Foundation.

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