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Presidents Message



President-Elect, Susan Britt and I attended the APA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. in September. APA continues to strive to provide cost-efficient services to the membership. However, membership continues to decline which affects the organization's bottom line. The positive application of this is that APA and the Chapter Presidents' Council are looking at ways to provide alternative services to the chapters and membership that are of little or no cost through technology.

Communication continues to be an ongoing issue within APA. APA President Bruce Knight established a blue ribbon task force to look at APA's current structure and provide recommendations to make APA even better. The initial findings were provided at our meetings in Washington. Even though the details will be provided in 2011, members should be encouraged that APA is being proactive in looking at our future needs at the chapter, division and national levels.

Susan and I also had the opportunity to speak with aides to Senator Lindsay Graham, Senator Jim DeMint and Representative Gresham Barrett concerning national planning efforts as well as the importance of planning at the local level in South Carolina. As you can imagine, the responses we received from each office were unique. Our main goal however was to provide them with information on SCAPA and make a connection so that SCAPA may become a future resource for them.

Barry Nocks and I traveled through a "mild" tropical storm in September to attend the NCAPA Conference in New Bern, North Carolina. Jason Epley of Benchmark CMR invited us to be a part of a panel discussion on North Carolina's planning enabling legislation efforts and asked us to describe the South Carolina model and modifications that have occurred to state legislation since 1994. North Carolina is looking to update their legislation and we wish them the best in their endeavors. If you have any suggestions or comments that you think would be beneficial, please contact Jason to share your thoughts.

Congratulations to the new 2011/2012 officers that will serve on the Executive Committee. I wish them the best in the next two years. This year's election was a tough one as there were strong candidates in each race. I encourage all members to become active in one or more committees (Programs, Communications, Legislative, and Awards). This is where you really get your feet wet and can make a difference in our organization. Let one of the officers know your niche and we will include you on the committee email lists.

Our Fall Conference in October at Litchfield Beach was another great conference with varied session topics, networking opportunities and good food. Congratulations to the awards recipients that were presented at the Awards Luncheon on Friday. All were deserving of recognition in their efforts.

This is my last message to the membership as President of SCAPA. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as your President. There



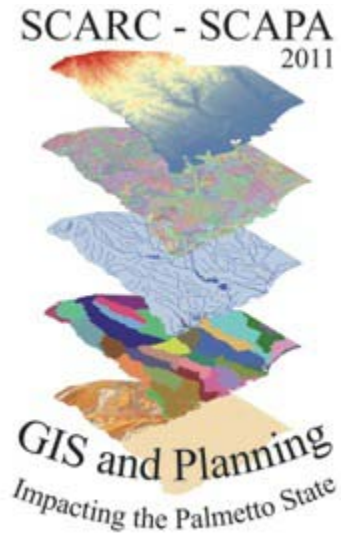
are many things that I am proud of that occurred during my tenure. Some of my most special moments include celebrating our 40th Anniversary last year in Greenville; hosting APA Regional Director Carol Rhea, APA President Bruce Knight and APA Executive Director Paul Farmer at our 2009 Fall Conference; awarding Cheryl Matheny the 2010 Distinguished Planner Award and attending the FAICP Induction Ceremony in New Orleans this year as Charlie Compton was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows. These memories will always hold a special significance for me.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for all of their assistance, support and patience over the last two years. There is no way that I can ever thank Pat Collins enough for all of the work that she does for us as our chapter administrator. Lastly, I'd like to thank you, the membership for your support and cooperation. I am looking forward to even more good things for our organization in the coming years.

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SCAPA 2011 WINTER CONFERENCE



GIS and Planning, Impacting the Palmetto State

UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY

SCAPA has joined forces with SCARC (SC Arc Users Group) to host a joint statewide conference at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, **February 23-25, 2011**.

As planners, we understand that GIS continues to have a positive and lasting impact on our profession. A variety of topical sessions will include plenty of technical information that will benefit both beginners and experts alike.

In addition, PlaceMakers will offer a full-day workshop on the *SmartCode* as part of the regular conference registration. This form-based code has received widespread acclaim.

The quality, depth and value afforded by this joint conference are unprecedented. Please don't let this opportunity pass to attend a **national-level** conference in the Palmetto State at a fraction of the costs.

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Registration Rates

Before January 14	\$160
After January 14	\$180
Student rate	\$80

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Columbia Center for the conference. The rate (\$129.00) will be available until January 21st, 2011.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon at:

www.scapa.org or go to scarcgis.org



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SCAPA Executive Committee

Congratulations

Incoming Officers

Elections for 2011-2013 for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and (3) Directors-At-Large were conducted in September with the results being tabulated and announced at the annual Fall Conference in Litchfield Beach. Our congratulations and support goes out to all of them.

The current Executive Committee will meet with the newly-elected Executive Committee in December in a retreat to plan the transition and upcoming work program for SCAPA. Assignments will also be made to standing committees such as Programs, Membership, and Legislative. Should you have any issues, concerns, or want to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact any of the above officers.

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Membership News

Congratulations to



Barry C. Nocks, professor and director of Clemson University's city and regional planning program, has been appointed as one of three planning educators on the National Planning Accreditation Board, the accrediting body in North America for university programs in planning. Read the entire news release at:

http://www.clemson.edu/media-relations/article.php?article_id=3076

SCAPA Listserve

More and more professionals are joining this community every month to help you answer the proverbial question, "What are they doing in _____ [insert City or County name here]?" Visit www.groups.google.com and search on "SC Planners". Be sure to use the quotation marks. Also, joining the List gives you access to previous questions and responses from the past year.



Henry Bailey Jr. recipient of the 2010 DEBBIE LIEU SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship was established to honor our colleague and friend Debbie Lieu after her untimely death in 2004. The qualities that made Debbie a wonderful planner, colleague and friend are reflected in the criteria for the selection of the scholarship recipients and include:

- A passion for planning
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude
- Works effectively behind the scenes
- Gives back to the community through volunteer efforts.

For more information go to:

www.scapa.org

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

SCAPA and the Debbie Lieu Scholarship Committee once again thank Gerald and Donna Kirkland of the Custom Framer for their generous donation of the beautiful framing of the 2010 Debbie Lieu Scholarship certificate that was presented to Henry Bailey, Jr. at the fall SCAPA Conference in Litchfield Beach. This is the 4th year that the Kirklands have made this donation. The Custom Framer is located on North Lake Drive in Lexington, SC and can be reached at 803-356-7163.

DEADLINE DATES FOR

ARTICLE SUBMISSION TO THE PALMETTO PLANNER

Got something of interest? We would like to include it in one of the next issues. The deadlines are as follows:

February 10, 2011

May 10, 2011

August 10, 2011

November 10, 2011

Just email it to:
jpcol44@bellsouth.net

Chapter Only Memberships

Chapter Only memberships are available through APA. Join SCAPA without joining APA for \$35.00 annually. To become a chapter only member please go to the APA website under membership. Print a membership application form and mark SCAPA chapter only and return it to APA.





News from Clemson University Graduate Program in City & Regional Planning

About half of our 40+ students attended the annual SCAPA meeting at Litchfield Beach last month. We would like to thank participants for their comments on student projects and theses ideas as well as participation in our SCAPA tee-shirt sale. The conference gave our students a good sense of what planners are doing in the state. They are also making plans to attend the national APA conference in Boston next April. The student projects displayed at the conference will also be posted on the SCAPA web site for your general information and potential feedback.

Second year students take a comprehensive planning studio. We are completing two projects this year. One focuses on defining sustainability and examining several recently developed comprehensive plans to see how these plans match operational definitions identified in the literature. The goal of this project is to advance the ability of local plans to identify sustainable practices and measure progress in that dimension. In the second project we are working with Ten at the Top, a regional visioning group for the ten counties in the Upstate. We are doing five tasks this semester: developing county profiles, staffing a regional and 12 county visioning meetings, identifying areas most likely to develop by 2030, estimating cost of development over the next 30 years, and developing a tool box for local planning activities to meet concerns expressed in the visioning meetings. These projects reflect provide students with some interesting interactions with local planners and residents.

We are beginning to develop plans for a Clemson open house for students who have been accepted as well as others interested in attending our MCRP program. Tentatively scheduled for late March, we hope to involve alumni and planners interested building up the profession in South Carolina by bringing a highly qualified and diverse student body to Clemson and then to the state. Please contact me if you are interested in helping in this process.

Students are beginning to make plans for the summer and graduation already! First year students will be seeking internships and graduating students will begin the job hunting process soon. As most of you are aware, our students are well prepared in the latest methods, have some practical experience and generally can hit the ground running in the reality of a planning or consulting agency. I urge you to seek opportunities to hire our first year students for summer internships as well as hiring graduating students for staff positions—please let me know of any opportunities you might have. I appreciate that budgets are tight, yet these students are great investments.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season and 2011!

Barry Nocks, MCRP Program Director

Stephen Julka, President ,SCAPA student organization

SCAPA 2010 AWARDS

The South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (SCAPA), a nonprofit education and membership organization dedicated to advancing the art, science, and profession of community planning across the state, recently presented its 2010 planning awards. Six planning project awards were made to South Carolina communities and organizations. Award selection criteria include quality of the product, innovation in approach or process, transferability to other jurisdictions in South Carolina, significance to the community, implementation potential and sustainability over time. Two additional awards, Distinguished Planner and Planning Advocate, recognized individual planning excellence in South Carolina.



Outstanding Planning Project, Large Jurisdiction – Awarded to Charleston County for the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan Update: “Guiding the Future for a Lasting Lowcountry.”



Outstanding Planning Project, Small Jurisdiction – Awarded to the Town of Blythewood for the Town of Blythewood Master Plan.



Award of Merit, Large Jurisdiction – Awarded to the City of Greenville for “Plan-it Greenville”, the City of Greenville 2009 Comprehensive Plan.



Outstanding Planning Project, Innovative Use of Technology – Awarded to the City of Sumter for its 2010 Abandoned Housing Survey utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) technologies.

SCAPA 2010 AWARDS



Distinguished Planner – Awarded to Cheryl H. Matheny, FAICP. The Distinguished Planner award recognizes a planning professional who demonstrates leadership, creativity, professional commitment, community service, recognized expertise and ethical conduct within South Carolina.

Award of Merit, Small Jurisdiction – Awarded to the City of Beaufort for “Vision Beaufort” the Beaufort 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

NOT PICTURED



Outstanding Planning Project, Multi-Jurisdictional – Awarded to the University of South Carolina, City of Columbia, Guignard Associates and Sasaki Associates, Inc. for the Innovista Master Plan for downtown Columbia and the Congaree River waterfront.



Planning Advocate – Awarded to Don Shanks, Chairman, Myrtle Beach Planning Commission. The Planning Advocate award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of quality planning in South Carolina as a citizen planner.

2010 SCAPA FALL CONFERENCE

The 2010 Fall Conference was held at the Litchfield Beach Resort on beautiful Pawley's Island, Oct. 27-29. The conference theme of "Planning for Natural Challenges and the Environment" was right on target as South Carolina has sustained 9.7 billion (2008 USD) in property and crop damages over the past 50 years (HVRI 2009). At the same time, the population of the state has grown from just over 2 million people in 1960 to an estimated 4.5 million people in 2009 – an increase of over 50% in under 50 years. Many of these residents are located either within a short drive of the coast (25% of the total population) and/or reside within a higher than average flood risk area (35% of the total population) (FEMA 2006). Those that are not directly at risk from hurricanes or flooding face a whole menagerie of threats to lives and livelihoods including droughts, earthquakes, severe storms and tornadoes, temperature extremes, wildfires, winter weather, or other natural or human induced events which can alter the overall quality of life, economic growth, and ecologic values in this state. An informative keynote address by Dr. Christopher Emrich of the USC Hazards & Vulnerability Research Institute set the tone for a day and a half of instruction and learning by addressing the following question; How do we continue to accommodate this growth into the future while adapting to or mitigating against the impacts of these and other natural or human-induced disaster events in our state?

A high point of Thursday's events was an Oyster Roast and Chicken Bog at the Kimble Lodge Hobcaw Plantation. The event was sponsored by LS3P Associates, Hanco of South Carolina Inc., SeamonWhitesides & Associates, and Brantley Construction Company, LLC. Sincere appreciation is expressed not only to these sponsors but to all the conference sponsors and exhibitors.

We are in the early stages of planning for the 2011 Summer and Fall Conferences. We welcome your ideas, input, and offers of assistance. The SCAPA Executive Committee is also soliciting proposals from interested cities/counties willing to host one of these events. If you would like to be involved in planning for a conference or if your organization is interested in hosting please contact Robert Moody, President-Elect, via email at rmood@catawbacog.org or by phone at 803.327.9041.

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