Dear SCAPA Members:

I hope everyone is having a great 2006. Last year was a great success for SCAPA. We ended the year successfully thanks to excellent attendance at our Fall Conference. This year we plan to build on that success with continued programming to serve the needs of planners across South Carolina. I want to touch on some of the latest and greatest happenings at SCAPA and beyond:

1. First and foremost, congratulations to Cheryl Holmes Matheny who has been selected in the 2006 American Institute of Certified Planners College of Fellows. Her tireless work as a professional and volunteer were recognized as a major contribution to the field of planning in the United States.

2. To all of the Planning Commissioners, Zoning Board of Appeals members, and Board of Architectural Review members who had in prior years completed the coursework for the SC Planning Academy, the SC Planning Education Advisory Commission has granted you an exemption from the six hours mandatory training in recognition of your prior work.

3. SCAPA will be offering continuing education credits toward the mandatory training at each of our conferences this year. Please stay tuned to the conference programs for more information. The six hour course is available through the Municipal Association in partnership with the COGs and SCAPA and through the SC Association of Counties as well. For more information visit their websites.

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Does APA Have your Correct Information?

The Palmetto Planner is only distributed electronically. It is of utmost importance that your e-mail address in the APA record is up-to-date. All members can now access their APA profiles and make changes online. These changes become effective immediately (mailed or faxed changes requiring manual entry will take longer to appear). To access your APA profile go to www.planning.org/myprofile. Enter your APA ID (from the Planning magazine mailing label or invoice) and password (click on “create new password” if you have forgotten it or do not have one). Send a message to the Webmaster@planning.org if you need assistance.

SCAPA Winter Conference

The SCAPA 2006 Winter Conference, Environmental Conservation Planning, was held at Saluda shoals Park in Columbia on February 10. It was well attended and, based on feedback from many in attendance, very helpful. The conference committee did an excellent job coordinating the topics and speakers.

85 SCAPA members attended the all day session. Saluda Shoals Park provided a refreshing change for a conference venue. Although not the easiest location to find, the facility was very nice, the scenery was wonderful and the food was delightful. Many thanks to Tronco’s catering.

Looking for a job or know someone who is? Check out www.scapa.com
SCAPA Biannual Elections

The biannual election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will be held in 2006. The election schedule was modified two years ago when the by-laws were changed. The election process changes adopted at that time tied the election schedule to the schedule of chapter meetings (conferences). However, no schedule of meetings was prescribed. Since then the number of conferences has been reduced from four to three per year. As a result elections could be held at different times in election years depending on the schedule of conferences. Accordingly, the Executive Committee will be proposing specific changes to the election schedule provisions of the bylaws that will tie the election schedule to specific dates in the year. It is anticipated that the bylaw changes will be distributed to the membership in late spring and be voted on by the membership at the Summer Conference.

In anticipation of approval of the bylaws the following schedule will be followed by SCAPA this year. (If the bylaw changes are not approved the effect will be to delay the installation of new officers from the Fall Conference this year to the Winter Conference next year.) The timeline for 2006 Chapter elections is:

- Election process begins: May 1, 2006
- Nomination Committee appointed: May 1, 2006
- Call for Nominations: May 15, 2006
- Committee nominations sent to membership: June 15, 2006
- Nomination petitions deadline: July 17, 2006
- Candidates announced – interviews/presentations: Summer Conference – late July or early August
- Ballots mailed to membership: August 31, 2006
- Deadline for ballot return: October 2, 2006
- Election results certification: October 6, 2006
- Notification of election results to membership and APA: October 6, 2006
- New Officers and Executive Committee installed: Fall Conference (on or about November 1, 2006)

Any SCAPA member that is interested in learning more about the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee or in running for office is encouraged to contact a member of the Executive Committee. Increased participation in the chapter is always welcome and encouraged.

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Continued....... From the President

4. We will continue to host planners’ socials through the year in locations to be announced and are delighted that upstate planners have opted to continue hosting socials through the year as well.

5. Finally, we had good news from Governor Sanford regarding his veto of the billboard bill on February 21st. This is a result in no small part of the network of communication between our organization the Municipal Association and other partners who saw this as a clear erosion of local government control to unfairly benefit a special interest lobby. These issues will continue to arise and your attention is appreciated. If you are interested in getting legislative updates please let us know and we can put you on the list!

I’ll conclude with my continued call for us to keep our continuing education credits documented at www.planning.org. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tripp

SCAPA Legislative Committee Report
Harold Lea Mond and Phil England

Please be aware that the “Billboard Bill” H 3381 has been reincarnated for this legislative session. The Billboard Bill is on the fast track and is before LCI subcommittee of House Members. Please contact members of this committee and urge them not to support this bill it’s more stringent on local than state government and sets a dangerous precedent for non conforming uses. This is not like the NC law recently passed which was based on tax value, in this version of this bill you must compensate them for relocation as well as lost revenue please oppose this as strongly as possible.

S304 The “Hog Bill” has risen from the ashes of last legislative session. The insidious thing about this bill is the last sentence which would exempt agribusiness, business and industry from local regulation. Please explain this to your Senator and urge them to oppose this assault on home rule.

The following is a rundown of other bills of interest filed this session:
S 70 Sexually Oriented Signs and where they can be located
S 92 Political Sign removal
S 97 Establish regional authority to establish redevelopment plans
S 167 Compensation under eminent domain
S 179 Coordination of planning/infrastructure areas
S 180 Comprehensive infrastructure development act
S 232 Extend PC report time to 45 days
S 337 Business registration fee
S 373/374 County regulations that are stricter than state law for sale of alcohol and tobacco are unenforceable
H 3215 Utilities cannot violate local zoning ordinances

If you want a copy of any of these bills go to www.scstatehouse.net and you can download them by number. Please get active and urge your council members to speak to your local legislator/senator and ask them to oppose the Billboard and Hog bills and make a few contacts yourself it can’t hurt.
Welcome to our New Members

On behalf of the over 450 professional and citizen planners that comprise our membership, welcome to SCAPA!

Erin Comstock      Donnalea Cook
Joseph Flood      Karen  Godin
La Toya Grate      Lew Lawson
Michael Mithcum      Kimberly Morgan
David Pettine      Shawn Seymour
Brennan Townsend      Irene Tyson

Greenwood County Recognized by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation for Effective Planning

On January 21, the Greenwood City/County Planning Department was honored with the 2005 Government Conservation Award by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation at their annual Conservation Award Banquet at the Marriott Renaissance Park in Spartanburg.

Greenwood County, in partnership with the City of Greenwood and the Towns of Ninety Six and Ware Shoals, incorporated energy conservation into its comprehensive planning process through the development of an Energy Conservation Element. By adding an Energy Conservation Element as a formal addition to the existing Comprehensive Plan, Greenwood County and its partner municipalities have elevated energy conservation as an integral component of community planning. Adopted in May 2004, the Conservation Element has significance to State, local and regional energy conservation and planning efforts as it: 1) Is the State’s first model for an energy conservation element of the comprehensive plan; 2) Serves as a model for integrating energy conservation into comprehensive planning; 3) Makes the important linkage between land use planning and energy conservation; 4) Offers cost-effective approaches/solutions for local governments and the private sector in a time of severe budget cuts and economic challenges; 5) Educates the community on energy conservation issues; and 6) Illustrates the potential of local public and private collaboration in effectively and successfully developing innovative, cost-effective and locally-driven planning and conservation solutions.

The South Carolina Wildlife Federation (SCWF) facilitates effective habitat conservation and respect for outdoor traditions for current and future generations through statewide leadership, education, advocacy and partnerships. For more information, please visit www.scwf.org or call (803) 256-0670.
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 for warding the information and fees to each individual chapter. If you would like to join SCAPA as a Chapter Only member or know someone who would like to join please you may do so through the APA website under membership. The same benefits will apply which include:

- Reduced rates to all SCAPA functions
- Quarterly newsletter
- Training workshops
- Participation on SCAPA committees.

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

For more information please contact:
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**South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee Approves Request**

The SCPEAC has approved our request to consider the graduates of the SC Planning Academy as having completed the first six hours of training required by Title Nine of the 1994 South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act. All graduates should have received a certificate upon graduation and notification was sent to all jurisdictions when they had board or commission member graduate.

Here is a list of all graduates.

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

We would like to hear from you. Showcase a project, express an opinion, or just share issues and information with your colleagues.

Deadlines for submittal to the Palmetto Planner are:

- **Summer Issue**
  - 05/15/2006

- **Fall Issue**
  - 08/15/2006

- **Winter Issue**
  - 11/15/2006

- **Spring Issue**
  - 02/15/2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SCAPA Summer and Fall Conferences

The Programs Committee is still in the early stages of planning for the 2006 summer and fall conferences. The Summer Conference will be in mid-July, tentatively in the Rock Hill area. The 2006 Fall Conference is preliminarily scheduled for the Columbia area next October. If you would like to participate as a member of the Programs Committee and assist in the planning and coordination for either the summer or fall conference program please notify Pat Collins.

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News From APA

APA leads research on urban forests
Working collaboratively with the USDA Forest Service, the International Society of Arboriculture, and American Forests, APA’s research department will prepare a state-of-the-art best practices manual about integrating urban and community forestry into long-range and current municipal planning activities. APA also will involve fellow member organizations of the Sustainable Urban Forestry Coalition. The manual will consider urban forests as not just trees, but as the aggregate of all community vegetation and green spaces that enrich quality of life and protect the environment. For more information, link to http://www.planning.org/forestry/index.htm.

Make your point with effective graphics
Attend APA's Design Graphics for Planning audio/web conference on April 12 to learn how to use accurate, clear, and well-designed graphics to communicate complex planning concepts to non-planners. Presenters will draw from Planning and Urban Design Standards, the new, APA-produced guide to design graphics for planning publications and presentations. For more information, link to http://www.planning.org/audioconference/intensive.htm.

What's the latest on brownfields?
The Creating Community-Based Brownfields Redevelopment Strategies Resource List — developed by APA in partnership with Chicago-based CDC Bethel New Life, Inc. — is now available. Catch up on the latest literature on brownfields redevelopment and community participation and learn how brownfields relate to asset-based community development, environmental justice, finance, and more. For more information, link to http://www.planning.org/brownfields/index.htm#1.

Watch your mailbox for your ballot
Ballots for the APA and AICP elections will be mailed to members on March 11. All candidates’ position statements are posted at http://www.planning.org/elections/index.htm. Don’t forget to vote!

Calls for session proposals
Two upcoming conferences cosponsored by APA are soliciting proposals. April 13 is the deadline to suggest projects and ideas for the 2006 Rail-Volution conference in Chicago, November 4-8. April 21 is the last day to propose a session for the Brownfields 2006 conference in Boston, November 13-15. Go to www.planning.org for more information.

Log CPD credits as you earn them
AICP members: Keep your CPD log up to date. Record professional development activity with AICP’s convenient online tracking program at http://www.planning.org/cpd/mylog/

SCAPA Speaker’s Bureau
From time to time SCAPA is contacted by groups and organizations for speakers on planning issues. A Speaker’s Bureau is being established in which a listing of interested members will be maintained. As SCAPA receives requests for speakers on a given topic, we will match the topic with those members willing to speak on an issue of interest. The members names and contact information will be provided to the organization making the request of a speaker and the organization making the request will make the request to you. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please forward your contact information and list of topics that you would be willing to speak about to Phil Lindler at phil@co.greenwood.sc.us.
Are You Ready To Take the AICP Exam?

By Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP and Chris Steins M.PL

Beginning in 2004, the AICP* exam moved to a computer-based format (CBT) after 25 years of the traditional pen-and-paper exam. The exam will be given at over 200 testing sites in the U.S. and Canada, and offered twice a year in two testing windows for 12 days each in May and November.

How, When To Register?

Beginning with the 2005 exam cycle, AICP has introduced a new application that combines the application and registration steps into one form and one fee. This eliminates the previous two forms and separate fee payments, and makes the process easier for applicants. Education and employment verifications for each degree and job listed in the application will continue to be required in order for your application to be considered complete for review.

You can now register to take the exam online on the APA's website:
http://www.planning.org/certification/

Do You Qualify?
In order to take the exam, applicants must meet the following requirements:
1. Be a current member of APA
2. Be engaged in professional planning
3. Have completed a requisite number of years of education and professional planning experience (2 years of experience with a graduate degree in planning, 3 years with a bachelor's degree in planning, but other combinations are possible:
http://www.planning.org/certification/eligible.htm)

Preparing for the Exam

There are a variety of ways to prepare for the exam:

Seminars
There are a variety of possible preparation techniques. Many APA Chapters have professional development officers that provide or arrange for day-long seminars that introduce the exam and some of the topics.
Contact your Chapter's PDO for more information

PC Study Manual for the AICP Exam
A good place to start is the APA's Chapter Presidents Council's CPC Study Manual. The purpose of this self-study manual is to help review basic planning concepts and to practice skills that are necessary for taking a multiple-choice test.
More information on the CPC Study Manual:

Online Courses
If you'd like to start your studying early, and interact with students from around the US, consider an online course to guide your studying.
The Planetizen AICP Exam Online Preparation Course, for example, is organized into a series of eight topics with a total of about 30 lessons. Each lesson is about 20-30 minutes to complete, enabling you to fit in a little studying whenever you have time — during a lunch break, before work, or after you put the kids to bed. The course also provides over 450 sample questions, including a pretest exam and two sample exams. The course also includes five discussion forums to interact with other students and course staff, and ask any questions you might have as you prepare for the exam.
More information about Planetizen's AICP Exam Online Preparation Course:
http://www.planetizen.com/courses/aicp/

Study Groups
If you live in an urban area, there are likely to be many others who will also be taking the exam. Using your Section's PDO or individual networking to create a study group of 4-6 people. Take turns preparing sample questions and "study sheets" on specific topics to share with the other members of the group. Study groups can be a great way to keep you motivated and studying for the exam when things get busy at work.
What’s on the Exam?

The AICP Comprehensive Planning Examination consists of 170 multiple choice questions (20 of which are pre-test and do not count toward the final score) in two main areas: Knowledge (40 percent) and Skills (60 percent). The exam is weighted as follows:

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- Plan Making (methods, strategies, and techniques) [20%]
- Functional Topics [20%] (such as Natural resources and environmental quality, Land use, Infrastructure, energy, recreation, transportation, housing, urban design, etc.)
- Plan Implementation [20%]
- Code of Ethics, Public Interest, and Social Justice [15%]

More details:
http://www.planning.org/certification/subjectmatter.html

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New AICP Exam Prep Package Has the Answers

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A SPECIAL REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

It is time to start thinking about elections and awards. In 2007 we will be electing new officers and presenting awards. If any one would be interested in being on either of these committees and/or would like to nominate a person or project please contact Pat Collins or Tripp Muldrow.

Calendar of Events

March 20-21, 2006

March 21, 2006
Tuesdays at APA, Selling Mixed Use in a Low Density Suburban Community, Burnham Conference Center at APA, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1600, Chicago. www.planning.org

March 22, 2006 Introduction to the Planning Commission: Part Two; APA Audio/Web Conference; www.planning.org/audioconference

March 29-30, 2006

April 3-4, 2006

April 5-6, 2006

April 5-7, 2006

April 10-12, 2006
First Annual Geospatial Integration for Public Safety Conference, Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Nashville, Tenn.; www.urisa.org or www.nena.org.

April 12, 2006

May 10-12, 2006
Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference, Awards, and Trade Show, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, Boston; www.greenroofs.org/boston.

May 16-18, 2006
Continued........Calendar of Events

April 21-23, 2006
National & Global Youth Service Day, Youth Service America; www.GYS.D.net.

May 1-3, 2006
Annual IMAGIN Conference, Traverse City, Mich. For more information visit www.imagin.org.

May 10-12, 2006

May 10-12, 2006
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May 16-18, 2006

May 16-17, 2006

May 24, 2006
The Housing Plan; APA Audio/Web Conference; www.planning.org/audioconference

June 10-17, 2006
Preservation Leadership Training, National Trust for Historic Preservation, cosponsored by Nebraska Lied Main Street program, Nebraska City, Neb.; www.nationaltrust.org/plt/about.html

June 14-15, 2006

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June 16-17, 2006
Paying for Economic Development, Chicago. www.planning.org

June 16-17, 2006
Growing Green, Achieving Sustainability, Chicago. www.planning.org

June 28, 2006
Planning Law Review; APA Audio/Web Conference; www.planning.org

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INCOME

AICP 1,700.00  
Advertisement Income 1,200.00  
APA 11,000.00  
Chapter Only Membership 200.00  
Fall Conf. Registration 36,000.00  
Interest Income 250.00  
Summer Conf. Registration 6,000.00  
Winter Conf. Registration 6,000.00  

Total 62,350.00

EXPENSES

Administrator Salary 11,000.00  
Administrator Travel 400.00  
AICP 500.00  
Awards 250.00  
Cell Phone Reimbursement 600.00  
Chapter Promotion 1,400.00  
Contingency 300.00  
Election Ballot 400.00  
FAICP 100.00  
Fall Conference 28,000.00  
Legal-Professional Fees 500.00  
Legislative Breakfast 1,000.00  
Membership Committee 600.00  
Office 100.00  
Postage 400.00  
President's Travel 2,000.00  
Reserve Fund 1,000.00  
Software 200.00  
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Summer Conference 6,000.00  
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