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NADO Livability Peer Exchange

By Rita Seto, AICP, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

In April, I joined a small group of professionals (transportation, economic development and regional planning) from around the country to learn about potential models and practices for integrating livability initiatives into transportation and economic development plans through a peer exchange. This peer exchange was part of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Livability project through the Federal Highway Administration to incorporate livable concepts into rural and small metropolitan transportation planning. The group visited two Regional Planning Commissions in North Carolina learning how each group has approached integrating livability initiatives in the region's diverse Appalachian communities.

The Land-of-Sky Regional Council in Asheville embarked on a 3 year initiative developing a regional vision for sustainable development. A Local Livability Framework was created using the Sustainable Communities Initiative grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This project will allow local governments, businesses, nonprofits, and citizens to realize regional coordination on jobs, energy, housing, transportation, and resources. Another initiative was the Forest Products Cooperative Marketing Project where it focused on assisting forest-based businesses develop and



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Update from our Region 1 APA Reps

By Angela Vincent, APA Director Elected from Region 1

It was great to be in Boston this year for the National Conference. Thank you to the host committee and numerous volunteers who worked diligently to make this a very successful conference. The Board of Directors had a great a meeting in Boston. Board of Director business included addressing important policies, adopting a new Development Plan for 2012 and 2013, and setting legislative priorities for the 112th Congress. Please see below for a recap of these decisions and some other important updates. We look forward to seeing everyone in Los Angeles in 2012!

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It's time to register for the Annual NNECAPA Conference!

THE BEST OF TODAY FOR TOMORROW!

September 8-9, 2011
Burlington, VT

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President's Message

By Peg Elmer - NNECAPA President

I'm just back from a long weekend in Maine with family, which includes the quick trip through New Hampshire. Our NNECAPA territory. Much time spent in Bath, where my twin sons have somehow both managed to celebrate their marriages, and Jim Upham is finishing out his planning career. Visited my parents at their burial site in Kennebunk. My ancestry in this territory reaches back into the 1600's in New Hampshire and Maine, and into the 1700's in Vermont. Now having grandchildren get me thinking about how the grandparents before us would feel about their neighborhoods today.

So, I got to cogitating on our region and our lives. It's a very beautiful place. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Democracy feels most alive here, to me, in comparison to the rest of our country. We're very lucky to base our families here. I've been in a planning career in northern New England for 35 years. Sometimes the feeling is strong that we're experiencing a slow ebbing away of our best assets, as we've been advocating on many of the same issues all that time, and seem to lose ground instead of gain it. It was 100 degrees on the Maine coast – unheard of weather. The Rte 1 summer traffic: the connection between that and our weather, and the discouraging political setbacks on gaining solutions...

We've gotten so much better at our game, though!

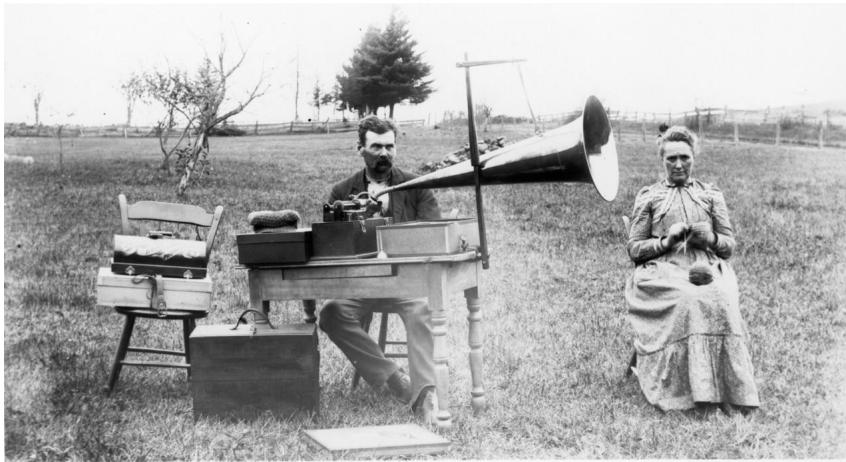
- Creativity in public process and involving youth, moving into the net generation and utilizing social media, which will help keep that democratic process working;
- Delving deeply into scientific details and

applying that information to community planning policy decisions, whether it's wild-life corridors or flood hazard mitigation;

- Encouraging investment in our historic downtowns, stemming the economic flow to rural greenfields
- Supporting the local economy, which includes a booming creative side and a major agricultural renaissance
- Fostering decentralized solutions, particularly in the energy sector
- Striving for integrated infrastructure systems: transportation, stormwater and wastewater treatment

Our good work shows. There are creative community solutions on the ground everywhere. Our historic downtowns are the places people want to be. The water is sparkling and inviting. Cool forests are overtaking our landscape. The hermit thrush song – one of those birds needing large forest landscape - was loud and clear.

Our profession, one that brings so many others together to create a comprehensive vision and solutions for the future, is more needed and better understood than ever before. There's plenty of work ahead of us and plenty of reason to keep at it.



THE BEST OF TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Annual NNECAPA Conference

Summer is in full swing and the NNECAPA conference organizing group is hard at work putting the final touches on a great event for you this fall.

Your conference in numbers!

- Over 150 of your colleagues ready to network and share their experience
- 18 interactive and engaging sessions
- 16 hours of learning and sharing
- 5 riveting mobile workshops
- AND 1 sexy Latin Jazz Band

Remember to book your hotel now!

You have until August 7 at the [Courtyard Marriott Harbor](#)

AND

Until August 17 at the Hilton. Call the hotel directly at 802-658-6500

Also, don't forget to register before August 26 to save money!

After that date, it will cost you an extra \$25, so hurry up and save, save, save!

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Professional Development Updates

By Ben Frost, Professional Development Officer

GET CM CREDIT FOR YOUR EVENT!

NNECAPA is interested in helping other organizations seek Certification Maintenance credits for their planning-related seminars, conferences, and workshops. This includes our three states' planning associations. For us to consider co-sponsoring the activity, a NNECAPA member must be substantially involved in the planning and organization of the event. Remember that CM approval can take up to three weeks, so plan ahead. For more information on the CM credit approval process, contact me at bfrost@nhhfa.org.

AICP EXAM TRAINING

An AICP exam training session will be held at the NNECAPA conference in Burlington, Vermont in September. It is open to all who have an interest in the exam, whether you're taking it this Fall or you're "just thinking about it." If you have questions about the exam or the application process, please contact me at bfrost@nhhfa.org.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Find a listing of free training sessions offered as distance education products at www.planning.org/cm/free. There are over 30 hours of free training available. Programs include *Planning for Healthy Places with Health Impact Assessments*, developed in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association of County & City Health Officials, and the popular *Tuesdays at APA* series. Also available is a four-hour series on the first 100 years of planning in America, called "Symposium: 1909–2109: Sustaining the Lasting Value of American Planning."

Free Chapter Webinars

NNECAPA has joined with many other chapters and divisions to provide a series of informative and **free** webinars. Earn up to 48 credit hours from wherever you are! Below is the list of sessions scheduled for the upcoming several months. You can visit the APA Utah Chapter website to register for any of these: [\[apa.org/webcasts.htm\]\(http://apa.org/webcasts.htm\). CM | 1.5 each, including a couple each year that qualify for either Law or Ethics credits.](http://www.utah-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

To help you choose the webinars that are most appropriate for you, we're now also providing the following classifications:

- ✦ **Introductory** – appropriate for planners who are not working directly in this content area
- ✦ **Advanced** – appropriate for planners who are working directly in this content area and planners in a management role supervising planners who are working in this content area

Allied sessions – appropriate for all planners and will cover topics in allied fields related to planning

Upcoming webinars

August 5, 2011 - Upstate New York Chapter - [Zoning Statutes for Sustainable Development in Rural and Suburban Communities](#) - Advanced - **CM LAW CREDITS**

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Maine Legislative Update

By Kris Hultgren, NNECAPA Maine Legislative Liaison

Maine's legislative session officially ended on June 29. It was a busy session for Maine planners who helped fight numerous bills targeting environmental laws and planning processes in place for, in some cases, almost 40 years. The Republican Governor and Republican majority at the State House received significant push-back from constituents for bills attempting to weaken shoreland zoning, critical habitat protections and vernal pools and these bills were ultimately defeated. Other legislation aimed at abolishing the Land Use Regulatory Commission – the entity tasked with reviewing development in Maine's 10 million acres of North Woods – also failed, temporarily perhaps, as the Maine Association of Planners joined a coalition of environmental advocacy groups like Natural Resources Council of Maine and Environment Maine to amend the bill so that a study group is formed to assess LURC instead of eliminating it.

LD 219 attempted to reduce the shoreland zoning setback for land use controls from 250 feet to 75 feet. After much debate and multiple public meetings, the Committee of Environment and Natural Resources voted against recommending its passage preserving a regulation in place since the 1970s. LD 872 targeted the regulatory buffer of 250 feet around significant vernal pools and wading bird habitat and shorebird nesting feeding and staging areas by attempting to reduce this distance to 75 feet. Like the shoreland zoning setback, this bill was rejected in committee.

LD 1534 as initially proposed would have eliminated LURC and transferred its development review, permitting and long range planning functions to the counties. The bill was amended and ultimately passed by both House and Senate to form a study group to assess the implications of county jurisdiction. Proponents of LURC were disappointed with the passage of the amended bill based on how the study group would be selected. The amendment calls for the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House to appoint the members of the study group and all three were strong opponents of LURC throughout the process. The study group will make recommendations to the legislature in January of next year.



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diversify while generating jobs for un/underemployed Forest Producers. Fourteen businesses and non-profits were awarded through a \$1.974 million ARRA grant by USDA Forest Service's Southern Research Station. Project recipients we visited included [The Boggs Collective](#) which created a cooperative workshop, woodshed, woodworking school and virtual gallery to support craftspeople and forest producers and the [Hickory Nut Gap Farm](#) to create a partnership improving sustainable community forestry through local lumber, small scale sawmills, land conservation and use of local building materials.

The Southwestern Commission in Sylva presented their Mountain Landscapes Initiative which is a comprehensive how-to guide for promoting sustainable economic development and protecting regional landscapes. This Toolbox offers guidance and model examples of ridgeline and steep slopes ordinances, agriculture, zoning and land use, and going green/sustainability issues. A copy of the Mountain Landscapes Initiative guidebook was distributed to each Vermont RPC. The NADO Livability project will wrap up with a final report on the various initiatives being implemented across the country.

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October 14 - Ohio State University - [Mobile Technology, Distracted Attention and Pedestrian Safety](#)- Allied **CM AP-PROVED**

You can see the full listing of 2011 programs on the Utah APA website at <http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts>.

Past webcasts can be accessed here: <http://www.utah-apa.org/webcast-archive>. Some are available for CM Distance Education credit.

AICP REINSTATEMENT

Lapsed AICP members who did not log in 32 CM credits for the 1st reporting cycle are eligible to reinstate their AICP membership. There is a \$100 reinstatement fee. For more information about AICP reinstatement policy please visit <http://www.planning.org/aicp/reinstatement.htm>.

State Grapevines

VERMONT

By Polly McMurtry, Vermont State Director

This month, **Will “Chip” Sawyer** will be leaving UVM's Center for Rural Studies and taking on the position of Director of Planning and Development for the City of St. Albans, VT. Congrats on your new position, Chip! But you will be sorely missed at UVM, and also as fearless leader of the Land Use Education and Training Collaborative. At UVM Chip has been managing research and outreach projects in community and economic development, food systems, and community planning, as well as the Vermont State Data Center program for census information.

The Lamoille County Planning Commission is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff. **Seth Jensen**, former Jericho Town Planner, joined LCPC as Senior Planner in mid-June. **Jackie Coats**, a recent Master's graduate from Clemson University, joins LCPC as Assistant Planner in mid-July. Prior to pursuing her Master's degree, Jackie managed programs for Outward Bound for four years. We welcome them both to the LCPC team!

The **Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)** and the **Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)** made history at their May Joint Board Meeting voting unanimously to merge effective July 1st. In 2001 the CCRPC and CCMPO decided to co-locate in order to bring transportation and land use planning together under one roof and streamline services to their member municipalities. Over the next several years, attempts at consolidation were made. These efforts were expedited in 2010 when the legislature passed Challenges for Change House Bill No. 792 mandating a plan for an organizational merger. The staffs of both organizations will be consolidated with Charlie Baker, current CCRPC Executive Director, serving as Executive Director and Michele Boomhower, current CCMPO Executive Director, serving as Assistant/MPO Director. The organizations will do business as Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission while a committee examines the possibility of a new name. The finances, websites and other administrative activities will be consolidated over the course of the next fiscal year.

This from Giovanna Peebles, State Archeologist with the Division of Historic Preservation: **Nancy Boone**, long-time State Architectural Historian and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, is leaving the Division for Historic Preservation after 32 years! She's taken a great new job as Historic Preservation Officer for the Agency of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in Washington DC, working on historic preservation policy and implementation. It's a fabulous opportunity for her but we are going to grievously miss her wisdom, grace, experience, vast knowledge, and daily friendship. Lastly, she does the work of 3 people and that's a huge hole we're going to have to figure out how to fill. We're putting her on speed-dial as soon as she emails us her new number!

Manchester Planning Director **Lee Krohn, AICP** will be serving as Chair of the state Urban & Community Forestry Council for the coming year. With broad representation from the public and private sectors, academia, and landscape and forest professionals, the Council seeks to educate and inform on a wide variety of issues related to forest health, landscape design, and community tree planting and forestry initiatives. For more information on the Council's activities, please visit http://www.vtfpr.org/urban/for_urbcomm.cfm

Lee Krohn has also passed all of his final exams for Vermont State Firefighter 1 certification... after nine months of intensive learning and training in a wide array of firefighting and emergency management skills and scenarios.

Essex Junction Planning Director brings news of a recently completed Scoping Study legitimizing a previously proposed new Connector Road in the heart of the Village of Essex Junction that would reduce traffic at the Five Corners. This new road will do more than enable traffic to move more efficiently through the



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Village; it will also open up several large village center properties that are currently underutilized to economic development. The holistic plan for the Village Center also envisions a second component project that when combined with the Connector Road has the potential to reduce the wait time for vehicles at the Five Corners up to seventy-five (75) percent in the pm peak hour", and in so doing will reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, (assisting the County in its goal to comply with Federal Air Quality Attainment Standards) and make the intersection more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Julie Labranche, New Hampshire State Director

The New Hampshire Planners Association executive committee solicited applications this spring for its annual awards. The competition was fierce, with many excellent nominations resulting in a statistical tie for Planner of the Year and some very difficult choices for the executive committee. Congratulations to all the winners and the nominees.

***Citizen Planner of the Year
Paul Goldberg
Town of Bedford, NH***

Paul Goldberg was nominated by an array of his peers who have worked alongside Paul during different parts of his 38 years of service to the Town of Bedford. He first started his service to Bedford in 1973 joining the fledgling Planning Board and soon after became founding member of the Sewer & Water Commission.

***Professional Planner of the Year
Tim Thompson***

Town Planner, Town of Londonderry, NH

Tim Thompson, has worked for the Town of Londonderry for over 10 years starting as an intern and moving up to the position of Town Planner. During his tenure with the Town he has refined his reputation as the "consummate professional" providing fair and equal support to projects of all sizes, developing a detailed and consistent review process which has earned him the professional respect from local boards, developers and his peers in the Planning community.

Professional Planner of the Year

Christopher Parker

***Director of Planning & Community Development,
City of Dover, NH***

Chris Parker has worked for the city of Dover since 1997 and currently serves as the Director of Planning & Community Development, where he recently spear-headed the effort for Dover to be the first city in the region to introduce a Form Based Code in response to the communities desire to protect the historic mill city's downtown.

Project of the Year

***Winnepesaukee Gateway Plan
Lakes Region Planning Commission***

The Gateway represents the desire to create a flexible, informative tool that can deliver large amounts of constantly changing information to key audiences, which will educate, and promote awareness and stewardship of the natural resources in the Lake Winnepesaukee watershed among the public and broader community. This project is unique in that it is the first web-based watershed management plan to be approved by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

***Plan of the Year
2010 Master Plan
Bedford, NH***

The Bedford 2010 Master Plan was developed through a very successful public outreach program that included a telephone survey conducted by the UNH Survey Center, a Community Immersion Day where community leaders, business owners, citizens and stakeholders were interviewed, an all day Saturday charrette and visioning workshop, and several public presentations and public hearings.

***Lifetime Achievement Award
Ken Niemczyk***

Ken Niemczyk was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award after more than 30 years in the Planning profession, the last 22 of which were in Lebanon, NH. Ken guided the City through two master plan updates, including an award winning effort in 1993, formalized a number of policies and procedures from capital im-

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APA Legislative Priorities for the 112th Congress – Each year APA adopts a slate of legislative priorities and a platform for policies to advance planning. These priorities guide APA's advocacy work and outline the actions Congress should take to improve planning and the nation's communities. APA has chosen the following them for the 112th Congress is: *Rebuilding the Economy, Strengthening our Communities*. These priorities include:

- Improve government efficiency by expand place-based strategies and eliminating barriers to integrated, comprehensive planning and investment
- Support regional and community sustainability planning
- Reform tax policy to create communities of lasting value
- Respect local planning authority
- Promote planning that meets the nation's new energy needs and advances the growth of a green economy
- Enact farm and food legislation that supports planning for sustainable food systems and economic development in small towns and rural regions
- Meet the nation's growing infrastructure investment needs
- Ensure that communities can adequately plan for future needs by providing high-quality data
- Assist communities working to stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods
- Advance the development of healthy, safe and active communities



An APA/AICP national survey found that 78 percent of voters believe it is important for Congress to help communities solve urban growth and land use problems. We hope these priorities will provide the leverage we need to advocate for strong planning policies and support for to Make Great Communities Happen. Please continue to follow the progress of the 112th Congress priorities and other legislative issues at: <http://www.planning.org/policy/issues>

Climate Change Policy Guide Updated and Adopted! Climate change is one of the most important planning challenges of the 21st century. Planners are uniquely positioned to address climate change due to our role in addressing common planning elements: long-range planning, natural disasters, land use planning issues, affects on our infrastructure, etc. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated Board members, Commissioners and other volunteers, the original Climate Change Policy Guide adopted in 2008 is up-to-date and ready for you! The APA Climate Change Policy Guide Update provides state-of-the-art climate science and provides a robust and comprehensive list of actions for planners to take in communicating, mitigating and adapting to current and future climate conditions, changes and consequent impacts. We encourage Chapters and Divisions to use this as the basis for their work in addressing climate change locally, regionally and state-wide. Please visit <http://www.planning.org/policy/guides/pdf/climatechange.pdf> for the updated Policy Guide.

The Sustaining Places Initiative and the Sustainability Policy Guide Update – Board members received a comprehensive update on the progress of the Sustaining Places report. As one of the priorities of Past President Bruce Knight, a Sustaining Places Task Force was developed to address the role of the comprehensive plan as the leading policy docu-



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ment and tool to help communities of all sizes achieve sustainability. The Task Force, led by David Godschalk, FAICP and Bill Anderson, FAICP, will survey current best practices, evolving needs and practices, and how to change practices so the comprehensive plan will better achieve its role as the leading policy document for communities. The Board was pleased at the progress that has been made to date and is looking forward to the full report at the Leadership meetings in September. If anyone has any information they would like to share with the Task Force to include this report, please feel free to send it along to Angela Vincent: avincent@nmcog.org.

Also, regarding sustainability, a team of five people are working with Board member Irayda Ruiz to update the Sustainability Policy Guide. Originally developed in 2001 under the leadership of Sarah James, this important document is being retooled to keep up with the progress made over the last 10 years regarding sustainable development. A draft will be presented to the Legislative Policy Committee in July 2011 and presented to the Board of Directors at the Leadership Meetings in Washington D.C. in September. As with all policy guides, this will be sent out for public review before final adoption in Los Angeles. We look forward to your comments!

For the most up-to-date information about the Sustaining Places Initiative and the Policy Guide, please visit: <http://www.planning.org/sustainingplaces/>

By Debbie Alaimo Lawlor, AICP/PP - AICP Commissioner Elected from Region 1

I want to extend my personal thanks to the host committee for the wonderful job that they did on the 2011 APA National Conference in Boston. As the saying goes, "A fine time was had by all." The warm welcome that I received as a first year Commissioner from planners all around our region was amazing. It was great meeting so many of you and I look forward to seeing more of our members at the state conferences.

Advanced Specialty Exams Update

Much as you might expect, a lot has been taking place to make the first round of the Advanced Specialty Certification exams a success. The inaugural set of examinations for the AICP Certified Transportation Planner (CTP) and AICP Certified Environmental Planner (CEP) credentials were offered in May. A targeted number of AICP members took part in the cut score process in June. The cut score is the last stage in the development process, during which eligible applicants rate each question to determine their relative level of difficulty. As a result, examinees will be notified of their status in late summer. In the future, examinees will see their unofficial score immediately after finishing the exam. We wish all who took the exams good luck.

Community Planning Assistance Team Initiative

Many people asked what my favorite part of the national conference was and my immediate response was the AICP Community Planning Workshop which was held this year in the Mattapan section of Boston. The purpose of the community planning workshop is to address local planning issues that would benefit from a focused one-day effort involving community members, local planning staff, and APA "volunteers" from all over the country. The community planning workshops are designed to assist a community that does not have all of the necessary resources to engage in the community planning process.



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We spent an entire day walking the subject site, talking to the residents, facilitating a visioning session, letting the community members deliver their findings, and offering some of our own views of what we saw from their interaction. It was extremely fulfilling at the end of the day when one of the matriarchs of the community came up to me and gave me a hug to thank me for helping to bring the numerous parties together to work as one. They appreciated seeing that planners from all over the United States cared enough about their little part of the world to give of their time to help them work on a vision for their future.

For those of you who enjoy volunteering time to the community, the Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) initiative is an AICP component of a broader APA Community Assistance Program that you should consider. This program seeks team members to help on larger projects at various times throughout the year. Site visits are 3-5 days in length with follow up required for final reports afterwards.

By pairing a multidisciplinary team of expert planning professionals from around the country with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers, the place-based initiative seeks to foster community education, engagement, and empowerment.

Each team is selected for the specific expertise needed on the project to offer pro bono assistance in developing a framework or vision plan that promotes a sustainable, livable, economically vibrant, and healthy community.

Communities facing a range of challenges including, but not limited to, social equity and affordability, economic development, sustainability, consensus building, and urban design are well-suited for assistance through the program. Projects focus on localities with a demonstrated need for assistance, where planning resources and expertise may not otherwise be available.

For more information, see <http://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams>

From Lauren Kim, Student Representative Elected from Region

Don't Take a Vacation this Summer... Plan Now To Include Students this Fall

As a student, I can attest to the anticipation of starting a career in the "real world" and acknowledge my uncertainty of what to expect in my first job after I graduate. My fellow graduate students often communicate the same sentiment.

One of the best ways to engage enthusiastic and committed novice planners is by providing them opportunities to get involved in your APA Chapter. This is not only a chance to help shape the planners of the future, but an opportunity to familiarize students with the day-to-day business of the profession from the perspective of experienced planners. APA professionals can provide an inside view of the "real world" that is invaluable to students.

There are many ways to engage students. A first step is to contact the head of the Planning Student Organization (PSO) at the colleges and universities in your region. The APA website has many of these organizations listed by state: <http://www.planning.org/students/psolist.htm>. If your Chapter is not represented on this list, please do not hesitate to reach out to area schools with planning, geography and environmental science programs, among others.

If you already have a strong base of student members in your Chapter, the summer is a great time to begin planning activities which will include them when they return in the fall. Here are a few ideas:

- Partner with the Young Planners Group (YPG) to include students in networking events and educational programming
- Develop a mentorship program with students and experienced planners within the Chapter's membership

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- Coordinate with PSOs to participate in career-related events on topics from interviewing to other “must-have skills” for future planners

As an active student member of my state Chapter, I recently participated in a city walking tour organized by my Chapter’s YPG. I learned about the history of a community I had never visited before and was able to explore it with fellow students and professionals. From my positive event experience, I left with this impression: should there be an opportunity to participate in a similar event in the future, I will attend.

So, do make plans this summer to engage student planners this fall. Host one great event, and you may find an untapped pool of new and energetic members.



Lauren McKim – Incoming SRC Representative from Region I

Lauren is a second year planning student at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She is focusing her graduate studies in real estate and housing. In addition to her role as the Region I representative for the Student Representatives Council of APA, Lauren is also the Student Representative to the New Jersey Chapter. In that role, she is a voice for planning students in New Jersey and helps coordinate student involvement in Chapter events.

Prior to beginning her graduate degree, Lauren spent three years working in commercial property management in Washington, DC. While in DC, she was an active member of the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute and was a Vice Chair of the Education Committee within its Young Leaders Group. Lauren holds a B.A. from the University of Kansas in history and psychology. If you would like to contact Lauren, please email her at lmckim@rutgers.edu.

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provement planning to development review, and re-established the Planning Office as an important part of City’s administration in spite of being the sole planner for the majority of his tenure. Ken was a strong advocate of direct citizen involvement in the planning process throughout his career and proponent of workforce housing in Lebanon, the Upper Valley and the state.

Lifetime Achievement Award Walter Warren

The last award for 2011 is a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize the exemplary contributions Walter Warren made to the NH Planning Community before he passed away earlier this year. Walter’s commitment to Planning and Economic Development stretches over a 30+ year career, working on all sides of the Professional Planner’s gamut from a planner for a private developer, to the Grater Nashua NH Center for Economic Development, to the Town of Windham and most recently as Community Development Director for the town of Merrimack. He was a charter member of the Northern New England Chapter of American Planning Association, a long time member and President of NHPA, he volunteered on the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and was involved for over 20 years as a volunteer for the City of Nashua and the school district.

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