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President's Message

Ashley Atkinson, AICP



2021: A Year of Reflection and Regrouping

2021 marked the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic and my first year as President of APA California, after five years of sitting on the Chapter Board as director of the Los Angeles Section. In a “normal” year, come January, the new

Board would be getting together to meet for the first time and plan our work for the year ahead. Winter 2021 was a time of such uncertainty that it seemed fruitless to plan—even for a group of planners! We chose instead to take that time for a much-needed step back to reflect on our goals, our work, and the future of our organization. Our intent was to use the space of the year “off” to regroup, reestablish our values, and reframe our practices to align with them. With the overarching goal of better serving our members and our communities, we contracted with a consultant specializing in strategic planning, and embarked on a process of collecting information, opinions, and ideas across our Board and our membership to inform a four-year strategic plan. We're very excited to share with you the results of that process in 2022!

We redoubled our efforts to tackle our organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in light of ongoing injustices, formally acknowledging the role of our profession in the management of lands forcibly taken from indigenous communities. For the second year, we surveyed our Board demographics with the goal of ensuring that our leadership reflects our membership and the communities we serve—check out the results in the infographic below.

We continued to enhance and streamline Board operations, so that more of our time and resources can be spent on higher-level goals

and the things that are important to you. This included updating our association management software, initiating a soon-to-launch redesign of our website, and planning for the replacement of our long-term executive director, Sande Stefan, who will retire at the end of 2022.

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At the same time that we focused inward, the pandemic made virtual services easier than ever to deliver—so in 2021 we brought you more programs than ever before, including a diversity and equity series, our perennially popular Legislative Update, our virtual 2021 conference, and an abundance of local content prepared by our eight Sections.

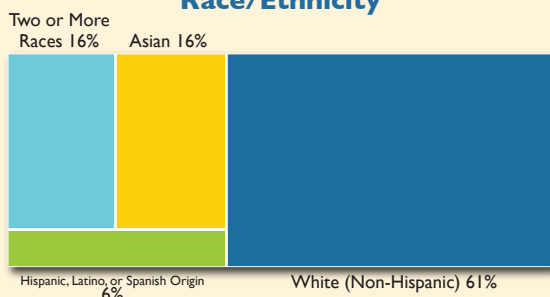
As President, my primary goal is to lay the infrastructure that will allow California's planners, and the communities they serve, to flourish in the years to come. The pandemic has given us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to contribute to the redefinition of home, work, transportation, and equity, and APA intends to help you rise to the occasion.

Ashley Atkinson, AICP
President, 2021-2022, APA California

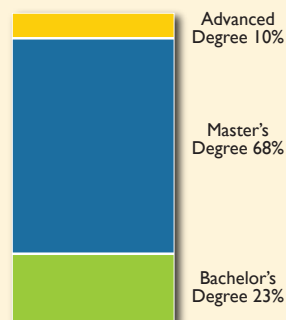
The Makeup of Our Board

APA California recently began conducting an annual demographic survey of Chapter and Section Board members, to better understand ourselves and how well our leadership reflects both our members and the California communities we serve. Approximately 75 percent of Chapter leadership responded in 2021. Based on those responses, the 2021 Board is balanced between those identifying as women and men, with half of the members mid-career at ages 31-50. While 61 percent of Board members are non-Hispanic white, this represents a reduction from 71 percent in 2020. Moreover, the 2021 Board reflects a history of immigration, with the majority of members, at 61 percent, having at least one grandparent born outside the US. More details on the age, race/ethnicity, and generational status of 2021 Board members are displayed here.

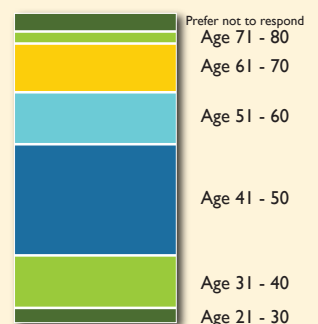
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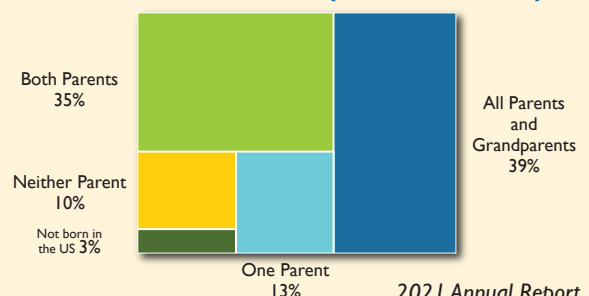
Educational Status



Age



Generational Status (Born in the US)



Administration

Derek Wong, AICP, Vice President



The financial health and outlook for APA California remained strong in 2021. The Chapter was able to remain in the black and finished the year with over \$40,000 in net income, due in part to meeting the Chapter's goal related to participation and revenue from webinars. In particular, there was strong participation in the Legislative Update webinars.

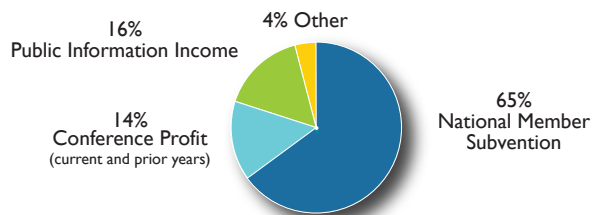
The Chapter also worked to solicit proposals and interview for a new full-service association management firm, which will be under contract starting in 2022. Other contracts were reorganized and negotiated, including communications and social media services. All this work sets up the Chapter for another productive year.

The awards ceremony at the APA California 2021 Conference was a success with more than 30 Awards of Excellence and Merit presented. The Chapter also worked to update the APA California Awards Program Policy to better align the Section and Chapter categories and processes, revisions that have been ongoing since 2019. The changes are intended to increase participation in Section award programs by having nominees for a Chapter award first receive a first or second place award at the Section level. The Chapter will continue to look forward to a more streamlined awards season for both applicants and awards directors.

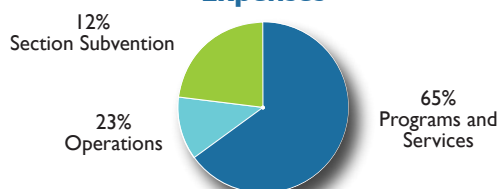
"I appreciate that APA California is resilient in uncertain times and adapts to making planning better."

2021 Financial Outcomes

Revenue



Expenses



Conferences

Bob Lagomarsino, AICP, Vice President



The circumstances surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic forced the Chapter to convene a virtual conference for the second consecutive year. This required the Chapter Conference Committee to coordinate the APA California 2021 Conference, Changing Plans | Changing Planning, within a compressed time frame. The theme emerged from the disruptions experienced by the planning profession—and our society as a whole. The effects of the pandemic, coupled with an intensified focus on social injustice, contributed to a new understanding of how we plan for the future and the tools and techniques to do so.



Sessions reflected APA's ongoing priorities: Housing, Climate, Infrastructure, and Career Path Planning/Staff Development. The three-day event attracted approximately 1,000 attendees and featured over 80 diverse speakers representing 70 public, private, nonprofit, and academic organizations. The highest attendance for the conference sessions was recorded for the featured "Big Conversations":

- **Tackling the Homeless Crisis:** Representatives from Housing California, Residents United Network Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and Office of Homeless Initiatives for the City of Los Angeles discussed statewide and local initiatives intended to address both the immediate population and systemic causes.
- **Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation:** APA California was joined by the State Insurance Commissioner and staff and directors from the Town of Paradise, Imperial County FEMA Region 9's Mitigation Division, and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to discuss protection of California's people, natural systems, and infrastructure, including the equity implications of adaptation strategies.
- **The Infrastructure Crisis:** APA California assembled panelists from the Water Forum, State Water Resources Control Board, California Emerging Technology Fund, and Sacramento Area Council of Governments to discuss topics ranging from broadband infrastructure and transportation challenges to water supplies and distribution.

For the first time, a Planners Memorial Program acknowledged the passing of members of the California planning community. We also celebrated the achievements of our members at the California Planning Foundation's annual student awards session and California Chapter Awards ceremony.

The 2021 Awards of Excellence and Merit were selected by a jury of our peers representing different aspects of planning and areas throughout the state. They reflect California's best and most impactful work in the pandemic and beyond. Please join us in congratulating them!

Awards of Excellence

- **Opportunity and Empowerment** – West Athens-Westmont 10-Minute Walk Campaign, *Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation*
- **Comprehensive Plan (Large)** – Ventura County 2040 General Plan, *County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division*
- **Comprehensive Plan (Small)** – Elevate Beaumont 2040 (Beaumont General Plan Update), *City of Beaumont*
- **Innovation in Green Community Planning** – City of San Luis Obispo Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery, *City of San Luis Obispo*
- **Economic Planning and Development** – Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Land Ports of Entry Study, *San Diego Association of Governments*
- **Transportation Planning** – Richmond Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan, *City of Richmond*
- **Best Practices** – City of San Jacinto Art in Public Places, *City of San Jacinto*
- **Public Outreach** – Santa Paula Youth Needs Assessment, *City of Santa Paula Parks & Recreation Department*
- **Urban Design** – Pismo Pier Plaza Revitalization, *RRM Design Group*
- **Planning Advocate** – John Jones III President and Co-Founder of East Side Riders Bike Club, *East Side Riders Bike Club*
- **Planning Agency** – City of Sacramento Planning Division, *City of Sacramento*
- **Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff** – Dr. Destiny Thomas, *Thrivance Group*
- **Academic** – Community Priorities for the Alum Rock Avenue Corridor, *Department of Urban & Regional Planning, San Jose State University*
- **Hard-Won Victories** – City of Long Beach - Southeast Area Specific Plan, *City of Long Beach*

Awards of Merit

- **Opportunity and Empowerment** – The Town of Mammoth Lakes 2021 Parcel Master Plan, *Town of Mammoth Lakes Community and Economic Development Department*
- **Comprehensive Plan (Large)** – Northside Specific Plan, *Rick Engineering Company (RICK) Planning + Design Division*
- **Comprehensive Plan (Small)** – Kerman General Plan Update and Program EIR, *Mintier Harnish & Rincon Consultants, Inc.*
- **Innovation in Green Community Planning** – Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance Update, *Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning*
- **Economic Planning and Development** – City Heights Inclusive Economic Recovery and Resilience Agenda, *Pueblo Planning*
- **Transportation Planning** – Brea Connecting the Core Active Transportation Plan, *City of Brea*
- **Best Practices** – Mariposa County Recreation and Resiliency Plan, *Mariposa County Planning Department*
- **Grassroots Initiative** – Rebuilding our Downtown, a Community Led Initiative to Rebuild Santa Clara Downtown, *Reclaiming Our Downtown*
- **Public Outreach** – La Honda Public Access Working Group - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, *Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District*
- **Urban Design** – The Balboa Reservoir Design Standards and Guidelines, *Van Meter Williams Pollack Architecture | Urban Design*
- **Planning Agency** – City of San Diego Planning Department
- **Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff** – City of Long Beach Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative, *City of Long Beach*
- **Academic** – Transit Blues in the Golden State: Analyzing Recent California Ridership Trends, *UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies*
- **Communications Initiative** – Transfers Magazine, *Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center*
- **Hard-Won Victories** – City of Half Moon Bay Local Coastal Land Use Plan Update, *City of Half Moon Bay*

Planning Pioneer Awards

- Martin Wachs, *UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies*
- Jack and Laura Dangermond, *Esri*

Policy and Legislation

Eric Phillips, Vice President



2021 was the first year of a new two-year legislative session, but much of the California Senate and Assembly's work continued to focus on issues from 2020, namely the ongoing response to COVID-19 and addressing the housing crisis. Accordingly, APA California continued to be a voice for planners on

these issues, working with legislators and lobbying partners to articulate how the application of good planning principles can help meet the State's needs.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we continued to meet with stakeholders remotely. While challenging at times, it also created new opportunities for member engagement. We were able to convene our largest Legislative Review Team yet, with participation from all Sections and geographic regions of the state. We also hosted multiple Legislative Update webinars, using online tools to reach a wider audience than in years past.

APA California took positions on scores of planning-related bills and sent 33 detailed position letters on legislative proposals. We also provided testimony at numerous hearings, and Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins asked APA California to be lead supporters and provide testimony during key Senate/ Assembly committee hearings. In addition to seeing SB 9 pass, APA California proudly supported efforts to increase funding for affordable housing and infill infrastructure in the State budget and tenant protections for households suffering economic losses associated with COVID-19.

Diversity and Equity

Miroo Desai, AICP, Vice President



2021 required the Chapter to once again pivot toward conducting all business and services virtually. In this environment, we remained committed to soliciting participation from across the state through webinars. One of these programs featured a three-part series called "DEI in the Planner's Workplace," which looked at best practices and challenges at

promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in planners' workplaces in the public sector, private (consultant) sector, and the nonprofit world. These webinars have been recorded and are available for members to obtain CM (Equity) credit.

Last year, dedicated web pages were set up to provide resources on racial justice and social equity. Since then, we have continued to maintain and update the resource list with current articles, books, podcasts, and toolkits for planners on these important subjects.

2021 also brought a new Land Acknowledgement policy passed by the Board. This requires all State and Section events to begin with a land acknowledgement by which Native American tribes are recognized as traditional stewards of the land in which our members live and practice our profession. To facilitate this policy change, we prepared Land Acknowledgement Guidelines that can be used by Sections, directors, and members.

"I am proud that the Board approved my Land Acknowledgements proposal. As a profession that is rooted in land use, it is paramount that as planners we recognize the ongoing stewardship of native tribes and peoples."



Marketing and Membership

Marc Yeber, ASLA, Vice President



Thanks to APA California's dedicated membership, the number of Chapter members remained steady through 2021, ending the year at just under 6,000 members. In addition, the Chapter Board contracted with MemberClicks to provide a new association management and learning management platform using one

integrated system. Rolling out in 2022, it will provide members an easy-to-use, one-stop site to sign up for events and CM webinars, make online payments, submit award nominations, sign up for the Legislative Review Team, communicate with other members, and more.

Distance Education

Greg Konar, AICP, Coordinator

In the past year, we continued assistance to the Sections for non-conference webinars. In total, 28 non-conference webinars were supported through the Chapter's Zoom account. All recordings have been saved. We also provided support to the conference planning team in organizing the 2021 virtual conference and developed a procedure to rapidly post conference recordings on YouTube. This enabled conference-goers to access recordings through the Cvent app for same-day viewing.

“With the proven successes of the 2020 and 2021 virtual conferences, the Chapter is in a great position to add quality virtual components to all future conferences and other live in-person events.”

Young and Emerging Planners

Annapurna Singh, Coordinator

Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) activities are an important part of the Chapter membership and programs. YEP helped upcoming planners virtually by organizing webinars and interactive virtual events. There were several other specific accomplishments in 2021, such as updating the YEP web page to include current resources for budding planners and restarting the Young Planners Group (YPG) and Student Rep Chair calls. An awareness event for school kids to educate them about planning and APA is in progress. I am being helped by the DEI San Diego subcommittee co-chair and chair in this endeavor. With the help of Elizabeth Owen, Student Representative, a CPF scholarship webinar was held to reach out to the various Sections and their young planners and promote mutual communication, and to planners from CPF to help student planners.

“Serving as the YEP Coordinator, I learned a lot about APA California and what a wonderful platform it is for both young and seasoned planners. It has also given me the opportunity to implement my unique ideas and serve fellow planners in the best possible way.”

In 2021, two Chapter events stood out for the participation and contribution to the Chapter's revenue:

- The three-part “DEI in the Planner's Workplace series,” organized by Miroo Desai, Vice President for Diversity and Equity, exemplified the best of the non-conference virtual events in 2021. While exceptionally relevant in real time, a recording of the well-attended series allowed the Chapter to offer the new CM equity credit “on-demand” at the beginning of 2022.
- Organized by Eric Phillips, Vice President for Policy and Legislation, the year's final APA California Legislative Update focusing on SB 9 received one of the highest attendance levels. This event clearly demonstrated the value of a quality virtual experience for Chapter members and non-members alike.

The breadth, depth, and relevance of APA California's virtual offerings advanced its reputation as one of the most vibrant organizations covering the planning field in California today. Comments following the webinars were overwhelmingly positive, with both members and non-members expressing amazement and appreciation at how quickly APA delivered useful material on the hottest planning topics. The virtual events became a window into Chapter activities, increasing our appeal to all.

Legislative Update on Understanding SB 9

Year after year, one of the most popular and well-attended sessions at APA California's annual conference is the Legislative Update, where we recap some of the biggest bills from the year's legislative session. Being online only in 2021 allowed us to reach our biggest audience yet, and the program was complemented by multiple webinars throughout the year. Our best-attended event was a joint presentation by APA California and Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff entitled "The End of Single-Unit Zoning? Understanding and Implementing SB 9."



SB 9 was one of the most polarizing bills of 2021, having passed the full California Legislature and been signed by the governor in September. In brief, it creates a ministerial process to allow property owners to divide parcels in single-family zones for up to two units per parcel, effectively creating the potential to allow up to four homes on every existing lot in single-family areas. SB 9 includes myriad limitations to prevent speculation and displacement, and it allows local governments to apply objective standards that shape development. APA California supported SB 9, encouraging planners to take the opportunity to relax the regulatory constraints on new housing production, which disproportionately affects lower-income households and minority communities.

To help planners understand the law's requirements and prepare for implementation, APA California teamed with HCD to walk through SB 9's provisions, offer implementation tips, and answer planners' questions.

J. Laurence Mintier, FAICP, Northern Coordinator Steven A. Preston, FAICP, Southern Coordinator

The Chapter Historians are stewards of APA California's collective memory, documenting California's planning history; assisting members with research; and supporting Sections, affiliates, staff, and contractors. This past year's accomplishments include:

- Growing the APA California archives at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), with the addition of notable collections contributed by Tom Jacobson, FAICP, Janet Ruggiero, FAICP, and Larry Mintier, FAICP, as well as many smaller contributions. Supported by a new CSUN archivist, Mallory Furnier, digital submittals are now being uploaded directly to archives staff.
- Conducting the APA California 2021 Planning History Awards. Two Planning Pioneer Awards were awarded: Martin Wachs, FAICP, and Jack and Laura Dangermond.
- Presenting the second annual Betty Croly Memorial Lecture during the APA California 2021 Conference. Ken Bernstein presented this year's lecture, "Preserving Los Angeles: How Historic Places Can Transform America's Cities."
- Leading planning for APA California's 75th anniversary in 2023. The celebration will include a history of the Chapter, an interactive digital timeline, digital exhibition, and events concluding at the 2023 Chapter conference in Fresno.
- Maintaining liaison roles with the California Planning Roundtable for its oral histories on endemic discrimination; the Planner Emeritus Network for its annual Planner Honor Awards and Planner Memorial Program; Section Historians; and non-APA organizations such as the Los Angeles Region Planning History Group.



Conferences have been an essential part of APA California throughout its history. This collage appeared in CalPlanner in 1990. Source: Vonnie Madigan for CalPlanner.

Section Highlights

With another year that called for virtual meetings and remote work for many, the eight APA California Sections continued to deliver valuable programs to members. Like APA California, Sections also used 2021 as a year to adapt and regroup.

Core programs such as AICP exam preparation, mentorship, and training transitioned to the online environment. Toward the end of the year, Sections organized smaller social gatherings, and several in-person holiday celebrations found new spaces for outdoor events.

Whether Sections were offering webinars or speaker series, planning topics were framed with a familiar theme—"Adapting to COVID," "Post-COVID Planning," and "Lessons Learned from the COVID Era"—that reflected a shared experience. Sections held trainings on effective virtual engagement and provided resources and techniques for members. In a year when legislative issues around housing and zoning were prominent, Sections promoted the annual Legislative Updates and developed additional webinars on local responses to the affordable housing crisis.

This was particularly apparent with the sustained spotlight on social justice. Planners turned their attention to policies and programs to bring about more equitable and inclusive planning processes and outcomes. Many Sections helped promote "DEI in the Planner's Workplace." This three-part series on the public, private, and nonprofit sectors showed the relevance of DEI to nearly all facets of planning work, including hiring practices, community outreach, public service, physical design, and neighborhood support.

Two Sections, Los Angeles and Central Coast, were also recognized with a 2021 Section Activity Award for their efforts. The Los Angeles Section held a series of webinars called "When Everything Breaks: Conversations on challenge, opportunity and equity in uncertain times." With a cumulative attendance of nearly 1,000, the webinars provided opportunities for critical conversations that help planners process and meet the challenges of the day.

The Central Coast Section pivoted its long-running Central Coast Planning Academy to an online format in 2021. In prior years when the series was offered in person, attendance typically ranged from 30 to 60 individuals. The Central Coast Section reduced the cost and accommodated over 300 virtual attendees and speakers from different regions of California. Despite the obstacles presented by the pandemic, the Central Coast Section was determined to continue the Academy and deliver services to members and the public in our new reality.

2021 WEBINAR SERIES
REFLECTIONS
LISTENING, LEARNING, AND TAKING ACTION

Presented by Sacramento Valley Section
American Planning Association
California Chapter
Sacramento Valley
Making Great Communities Happen

Few generations have faced the confluence of societal, structural, and physical upheaval we all experienced in 2020. This singular year forced many of us to question assumptions and beliefs about the future. How has 2020 transformed us and the world we live in? Is "Zoom" the new normal? Will office and retail commerce be forever changed? What does this mean for people and places? How do we move forward?

UNDESIGN THE RED LINE
A TRAVELING INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

Structural racism and inequality were designed into cities and places. Undesign the Redline unpacks and demystifies this history, bringing to life the consequences and stories of Redlining and policies like it.

The exhibit returns to Los Angeles during a crucial time as we seek to address the housing and homelessness crisis. Local content is co-created with community members in each place, along with unique programming. What are the local stories we need to tell?
This bridges into a design conversation: what do we do next?

DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION
in the Planner's Workplace

3-PART WEBINAR SERIES

Session 2 of 3:
October 6, 2021
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

DEI Stories from the Public Sector

Speakers from San Jose's Office of Racial Equity, Office of Economic Development and Planning, Department of Building and Code Enforcement

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Happy Hour/Mixer
Thursday, March 18
5PM-6:30PM via Zoom

Join us for a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Happy Hour/Mixer. Register today!

Link: <https://bit.ly/3ropjx4>

Planner Emeritus Network

Hanson Hom, AICP, President

The Planner Emeritus Network (PEN) is an ancillary and resource support group for the APA California Chapter with a Board composed of experienced planners. Accomplishments in 2021 include the following:

- **Planner Remembrance:** PEN is leading this new Chapter program to honor planners that passed away during the previous year. The program was inaugurated at the 2021 conference with remembrance of eight planners.
- **PEN Honor Awards:** PEN leads an annual awards program to recognize accomplished California planners. Five distinguished planners were recognized at the 2021 conference.
- **Professional Development:** PEN presented a well-received session at the 2021 conference entitled “Evolution to Revolution: Development trends post pandemic and impact on California planning.”
- **Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT):** While the COVID-19 pandemic continued to curtail this program, PEN connected with several communities that are interested in planning assistance. We hope to initiate one or two CPAT projects in 2022.
- **Planner Exchange:** In partnership with CPF, an interactive virtual event was organized on career development for planning students.
- **Mentoring:** PEN received an inquiry from the County of Santa Cruz on best practices for One-Stop Permit Centers. Permit center managers from several centers gathered for an informative exchange with the County’s Permit Team.
- **Website:** The PEN website was reorganized and updated.
- **PEN Bylaws:** An update to the bylaws was completed, which included adding the Chapter Historians as voting Board members to recognize PEN’s role in supporting planning history.
- **Chapter Strategic Plan:** The PEN President participated on the Core Steering Committee to prepare the strategic plan. PEN will follow up with an update of its mission statement.

California Planning Foundation

Hing Wong, AICP, President

Since 1970, the California Planning Foundation (CPF) has been a nonprofit, charitable corporation established to further the professional practice of planning in California. CPF achieves this goal primarily by providing scholarships to California college and university students. This report highlights the CPF scholarship program, fundraising activities, ongoing efforts to further diversity, and its Board.

In 2021, the CPF scholarship program broke records for the number of scholarships and the total amount awarded: 48 scholarships totaling \$72,000 were awarded to 40 deserving students. Scholarship recipients came from 13 different colleges/universities in California.

“CPF could not have had the success of its scholarship program and fundraising efforts without the assistance and tremendous generosity of the APA California Board, the Sections, and all of the CPF donors. Thank you!”

CPF continued work on an endowment fundraising effort for a second Diversity Scholarship to enhance ongoing efforts to foster diversity and inclusion in the profession and be responsive to the increasing needs of California planning students. By the end of 2021, CPF had raised over \$10,000 toward this new scholarship. This endowment is expected to be completed in 2022.

Lastly, in 2021, the CPF Board increased the number of California schools and programs eligible to apply for CPF scholarships, thus allowing for a more diverse range of applicants. As a result, 36 colleges and universities with planning or planning-related programs are on the CPF scholarship eligibility list, a significant increase from past years. Additionally, all eight California Sections generously provided funding to award CPF Section scholarships. The CPF Board began discussions with a number of Section Liaisons and Section Boards to define and include more specific diversity- and equity-focused criteria for some CPF Section scholarships to be able to be awarded to more planning students in underrepresented categories.

California Planning Roundtable

William Anderson, FAICP, President

The California Planning Roundtable (CPR) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the practice of urban planning in California through innovation and leadership. In 2020, CPR celebrated its 40th anniversary. Each year, CPR chooses one or more timely and significant California planning issues for study, and produces insights that are widely distributed to urban planners, the California Legislature, and local public officials. During 2021, CPR members engaged in a wide variety of activities and initiatives including the following:

- **CPR/APA California Leadership Academy:** In partnership with the Chapter, CPR launched a new six-month-long virtual program designed to train the next generation of planning leaders. In 2021, CPR members trained 120 planners from across the state.
- **Short Film Project:** A new film produced by CPR members set out to listen to and share the perspectives of individuals impacted by housing and land use policies enacted by federal, state, and local governments. Completed in 2021, the film is scheduled for release in 2022.
- **APA California Conference:** CPR organized two sessions: “Leadership Skills to Advocate for and Facilitate Social Equity” and “Looking Forward/Looking Back – Is Governance Broken to Achieve Effective Planning?”
- **Infrastructure for Infill White Paper:** CPR members prepared an analysis focused on the infrastructure needed to support the State’s infill development goals. This paper is scheduled for release in 2022.

California Planning Roundtable, Davis

University Liaisons

Kerry Rohrmeier, Northern Liaison Jessica Garrison, Southern Liaison

The University Liaisons appointed for Northern and Southern California connect APA California with California’s many urban planning schools and academic programs. In 2021, the APA California University liaisons started a Speaker Network. Planning professionals were recruited to share their first-hand knowledge and experience with planning students. The new online guest speaker database provided another way to connect virtually and support planning education throughout California.



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