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President's Message

The national economy and regional market conditions have significantly reduced the level of development activity across most of the United States and especially in the Southeast. Many local government planning agencies are experiencing reductions in workload because of the slowdown and have already faced or will be facing significant budget issues. In North Augusta we're trying to catch up on several overdue planning projects and research.

Election

SCAPA members should have recently received the paper ballots for the 2008 SCAPA Executive Committee election. Candidate profiles this year were posted on the SCAPA website rather than mailed with the ballots to save paper. If you haven't voted and returned the completed ballot to the SCAPA office, please do so as soon as possible.

The number of candidates for the two at-large positions on the Executive Committee was more than in a very long time if not the most ever reflecting a considerable amount of interest. That interest can be interpreted more than one way. It's possible that SCAPA's successes over the last several years have generated increased enthusiasm for participation. Alternatively, it could mean that there's a real desire for change. In either case, the Chapter is fortunate that the level of interest and the willingness to participate is high.

Bylaws

The Executive Committee has made several changes to the Chapter by-laws in recent years and has discussed others. The renewed interest in the Executive Committee has precipitated another possible by-laws change. The Executive Committee has discussed the possibility of increasing the size of the SCAPA board to provide more opportunities for participation. There are several ways that can be done and they will be presented and discussed at the annual Fall Conference in October. Feedback provided by the Chapter will help the Executive Committee craft a proposal.

Fall Conference

The 2008 Fall Conference will be held in Litchfield Beach on October 15 and 16 promises to be another informative and well-attended conference. The Program Committee chaired by Phil Lindler has developed another outstanding group of speakers on a variety of topics. Concurrent tracks are planned are planned again this year covering several general areas. The tracks will include sessions that address planning practice, environmental planning, park planning, financing growth and infrastructure and technology in planning.

Certification Maintenance

AICP certification maintenance is still a topic of sometimes heated discussion among certified planners. I suspect it will continue to be a hot issue until the CM program is fully refined and implemented by APA which will probably require a few more years. SCAPA is an approved



provider of CM credit approved training and Stephanie Monroe, SCAPA's Professional Development Officer, requests (and has obtained) APA CM credit approval of each of the SCAPA conference sessions. Additionally, all SCAPA training sessions are pre-approved for South Carolina required continuing education credits for planning and zoning officials and staff.

Planning Awards

The biannual SCAPA planning awards will also be presented at the Fall Conference this year. Past President Tripp Muldrow, Chairman of the Awards Committee, has designed a more participatory process for the evaluation and selection of award recipients. One track of the conference will include presentations by finalists in the Chapter members will be able to sit in on presentations by the award nominees and will be encouraged to participate in the final selections.

Please enjoy what's left of the summer and we look forward to seeing you at the conference in Litchfield Beach.

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The summer conference in North Augusta offered a tour of Hammonds Ferry. One of South Carolina's new neighborhoods on the banks of the Savannah river. This is a public private partnership of the city and North Augusta Riverfront Company .



Taken from the Clemson University Web Site

CLEMSON — The Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs ranks Clemson University’s program among the best in the nation.

Clemson is ranked seventh in the nation among programs that do not offer a Ph.D., and 10th in the South among all graduate programs.

The city and regional planning program at Clemson is offered through the department of planning and landscape architecture. The professional master’s degree program emphasizes sustainable land development while recognizing the balance of physical, economic, financial, social and policy dimensions of planning. Students pursue specializations in areas such as development planning, environmental and land-use planning, urban design and transportation planning.

Other non-Ph.D. programs ranked highly by Planetizen include California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and California State Polytechnic University in Pomona in the No. 1 and 2 spots, followed by University at Buffalo-State University of New York, University of Minnesota, Michigan State University and University of Virginia.

Among a 14-state Southern region, Clemson’s program ranked 10th, in company with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.

Clemson University also has one of the 10 best graduate programs in historic preservation, according to Planetizen, which listed Clemson, Columbia University, Cornell and the University of Southern California among the 10 best. The institutions were not ranked by number in that category. Also, Clemson was No. 4 in a ranking of financial aid per student.

“We are pleased with the company we are keeping with increased national recognition for the program,” said James B. London, who was director of the graduate program until his recent appointment as associate dean for research and graduate studies. “We are proud to deliver a program that prepares professionals who lead communities into the future.”

Planetizen enlisted the help of a professional opinion research firm to survey hundreds of professionals, educators and students to produce the 2009 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs.

Planetizen is a news and information resource for the urban planning, design and development community. The Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs is published by Planetizen Press, a division of Urban Insight Inc.

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SCAPA 2008 AWARDS PROGRAM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association conducts an awards program every two years. The Chapter awards program recognizes outstanding efforts and achievements that advance the art and science of planning in the Palmetto State. Each of the plans, projects, and individuals recognized will demonstrate a contribution to the improvement of the quality of life for South Carolinians.

Awards are a valuable public awareness tool for local governments, agencies, and community organizations. SCAPA awards offer one of the few opportunities that South Carolina planners and communities have to highlight the virtues of planning and recognize those who contribute to the profession. Seven SCAPA 2008 Awards are offered, one in each of the following categories:

Outstanding Planning Project – Large Jurisdiction, Small Jurisdiction, and Multi-jurisdictional

Awarded in three separate categories for a policy, plan, study, inventory, program, development project, implementation strategy, ordinance, or other product of planning practice which meets some overall of the following evaluation criteria:

- **Innovation:** originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques.
- **Transferability:** potential application to other geographic areas, jurisdiction, or to other projects.
- **Quality:** excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, presentation, or communication.
- **Implementation:** success and effectiveness of project or potential for such if not already implemented.
- **Comprehensiveness:** consideration of planning principles and broad range of public and private objections.
- **Significance:** overall importance at local, regional, and/or state planning level.

Large jurisdiction are those with a service area of 50,000 population or greater. Small jurisdiction are those serving a population base of less than 50,000. A multi-jurisdictional project is a partnership of multiple local governments or multiple levels of government.

Outstanding Planning Project – Innovative Use of Technology

Awarded for the innovative use of technology in planning practice to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accuracy of planning efforts. Efforts can include the use of telecommunications, information technology, the Internet, information management and software resources, and other technology tools. The preceding evaluation criteria for the other planning project categories also apply.

Distinguished Planner

Awarded to a planning professional who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the planning field within South Carolina over an extended period of time, and exhibits qualities which have led to successful accomplishment of planning goals, programs, or projects. Review criteria include planning leadership and creativity, professional commitment, community service, recognized expertise, and ethical conduct.

Planning Advocate

Awarded in recognition of an individual or a group for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of quality planning in South Carolina and the exhibition of qualities which have led to successful accomplishment of planning goals, programs or projects. Nominees would have promoted the cause of planning in the public arena and can include members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, economic development boards, or other appointed or elected officials. Nominations can also include neighborhood leaders, conservationists, and other citizen planners. Persons earning their living as planner are not eligible for this award. Criteria include the extent of support for planning and planners, the effectiveness of advocacy, and the broader potential for benefiting planning in South Carolina.

Planning Reporter

Recognizes a journalist or reporter for insightful and in-depth coverage of planning issues at the local, regional, and /or state levels that promotes public understanding of, and participation in, the planning process. Evaluation criteria include effective communication of planning principles and concepts, depth of coverage, presentation style, the audience(s) reached, and impact on public awareness.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Please review the Call for Nominations evaluation criteria for each award category and complete a separate nomination slideshow for each project. Answer all items relevant to the nomination category. Except for the Distinguished Planner category, The SCAPA 2008 Awards are for efforts and achievement occurring from August 2006 through August 2008.

This year nominations are to be submitted in PowerPoint with a maximum of twenty "slides". The first five slides should include the following:

Name of project or individual nominee

Category for which the nomination is being made:

Outstanding Planning Project – Large Jurisdiction

Outstanding Planning Project – Small Jurisdiction

Outstanding Planning Project – Multi-jurisdictional

Outstanding Planning Project – Innovative Use of Technology

Distinguished Planner

Planning Advocate

Planning Reporter

Organization/Agency

Contact person and title

Phone/Fax

Email

Address

A brief summary of the achievements of the project or person nominated for this award in bullet or paragraph form.

Summarize why the nominee's achievements are exceptional and deserve recognition.

Total cost of project (real or estimated).

Number of persons impacted by project

Population of jurisdiction(s) in which project located/conducted.

Name of nominating person/organization

Name of contact

Address of contact

Phone/fax of contact

Additional slides shall serve to illustrate that detail the project or individual accomplishments respect to the specific award category evaluation criteria. The additional slides should not exceed ten, with a minimum of 30-point type. A list of all attachments should also be included for juror reference in the final slide. Visuals of the plan, project, and results are strongly encouraged.

Submit the PowerPoint presentation clearly titled, along with any supporting information by accessing the following link:

public.me.com/scapa2008

User name is: scapa2008

Password: scapaawards

Click on the upper right button marked upload and you will be prompted to select your file.

If you have any questions about the form or upload procedures contact me at tripp@arnettmuldrow.com.

You will be invoiced by SCAPA for the submittal fee of \$25.00 for planning project awards and \$10.00 for individual awards. **Complete nomination packages must be uploaded no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, September 12th, 2008 for consideration.** The Awards Jury has final determination as to the evaluation criteria, used, the selection of award recipients, and whether an award is made in each category. Presentations will be made during the awards luncheon at the SCAPA Fall Conference in Litchfield Beach, Friday, October 17, 2008. ****Winners in categories will be asked to present their projects in a separate session at the SCAPA conference**** Notification of winners will take place by September 19, 2008.

Don't miss the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association's annual Fall Conference. The conference offers ten hours of AICP credit hours and 10 hours of SC Mandatory Continuing Education Credits. All sessions will be held at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort located on Ocean Highway in Pawley's Island.



Featured speaker will be Chad Prosser, Director of the SC Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Mr. Prosser will discuss the state's Tour Action Plan

The 2008 South Carolina Planning Conference
October 15, 16 and 17, 2008
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Pawley's Island, South Carolina



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Sponsorship Opportunities are still available for the 2008 SCAPA Fall Conference. For more information please contact Pat Collins at 864-221-1433 or email at jpcol44@bellsouth.com.

SCAPA would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring our fall conference this year.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Chapter Only Membership

APA is now offering Chapter Only memberships. You can join SCAPA much like the Associate memberships in the past only APA will be billing members annually and forwarding the information and fees to each individual chapter. If you would like to join please go to the APA website under membership.

Benefits of a chapter only membership include:

- Reduced rates to all SCAPA conference
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Training Workshops
- Participation on SCAPA committees

All current Associate Memberships have been transferred to APA and will continue in affect until the expiration date. APA will send a renewal notice.

For more information contact:

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South Carolina Education Requirements

The State of South Carolina requires appointed planning and zoning officials and professional employees to receive orientation training on an annual basis. New officials and employees must receive an initial six hours or training with a minimum of three additional hours per year thereafter.

The South Carolina Planning Enabling Education Advisory Committee was established to oversee this program. Additional information including exemption qualifications, training opportunities and programs, meeting information, and committee membership can be obtained from their website: www.scpeac.org

SC Planning Education Advisory Committee

South Carolina Code requires the formation of a State Advisory Committee on Educational Requirements for Local Government Planning or Zoning Official and Employees (SAC). These five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate are charged with:

- Compiling and distributing a list of approved orientation and continuing education programs that satisfy the educational requirements in

Section 6-29-1340;

- Determining categories of persons with advanced degrees, training, or experience that are eligible for exemption from the educational requirements in Section 6-29-1340; and
- Making an annual report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representative that provides a detailed account of the advisory

committee's activities, expenses, collected fees & determinations concerning approved education programs and categories of exemption.

More information provided at: www.scpeac.org

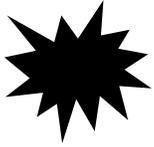
SC Urban and Community Forestry Council Programs

The SC Urban and Community Forestry Council announces their annual conference and a joint seminar with Charleston Trees, both in October 2008.

The annual conference, Trees: A Community of Relationships, will be held at the Marriott in Greenville, SC on October 30-31. Come and hear recommendations on urban tree species and identify native trees that encourage habitat and sense of place. The physiological and psychological benefits of trees, and a description of how trees and community support helped fight crime will also be discussed among other great topics. Our keynote speaker, Greg McPherson, the Director of the Center of the Urban Forest Research in Davis, CA will discuss the science of capturing carbon through planting trees for GHG emission reduction credits is a near future/now future tool that many are eager to learn. ISA and SAF credits will be offered.

A one day seminar, Sustainable Parking Lot Design With Canopy Trees, will be offered on October 28th at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens in Charleston, SC which will examine the subject of trees in parking lots. We have heard of the benefits trees provide for years, but development continues with less than impressive specimens often being the end result. We will examine all aspects of this topic from Greg McPherson's studies on the actual shading capacity and hydrocarbon emissions, to other presentations on improving parking island soils, municipal ordinances, species selection, alternative construction methods, and hear a developer's experiences with trees. ISA and NC Landscape architect CEUs are applied for.

Please refer to the Council's website, www.scurbanforestry.org, for more upcoming information on these two educational programs.



SCAPA ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote!

It is time once again to elect new SCAPA officers for 2009 and 2010. Ballots were mailed August 30th. If you did not receive your ballot please contact Pat Collins at jpcol44@bellsouth.net. To be counted, a ballot must be dated (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed) on or before September 30, 2008. The new officers will be announced at the Fall Conference. Candidate Position statements are available online at www.SCAPA.org.

President-Elect

Susan Britt, York County

Secretary/Treasurer

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The Student Chapter of SCAPA cordially
invites you to a

Clemson Alumni Reception

Wednesday, October 15th

8pm to 10 pm

Webster's Tavern

Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort

Litchfield, South, Carolina

Clemson University MCRP Program Update

We have already begun the 2008-09 academic year. Amazingly, it has been 40 years since Ed Falk came to Clemson to initiate the MCRP program. We have about 500 graduates, and as Leigh Woods, student chapter president, indicated we have 21 entering students this year. These students are from a variety of regions and include recent college graduates as well as older, non-traditional students.

Dan Nadenicek, the chair of the Department of Planning & Landscape Architecture (our home department) has left Clemson University to become Dean of the College of Environment & Design at the University of Georgia. We will miss Dan, and wish him well down the road in Athens. Dr. Elaine Worzala, Director of the Center for Real Estate Development & Professor in the Masters of Real Estate Development program, will serve as acting chair of the department while we conduct a search this year for a new chair. In other personnel changes, Jim London is now serving the College of Architecture, Arts & Humanities as the Associate Dean For Research & Graduate Studies. I left that position in January to become director of the MCRP program.

We are looking forward to a number of events this year:

The Planning Accreditation Board will be meeting in October to review our application and site visit report. We will share the results when we receive them in November.

Our students are planning to attend the Fall SCAPA conference and are developing a bigger and better auction for your entertainment, amusement and support.

We are initiating a professional speaker series in the spring. [I invite you to contact me \(nocks2@clemson.edu, 864-656-4094\)](mailto:nocks2@clemson.edu) if you are interested in sharing your professional experience in an hour presentation and discussion.

Our faculty continues to be actively engaged in teaching, research and professional service. Just to keep you up to date, our full time faculty in planning includes:

M. Grant Cunningham, Ph.D. Associate Professor. Ph.D. in Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Clemson University (1995); M.A. in Journalism, University of South Carolina (1985); B.A. in English and History, Duke University (1979). Courses: *Coastal management, resource policy, communications, community development.*

Anne E. Dunning, Ph.D. Assistant Professor. Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology (2004); M.C.P. and M.S. in Civil Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology (1998); B.A. in Russian, English, and Comparative Literature, Cornell University (1992). Courses: *Transportation planning and engineering transit, sustainability and sensitive environments, research methods and geographic information systems.*

Clifford D. Ellis, Ph.D., AICP Associate Professor. Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, University of California at Berkeley (1990). M.P.C.D. in Planning and Community Development, University of Colorado at Denver (1982); B.A. in History/Philosophy, Colorado College (1973). Courses: *Urban design, new urbanism, site planning.*

Mickey Lauria, Ph.D. Professor. Ph.D. in Geography, University of Minnesota (1980); M.A. in Geography, University of Minnesota (1977); A.B. in Geography and Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles (1975); Courses: *Research methods, planning theory, housing and community development, community reinvestment, urban politics and policy.*

James B. London, Ph.D. Professor & Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies; Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Clemson University, (1979); M.A. in Economics, University of South Carolina (1974); B.S. in Business Economics, University of South Carolina (1971). Courses: *Urban Systems, Natural resource planning, economic development, infrastructure planning, sustainable development and climate change.*

Barry C. Nocks, Ph.D., AICP Professor & MCRP Director. Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina (1978); M.R.P. in Regional Planning, University of North Carolina (1972); B.S. in Industrial Engineering/Operations Research, Cornell University (1969). Courses: *Planning theory and history, planning process, strategic planning, quantitative methods in planning,*

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference!

Barry Nocks, PhD, AICP

Professor & MCRP Program Director

Clemson Student Chapter Update

As the fall semester quickly approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members of SCAPA. My name is Leigh Wood, and I am serving as the 2008-2009 Clemson University SCAPA Student Chapter President. Additional executive officers for the student chapter consist of John Barnwell, Tiffany Wedmore, Katie Young, Sarah Simmons, and Louis

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Landscape Architecture
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Christopher Hnatin
Pursuing a Master's in
Landscape Architecture

Madhavi Jain
Senior Analyst

As we say farewell to the Class of 2008, we are welcoming 21 first-year graduate students into the program. We are looking forward to introducing these new faces to the SCAPA membership at the Fall Conference in Litchfield. The student chapter will be welcoming your bids at the fall conference, as we host our annual auction in order to raise money for travel, conference attendance, and special events. We are especially looking forward to meeting Clemson alumni and their families at the alumni reception which is being held in Litchfield on the Wednesday evening prior to the Fall Conference. In addition to networking with you at conferences, the Clemson University Student Chapter is looking forward to interacting with you throughout the school year. This year will be full of exciting opportunities and special events for Clemson Chapter students, alumni, and friends. The student chapter will be participating in community service projects, hosting football tailgates, and providing educational opportunities, and we would love for you to join in the action!

Looking forward with anticipation.

Ida Leigh Wood
Clemson University Student Chapter President

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