Dear SCAPA Members,

SCAPA President’s Message

The year is half over (Some of us might feel that we have already done a year’s worth of work.) and SCAPA has certainly been busy. This message will summarize what’s been completed and what’s on the schedule for the balance of the year.

Conferences

Both the Spring Conference in conjunction with the Design Arts Partnership in Clemson in April and the Summer Conference in Columbia in June were well attended and very successful. Member feedback has been all positive. Congratulations to Phil Lindler, SCAPA President-Elect and Programs Chairman, and the members of the Programs Committee for a job well done.

The Fall Conference is scheduled for October 25 and 26 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston. We will again offer sessions on timely subjects scheduled in three concurrent tracks. We look forward to another exciting program and record turnout.

AICP Certification Maintenance

As most of you are aware, at the APA National Planning Conference in Philadelphia this year the AICP Commission officially adopted requirements for the AICP certification maintenance program. A milestone in the history of APA and AICP has been reached. Certified planning professionals, like many other professional disciplines, must now regularly participate in approved continuing education programs to maintain the AICP professional certification. A separate article in this issue of the Palmetto Planner answers a lengthy list of questions regarding certification maintenance.

Debby Lieu Scholarship Fund

The Debby Lieu Scholarship Fund has successfully generated a principal balance of more than $11,000 through the efforts and contributions of the SCAPA membership. Effective with the 2006 fall semester the management of the scholarship funds will move from SCAPA to the Clemson University Foundation and professionally managed as a graduate scholarship program. The first Clemson graduate planning student scholarship recipient will be announced at the Fall Conference. Congratulations to Cheryl Matheny and the other members of the Debbie Lieu Scholarship Fund Committee for their leadership and excellent work.

New Legislation

This year SCAPA participated in the Citizens for Community Protection Coalition, an organization formed to monitor the General Assembly’s consideration of regulatory takings proposals and revisions to the eminent domain statutes. A number of individuals and organizations including SCAPA, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (SCCL), the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) and the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) cooperated in coalition efforts. The committee of citizens and legislators created to evaluate eminent domain and regulatory takings proposals did not develop any specific recommendations on regulatory takings. The term of the committee, however, was extended until the end of the year. It is possible that a regulatory takings bill will be introduced for consideration in 2008.

However, significant legislation affecting planning in South Carolina was passed this year. The Priority Investment Act, which has been considered in several forms in recent years, was passed and signed by the Governor. Many of the more cumbersome provisions of earlier bills were eliminated. The final result is a law that will require new elements of the comprehensive plan. A separate transportation element and a new priority investment element are required.

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Student Chapter Update
My name is Tyrone Williams and I am the new president of the student chapter of SCAPA. To begin, I would like to thank all of the agencies and businesses that hosted student planning interns this summer including, among others, Josh Martin of the Charleston Planning, Preservation and Economic Innovation Department, John Lummus of the Tri-County Technical College Economic Development and Governmental Affairs Department, Dan Hadley of the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments. Many recent Clemson graduates began their planning careers this summer and I am sure that the experience they gained from past planning internships was vital in their search for employment.

We again will be hosting a silent auction at the upcoming SCAPA Conference in Charleston, SC this fall. Last years silent auction in Myrtle Beach was a great success, featuring items like Myrtle Beach Aquarium tickets, karaoke machines, signed books and even NASCAR tickets. We hope we can count on the same tremendous support we received, last year, as we raised enough money to fund a good portion of our trip to APA’s National Conference in Philadelphia last spring. Our trip provided valuable learning and networking opportunities. With your help we’ll again be able to obtain funding for the 2008 national conference in Las Vegas.

I would also like to use this article to welcome back the second year planning students and formally greet the incoming Clemson University Master of City and Regional Planning students—welcome to the program. Congratulations is also due to second year student, Carla Bridges, the first recipient of the Debbie Lieu Scholarship. Thank you to everyone who has helped remember Debbie Lieu through a donation to the scholarship fund.

On behalf of the entire program at Clemson, we look forward to working with you during this academic year. If there are any questions about the Clemson Student Chapter of SCAPA feel free to contact me at tyronewi@clemson.edu. Thank you for your continued support.
AICP Certification Maintenance Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did AICP decide to require a certification maintenance program?

Communities and the planning profession are constantly changing. Planners must possess up-to-date skills and knowledge of new theories, laws, tools, and techniques in order to be credible professionals and to guide community change effectively. Many other professional organizations, including planning organizations in other countries, have adopted professional certification standards that include continuing professional development. The AICP Commission believes that planners should demonstrate professional credibility through continuing education. The Commission further believes that certification maintenance standards are essential to ensure the integrity of the AICP credential and to advance the standards of planning practice.

2. How was this program developed and adopted?

The Commission has been working on this program since July 2006. Members were encouraged to read and comment on two drafts of the proposed program posted on the APA website. More than 2,000 comments were reviewed and considered. The final version of the CM program was approved by the Commission at its meeting on April 13, 2007.

3. What will CM mean to me?

In addition to maintaining AICP membership by paying dues and abiding by the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, certified planners also are required to maintain a minimum level of professional development.

4. What are the basic elements of the AICP certification maintenance program?

- Within a two-year reporting period, every AICP member is required to obtain at least 32 credits for eligible professional development activities. One CM credit is equivalent to one contact hour of training.
- Each two-year period begins on January 1. The first two-year period will begin January 1, 2008. Eligible credits earned on or after April 14, 2007, will be applied to the 2008-09 reporting period.
- AICP members have a four-month grace period following a two-year reporting period to complete the period’s credit requirements. Any credits used in a grace period cannot be double-counted.
- Up to 16 excess credit hours may be carried over from one reporting period to the next. (Check the website for certain exceptions.)

5. What happens if I don’t fulfill the CM requirements?

An AICP member who does not fulfill CM requirements within four years of the beginning of the reporting period will lose AICP certification and be obliged to seek recertification.

6. Are there any exceptions to the CM requirements?

There are some exceptions for retired and unemployed members, members who work outside the United States, and members who request CM inactive status for personal or hardship reasons. Refer to the APA website for detailed information.

7. How can I earn the required credits?

- You may earn professional development credits from approved courses that are provided by APA, APA-sponsored or APA-registered providers, or by PAB graduate degree programs.
- You may earn credit for volunteer, unpaid planning instruction such as teaching a course or seminar, participating in an APA conference session, or presenting a professional paper. You may earn credit only once for a particular course, session, or seminar.
- Credits that satisfy the continuing education requirements of another professional association also may be counted toward AICP CM requirements as long as they are approved as eligible by AICP.
- Tenured or tenure-track faculty at accredited universities may earn CM credit for publishing articles in certain journals.

8. Can I earn credits through self-study?

Only online and correspondence offerings that are approved as eligible by AICP may be taken for CM credit. Other self-directed study will not be eligible.

9. Are there other activities that won’t qualify for credit?

Yes, for example: time spent attending APA national, chapter, or division leadership business meetings; time spent mentoring; time spent volunteering (except volunteer instruction as described in question 7 above); or teaching for a salary, fee, or honorarium.
10. Are there any required topics?
Yes. During each two-year period, you must earn 1.5 credits on the topic of ethics and 1.5 credits on the topic of current planning law. These credits cannot be carried over to the next two-year reporting period.

11. Where can I get a list of approved programs?
AICP will maintain an online directory of registered educational providers and their AICP-approved offerings. The directory will be available to all members on the APA website. Specific course dates, times, and locations also will appear in the APA/AICP educational calendar at www.planning.org/calendar.

12. How much will fulfilling CM requirements cost?
It depends. Some courses are free or charge a small fee. The cost of others, such as APA audio/web conferences or CD-ROM training programs, could be shared among individuals or agencies.

13. What if I can’t afford the registered course offerings, or they aren’t available nearby? How can I fulfill these requirements?
APA and AICP expect to approve courses from a variety of providers that are offered in many locations across the United States. Audio/web conferences, audiotape and CD-ROM training courses, and online courses also will be available. APA and AICP plan to develop additional low-cost and remote-access courses that will expand existing offerings. APA chapters and divisions are encouraged to do the same.

14. When and how will I log CM credits?
AICP will launch a new online CM logging system by January 2008. There will be a period of transition from the CPD logging system to CM logging. Courses currently approved for CPD credit on taken or after April 14, 2007, will be carried over into the CM logging system. Once CM provider registration, course approval, and logging take effect, CPD will no longer be used.

15. How long will I be able to record credits for a reporting period?
The logging system for a two-year reporting period will be available through the subsequent four-month grace period. If you haven’t logged 32 hours by the end of the grace period, you may no longer use the AICP designation. In order to be reinstated, you will have to maintain and submit your own detailed log that proves that you fulfilled your CM requirements, and pay a reinstatement fee. If you do not do this within two years after the reporting period ends, you must seek recertification.

16. What if I want to take a course for CM credit but it isn’t registered as eligible by AICP?
AICP will develop procedures for becoming a registered provider and approving course offerings. AICP will post details on the APA website when they become available.

17. Where can I learn more about AICP certification maintenance?
Complete details of the approved certification maintenance program are posted online at www.planning.org/certification/maintenance.htm. AICP will continue to inform members of additional pertinent information in the months to come.

AICP EXAM TRAINING

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November 2007 AICP Exam Schedule

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SCAPA NEWS LETTER UPDATE

We have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our web page. It should be up and running again real soon. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Continued President’s Message

Additionally, the housing element must specifically address affordable housing. SCAPA, hopefully in conjunction with SCAC, MASCC, SCCL and other interested organizations, will be developing a publication explaining the new law and ways that it can be implemented. Michael Criss, Director of Planning, Richland County, is heading up the SCAPA task force to complete the brochure.

A new zoning administration requirement was included in two bills that passed. (One of the two bills related to derelict mobile homes and the other related to cemeteries on private property.) Local planning agencies are now required to consider whether a property is restricted by any recorded covenant that conflicts with or prohibits an activity for which a permit is applied. The impact of the new law has not yet been fully determined. A session discussing both the Priority Investment Act and the new provisions related to restrictive covenants will be scheduled at the Fall Conference.

Legislative Policy Committee

Chip Land, Director of Planning for the City of Columbia, has agreed to chair the reformed SCAPA Legislative Policy Committee in anticipation of the 2008 session of the South Carolina General Assembly. The committee will be responsible for updating SCAPA’s legislative policy statement and developing strategies for dealing with potential regulatory takings proposals and other issues as they arise in 2008.

A meeting of the SCAPA Legislative Policy Committee is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2007 in Columbia. The meeting will be held at the Central Midlands COG office beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will include a working lunch catered by a nearby fast food restaurant.

SCAPA members interested in participating on the Legislative Policy Committee are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Pat Collins, Chapter Administrator, at 864-221-1433 or ipcol44@bellsouth.net; Chip Land at 803-545-3222 or cland@columbiasc.net; or Skip Grkovic at 803-441-4221 or skipg@northaugusta.net. If you would like to be a member of the committee and added to the distribution list.

AICP Exam Preparation Training

SCAPA’s professional development officer, Stephanie Monroe, Planning Director, City of Spartanburg, coordinated the six day AICP Exam Prep Course this summer. Twenty-five planners from across the state are participating in the training. We wish them all luck with the November exam. Thanks are extended to Stephanie for her extensive work and to Wayne Shuler, Central Midlands Council of Governments, for again agreeing to host the training sessions.

Skip Grkovic, AICP

The Membership Minute

by Robert Moody, Membership Chair

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Summer Data Conference a Success

SCAPA held its summer conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on June 22. A record 156 attendees were on hand for the event. The conference “Building the Foundation of Your Comprehensive Plan: You Can Do It, We Can Help” focused on data sources for the comprehensive plan. The purpose was to provide the foundation for local governments to know where to look for the data that is needed for their planning process. Twenty-four federal, state, regional and local agencies were represented at the event and provided information from population to community facilities data and everything in between.

The highlight of the event was a Data Fair in which booths were provided for attendees to meet one-on-one with sixteen data providers. This event also allowed attendees to become familiar with representatives from those agencies.

A special thank you to HNTB and Pictometry for sponsoring this event. Also, thanks are extended to the Programs Committee for the planning of this successful conference: Gloria Burns, Janet Clarke, Carol Coleman, Charlie Comp-ton, Vonie Gilreath, Christa Hampton, David Hatcher, Cheryl Matheny, Marc Mylott, and Phil Lindler

A special thank you to the sponsors for helping to make our 2007 Summer Conference a success!
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.

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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

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

Jasper County in the New York Times

On May 2, 2007 Jasper County was featured in an article in the New York Times entitled National Perspectives: “Smart Growth’ in South Carolina
By LISA CHAMBERLAIN
Rather than allowing development to overwhelm Jasper County, S.C., officials have collaborated on a plan to guide building and preserve natural beauty. For more go to www.nytimes.com

REMEMBERING DEBBIE LIEU

Donations to the Debbie Lieu Scholarship Fund should be made to “SCAPA” with the notation “Debbie Lieu Scholarship” included on all checks. Please send all donations to SCAPA
National Community Planning Month
"Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods"
October 2007

This October will mark the second annual National Community Planning Month. This month-long celebration is designed to highlight the accomplishments of planners and the planning profession.

This year's theme, "Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods," encourages Americans to celebrate places of exceptional character, quality, and planning.

Resources

Visit www.planning.org/ncpm for materials to help you plan and promote your National Community Planning Month event. Materials available through the website include:

* Sample proclamations
* Media Kit
* Graphics
* Suggestions for reaching key audiences

Watch interact, the APA member e-newsletter, for announcements about National Community Planning Month.

Coming Soon

Additional materials and resources that will be added to the website now through October, including:

* Radio public service announcements
* Topic of the next high school essay contest
* Information about the AICP Symposium in Washington, D.C.
* Designees of the Great Places in America program
* Planners Day on the Hill activities, part of the Federal Policy & Program Briefing

Share Your Event

Include your local event on the APA National Community Planning Month website. E-mail event information to ncpm@planning.org.

If you have a question about National Community Planning Month, please e-mail ncpm@planning.org.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TOWN OF BLYTHEWOOD
The Town of Blythewood is accepting applications for the position of Town planner. The Town Planner will report to the Town Administrator with responsibilities to include code enforcement, preparation of the Comprehensive Land Plan, review of subdivision regulations and ordinances and planning for the orderly development of the Town. Qualifications should include a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree and 5 years of planning experience or a Master’s of Public Administration with 3 years of planning experience. AICP qualified is a plus. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Applications should be submitted by August 3, 2007 to Mayor M.B. Petre Amoth, Town of Blythewood, P.O. Box 1004, Blythewood, SC 29016

SUMTER CITY—COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Sumter City-County Planning Commission Planner I
The Sumter, SC City-County Planning Commission seeks a motivated and professional planner to work in a variety of capacities for an evolving joint City/County Planning Department. The new planner will assist in all aspects of the department mission including zoning, permitting, development review, Comprehensive Planning, Transportation Planning, analysis, research, reporting and presentations. The planner supports all City and County Boards and Commissions. This position requires an ability to write; to think creatively; to analyze and; to offer alternative viewpoints and opinions. Customer service is a primary responsibility for the entire department.

A Bachelors Degree in Planning, Geography, Architecture, Design, Public Administration, or related field is required. A Master’s Degree in one of the above fields and at least one year of experience in a local planning department is preferred. Salary is dependent upon qualifications. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to gmcgregor@sumter-sc.com. The position is open until filled.

Sumter City-County GIS Manager
The Sumter City-County Planning Commission seeks qualified applicants for the position of GIS Manager. The GIS Manager coordinates and manages GIS applications and projects for the joint City-County Planning Department. The GIS Manager performs a wide variety of GIS applications to support planning projects such as comprehensive planning, transportation planning, infrastructure planning and environmental planning for the City and County of Sumter.

Requirements for this position are a Bachelors Degree in Geography, Planning, Geographic Information Systems, or related field with emphasis on GIS. Candidate should possess 3-5 years experience in GIS applications, data base design, analysis, and management. Practical knowledge and experience using ESRI Suite of software including ARC GIS - ARC Info, related extensions and tools, as well as web based applications, is expected. Salary negotiable, depending on qualification. Send resumes and cover letter to Planning Director, PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 or gmcgregor@sumter-sc.com. EOE. Position is open until filled. A complete job description is available via e-mail request.

Aiken County
PLANNER I Planning & Development Dept.
Administers development regulations including zoning and subdivision. Requires BA or other degree in planning or related field and two years’ planning experience, or equivalent combination of education, training and experience; good PC skills; and a sense of humor. GIS experience desirable. Entry $32,419 or higher DOQ; longevity range to $45,387. Excellent benefits including defined retirement. Position open until filled. Apply at Aiken County Human Resources, 828 Richland Avenue West, Aiken, SC 29801 (803-642-1552); or at SC Employment Security Commission, 1571 Richland Avenue East, Aiken, SC 29801 (803-641-7640) or at any other SC Employment Security office. EOE

To post a job on both the webpage and in the newsletter contact Pat Collins at jpcol44.bellsouth.net
Make plans now to attend the SCAPA Fall Conference in historic downtown Charleston. This year’s conference will be held October 25 and 26 at the Francis Marion Hotel. Session topics will be wide-ranging from transportation to GIS to legislative initiatives. Final details are being made now. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this year’s event, please contact any Programs Committee member. Be on the lookout for the conference registration packet in mid-September. The committee members are as follows:

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