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Presidents Message

Fall is just around the corner. That means that there are numerous items being undertaken by SCAPA as we gear up for a number of tasks.

The SCAPA Fall Conference will be held at Litchfield Beach on October 21 and 22. Make plans to attend the annual multi-day conference that is always insightful and a great place to network with your colleagues. A special thanks to President-Elect Susan Britt, Pat Collins and the Programs Committee for working so diligently on the program. Additional information is contained in this edition of the *Palmetto Planner* and will be found on the website within the next few weeks.

There are a number of innovative projects that have been conducted throughout South Carolina in the last year. I would encourage you to consider submitting a nomination for a 2010 award for recognition. The deadline is September 6, so get those nominations in soon.

SCAPA elections will be held within the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for your ballot so that you can cast your vote for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Director-at-Large.

There are excellent candidates to choose from, so take the time to review their position statements and vote for your future leaders.

On September 25, Susan Britt and I will attend the APA Leadership Conference in Washington DC. One of the primary actions during this conference is the meeting of the Chapter Presidents Council. This body is made up of the Presidents of each APA chapter where policy is made for the direction of APA. Networking and information sharing is a secondary item where we are able to learn such things as cost-savings measures from other chapters as well as share things that work for us in our organization. The Leadership Conference will also include updates on APA's initiatives on sustainability, transportation and the environment as well as APA's Rebuilding America Program. I hope to be able to share this important information with you in the next *Palmetto Planner*.

Lastly, there are some changes in the Executive Committee that I must share with the membership. Director-at-Large Marc Mylott has accepted a new position with the City of Elgin, Illinois and unfortunately has had to step down from his position.



We will miss Marc's leadership and quick wit on the Executive Committee. South Carolina's loss is Indiana's gain. Thank you, Marc!

Our Professional Development Officer Stephanie Monroe, who has served in that position for a number of years, has had to retire her training methods due to her professional responsibilities with the City of Spartanburg. Stephanie has done an excellent job meeting the needs of the chapter while AICP transitioned into the certification maintenance program. Stephanie, we can't express our appreciation enough to you!

Wayne Shuler of the Central Midlands Council of Governments was appointed by the Executive Committee to serve as SCAPA's PDO. We thank Wayne for agreeing to assist us in this way and look forward to working with him for many years to come!

SCAPA 2010 FALL CONFERENCE

PLANNING FOR NATURAL CHALLENGES & THE ENVIRONMENT

Make plans now to attend the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association's annual Fall Conference, our state's premier planning event. We invite you to join professional planners, members of allied professions, appointed and elected officials, interested citizens, and students to learn more about the art and practice of planning and to anticipate what the future holds.

Join your planning colleagues in examining how the profession is preparing to meet the challenge of sustainability in a changing climate.

Sessions will explore strategies for balancing ecology, public safety, quality of life, and economic development.

We are pleased that Dr. Christopher Emrich of the USC Hazards & Vulnerability Research Institute will be our keynote speaker.

The conference is designed to provide opportunities to attend those sessions that are of interest to you. There will be four session tracks:

- **Planning for Natural Resources and Green Development**
- **Planning for Disaster and Emergency Management**
- **Planning for the Built Environment**
- **Professional Development for Planners**

You are invited to a reception and dinner on Wednesday evening. So plan your travel to make sure you arrive in time to enjoy some fellowship and dinner. Breakfast and lunch will be served on both days. The conference will end with our luncheon on Friday where the 2010 SCAPA Awards will be presented and new SCAPA officers for 2011 and 2012 will be introduced.

THE CONFERENCE SITE - LITCHFIELD BEACH & GOLF RESORT PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC

The 2010 conference will be held at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort on Pawleys Island midway between Myrtle Beach and Georgetown.

What better location for this topic than the coast of South Carolina which has experienced such unprecedented growth during the last decade.

A block of rooms will be held at the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort until Monday, September 27th - rooms cannot be guaranteed after this date. Reservations can be made directly with the Resort at (888) 766-4633 or (843) 237-3000. Mention "SCAPA" when making the reservations to secure the group rate. Room rates are \$62.10, \$75.60, and \$102.10 depending on the location. All rooms have an additional 15% tax and resort fees and a \$1.50 Grand Strand Marketing fee per night. Parking is free.



SUNRISE ON PAWLEYS ISLAND SUNRISE



ATALAYA CASTLE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

Financial Report

Below is the updated Budget for FY 2010. If you have any questions, please contact rmoody@catawbacog.org

SCAPA Budget 2010

| INCOME | Approved | Actual | Difference |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| AICP Exam Training | \$ 2,000 | \$ 800 | \$ (1,400) |
| Advertising | \$ 1,600 | \$ 750 | \$ (850) |
| Palmetto Planner | \$ 1,000 | \$ 650 | \$ 350 |
| SCAPA Website | \$ 600 | \$ 100 | \$ 500 |
| APA Dues | \$ 10,000 | \$ 6,297 | \$ (3,703) |
| Conferences | \$ 50,000 | \$ 17,910 | \$ (32,090) |
| Winter | \$ 10,000 | \$ 8,865 | \$ 1,135 |
| Summer | \$ 10,000 | \$ 9,045 | \$ 955 |
| Fall | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ 30,000 |
| Interest | \$ 50 | \$ 1 | \$ (49) |
| Scholarships | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Total \$ 63,650 | Total \$ 25,558 | \$ (38,092) |
| EXPENSE | | | |
| AICP Exam Training | \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 500 |
| Chapter Administration | \$ 19,700 | \$ 9,894 | \$ 9,806 |
| Administrator Salary | \$ 15,000 | \$ 8,750 | \$ 6,250 |
| Bank Charges | \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 100 |
| Cell Phone | \$ 600 | \$ 320 | \$ 280 |
| Legal-Professional Fees | \$ 1,500 | \$ - | \$ 1,500 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 1,000 | \$ 699 | \$ 301 |
| President's Travel | \$ 1,500 | \$ 125 | \$ 1,375 |
| Clemson Student Chapter | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ - |
| Conferences | \$ 39,500 | \$ 8,687 | \$ 30,813 |
| Winter | \$ 7,000 | \$ 3,982 | \$ 3,018 |
| Summer | \$ 7,000 | \$ 4,274 | \$ 2,726 |
| Fall | \$ 25,000 | \$ 431 | \$ 24,569 |
| Awards | \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 500 |
| FAICP Application | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Legislative Committee | \$ 1,500 | \$ - | \$ 1,500 |
| Membership Committee | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| SCAPA Website | \$ 150 | \$ 35 | \$ 115 |
| Scholarships | \$ 300 | \$ - | \$ 300 |
| Debbie Lieu Memorial | \$ 300 | \$ - | \$ 300 |
| | Total \$ 63,650 | Total \$ 20,616 | Total \$ 43,034 |

Budget Balance 7/31/10 \$ 4,942

Cash Balance 1/1/10 \$ 3,230

Actual Balance \$ 8,171

Membership News

Welcome to our new members

SCAPA would like to extend a welcome to our new members. The following have joined since July 10, 2010:

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Andrew E. Colvin | Attorney | Nexsen Pruet, LLC |
| Thomas E. Delage Jr. | Comprehensive Planner | Richland County |
| Michael E. Doles | Building & Zoning Administrator | City Of Woodruff |
| Austin R. Lafaille | | Clemson University |
| Geonard H. Price | | Richland County |
| Jared M. Reilly | | Modulant, Mount Pleasant |
| Diana M. Seydlorsky | Community Development Director | Horry County Government |
| Steve A. Springs | Owner | Two Springs Consulting Llc |

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.

Benefits of a chapter only membership include:

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

Join the 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.

For questions or comments about the List, contact:

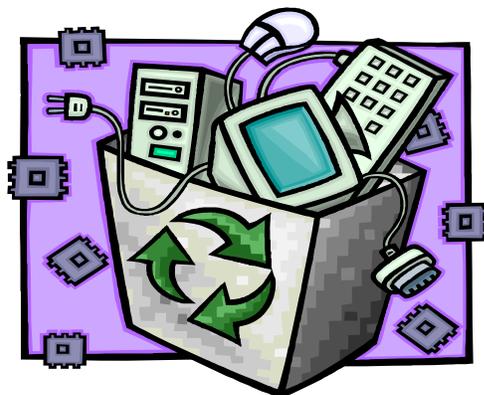
Marc Mylott, AICP at (803) 545-3333

or msmylott@columbiasc.net.

Does APA have your correct information?

SCAPA distributes all informational materials electronically. In order to ensure receipt of these materials you need to make sure that your email address in the APA record is up to date. All members can 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). If you need assistance contact Webmaster@planning.org.

Don't Forget to do your part.....





News from Clemson University Graduate Program in City & Regional Planning

The middle of August has arrived, and we are welcoming another excellent class of students in our program. We have 18 new students from all over the country as well as a few international students. About one third of our students are from South Carolina, and others come from all over the US. Our second year class is also outstanding and is among our larger cohorts, with 24 students.

The incoming leadership of the Student Chapter of SC APA includes

President: **Stephen Julka**

Vice President - **Marshall Brown**

Treasurer - **Jackie Coats**

Secretary - **Kelly Larkins**

Social Chairs - **Kaylen Francis, Chuck Lathan**

Media Chair - **Stephen Williams**

We anticipate another fine year of activities and engagement, including a strong presence at the SCAPA annual meeting in October. Initial ideas center on expanding fundraising and service projects.

Providing financial aid has been a challenge this year due to budget cuts at Clemson as well as various agencies in the Upstate who have hired our students as Public Service Assistants during the academic year. We greatly appreciate your continued support. Putting together a variety of resources we have been able to provide modest financial assistance for more than half of our students this semester.

We are taking on two interesting studio projects in our second year studio. Our larger (and funded) effort is focused on working with the recently formed Upstate visioning organization, Ten at the Top, to assist them in working with the ten upstate counties in creating a principles for their future vision along with a variety of background studies and projections. The Spatial Modeling Class will create models of several growth scenarios as well. Related to this endeavor, a second project is developing operational definitions for sustainability based on recently adopted comprehensive plans in several local cities and counties.

Between May and August graduations, we had 15 graduates from our program. Given the economic situation, some are still seeking employment. Please let me know if you have any positions that would be of interest. As you have seen, our graduates are well prepared for professional work and can hit the ground running based on their coursework, internship experience and abilities.

There are several exciting personnel items to report in the Department. **Dr. Tom Schurch** has joined us as chair of the Department of Planning & LA. Tom has an MLA as well as a PhD in Planning. He replaces **Dr. Elaine Worzala**, who served as interim chair for two years. Elaine is returning to direct the Real Estate Development program as well as its research center. **Dr. Anne Dunning** received tenure and was promoted to associate professor in the MCRP program. She works extensively in transportation planning. **Dr. Grant Cunningham** will be on sabbatical this semester, updating his dissertation work on coastal management practices.

Adding excitement to our lives in Lee Hall will be the renovation and construction of an addition to our building. Originally dating from the 1950s, Lee Hall was expanded in the mid-1970's when it housed four programs. We now have four programs alone in the Department, plus Bachelors and Masters programs in each of three other departments. All of our accreditation reviews over the past five years have expressed concern over the lack of space. The 1950s section was renovated over the summer, and the 1970s section will be renovated over the next year, with construction of the addition scheduled for a year and half. It will be wonderful when it is completed. It will be a work in progress in the interim.

We are looking forward to the Fall Conference at Pawleys Island! The students plan to be fully engaged in the sessions, let alone the social networking. Stay tuned for the next round of student fundraising.

SCAPA 2010 AWARDS PROGRAM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 6TH

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, organizations 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 2010 Awards are offered, one in each of the following categories. Except for the Distinguished Planner category, the SCAPA 2010 Awards are for efforts and achievement occurring from August 2008 through August 2010.

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

Large jurisdiction are those with a service area of 50,000 population or greater. Small jurisdictions are those serving a population base of less than 50,000. A multi-jurisdictional project is a partnership of two or more local governments or two or more levels of government. Awarded in each of the three categories for a policy, plan, study, inventory, program, development project, implementation strategy, ordinance, or other product of planning practice based on the following evaluation criteria:

1. **Innovation:** originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques.

2. **Transferability:** potential application to other geographic areas, jurisdiction, or to other projects.

3. **Quality:** excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, presentation, or communication.

4. **Implementation:** success and effectiveness of project or potential for such if not already implemented.

5. **Comprehensiveness:** consideration of planning principles and broad range of public and private objectives.

6. **Significance:** overall importance at local, regional, and/or state planning level.

7. **Sustainability:** degree to which the plan, policy, project, etc. is designed to achieve economic, social and environmental sustainability.

B. 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.

C. 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 and evaluation criteria include planning leadership and creativity, professional commitment, community service, recognized expertise, and ethical conduct.

D. 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 or organizations. 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.

E. 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 promote 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.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

Please refer to the SCAPA web page scapa.org for instructions on how to submit a nomination. For more information please contact Skip Grkovic at skipg@northaugust.net or 803-442-3880.

2010 SCAPA Elections

Elections for the 2011-2012 SCAPA Executive Committee will be held next month. Each candidate was asked to submit a position statement. These statement can be found on the following pages. Several of the candidates spoke at the Summer Conference in Camden. They are pictured below.

Ballots will be distributed to the membership by September 1, 2010. If you do not receive your ballot by that date please contact jpcol44@bellsouth.net.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. Winners will be introduced at the Fall Conference in Pawleys Island on Friday, October 29, 2010



Robert Moody, AICP
President Elect



Andrea Pietras, AICP
Secretary/Treasurer



Leah Youngblood, ESQ
Director at Large



Glenn Pace
Member at Large



Tyson Smith, ESQ, AICP
Member at Large



Jean Pool
Member at Large

Not pictured: Anna Almedia, AICP
Ed Halbig, AICP

Secretary/Treasurer
Member at Large

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: PRESIDENT-ELECT

CANDIDATE: ROBERT MOODY, AICP

Title: Senior Planner
 Employer: Catawba Regional Council of Governments
 Degrees: Master of City and Regional Planning, Clemson University, 1995
 Bachelor of Arts, Winthrop College, 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Title: Senior Planner
 Employer: Catawba Regional Council of Governments
 Responsibilities: Provide grantsmanship and technical assistance for 25 local governments in the following areas: land use and small area planning, brownfields assessment, certified planning training, capital budgeting and comprehensive plan updates.

Years Employed: 5-½

Title: Planner III
 Employer: City of Rock Hill
 Responsibilities: Current & long-range planning tasks, including administration of Land Development Regulations, Planning Commission Secretary and development of comprehensive and strategic plans.

Years Employed: 10

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, HONORS

Secretary-Treasurer, SCAPA (2009 – 2010)
 Member-at-Large, SCAPA (2008 – 2009)
 American Institute of Certified Planners (1997 – present)
 American Planning Association (1992 – present)
 SCAPA, (1992 – present)
 Leadership York County (1996)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Habitat for Humanity of York County Construction Coordinator (part-time salaried position), 2009-present. St. John's United Methodist Church Hunger Outreach Program, chair; finance & missions committees; Last Supper drama; Journey to Bethlehem drama; Band of Brothers committee.

POSITION STATEMENT

Service is one of my core values and I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve you as a member of the SCAPA Executive Committee for the past four years. We have excellent content and attendance at our statewide conferences, increased membership and a respectable reserve fund. In short, I am pleased with the direction in which our organization is moving and look forward to continuing in a leadership role.

SCAPA continues to grow and diversify, therefore, we must continue to find new ways to 'reach and teach' all segments of the communities that we serve. As a native of the Palmetto State, I will work to ensure that SCAPA is the best resource for professional and citizen planners in South Carolina. Together, let's embrace the challenge of establishing SCAPA as an organization that advocates smart planning by promoting cooperation, innovation, education and implementation at all levels.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: SECRETARY/ TREASURER

CANDIDATE: ANNA F. ALMEIDA, AICP

Title: Deputy Planning Director Richland County
 Employer: Richland County Planning & Development Services
 Degree: B.S. Environmental Planning/ Urban Design Cook College - Rutgers University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Title: Deputy Planning Director Richland County (2008 – Present)
 Development Services Manager (2004 – 2008)
 Land Development Administrator (2001-2004)

Employer: Richland County Planning & Development Services Department

Responsibilities: Responsible for the supervision of seventeen (17) staff members inclusive of the daily operational needs of the department. I oversee the recruitment and hiring of staff; and assist in the preparation of the department's annual operational budget. Develop department-wide goals, objectives and policies and supervise and facilitate Planning Commission, Zoning Public Hearing and Development Review Team meetings.

Years Employed: 9 Years

Title: Urban Design Administrator (1999 – 2001)

Employer: Benchmark Inc.

Responsibilities: Preparation of corridor plans, master plans and beautification initiatives for clients in South and North Carolina

Years Employed: 2 Years

Title: Principal County Planner (1992-1999)
 Senior County Planner (1988-1992)
 Assistant County Planner (1986-1988)

Employer: Middlesex County Department of Planning (New Brunswick, New Jersey)

Responsibilities: Reviewed development plans for twenty two (22) municipalities in central NJ; staffed Planning Commission and attended Council meetings. Worked closely with the state wide regional plans on transportation and environmental protection agency regarding brownfields.

Years Employed: 13 Years

Certifications /Affiliations:

AICP Certification (July 2007)
 Professional Planner Certification (NJ) (1990)

POSITION STATEMENT:

I have been part of the planning profession for over twenty years and have been a member of SCAPA for nine. The involvement and dedication to its members and the future growth of the organization is impressive compared to other Planning organizations throughout the country. I would like the ability to give back to the organization and its members by getting more involved and providing some of my talents. My goal as secretary and treasurer would be to carry on the great work that the previous members have accomplished.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: SECRETARY-TREASURER

CANDIDATE: ANDREA PIETRAS, AICP

Title: Planner II
 Employer: Charleston County Zoning/Planning Department
 Degree: MCRP, Clemson University – 2000
 B.S., Agricultural and Applied Economics, Clemson University – 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Title: Planner II
 Employer: Charleston County Zoning/Planning Department
 Years employed: 7 years
 Responsibilities: Manage long-range planning projects, such as comprehensive plan reviews and updates; Work on zoning and land development related issues including development agreements, rezoning and planned development requests, and comprehensive plan amendment requests; Provide planning services to local municipalities; Supervise the addressing and voter registration functions of the Zoning/Planning Department; and Staff the Planning Section of the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center, when activated.

Title: Planner II
 Employer: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
 Years employed: 3 years
 Responsibilities: Worked on regional water quality planning including implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements and conducting educational sessions on the impacts of runoff; Assisted local jurisdictions with planning and staffing needs; and Analyzed demographic and other data for use in planning projects.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND HONORS:

Member, American Planning Association, since 2000

Member, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), since 2002

POSITION STATEMENT:

This is an exciting time to be a Planner, as issues such as energy conservation, sustainability, and intergovernmental coordination become more important from both a planning and fiscal perspective. As a professional organization, SCAPA has the responsibility of providing the services and educational opportunities that its members need to deal with these issues and effectively serve our communities. As budgets shrink, we need to evaluate how efficient our organization is and see where we can improve. That being said, as Secretary-Treasurer, I will work to find highly accessible, low-cost ways to provide SCAPA resources to our members.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: DIRECTOR AT LARGE

CANDIDATE: ED HALBIG, AICP

Title: Planning and Development Director
 Employer: City of Seneca
 Degree: BS Florida State University, 1989
 MS Florida Atlantic University, 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Title: Director of City/County Planning (2002 – Present)
 Planning and Development Director
 Employer: City of Seneca
 Responsibilities: management of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement divisions, as well as mass transit, grant writing and grants administration.
 Years employed: 8 Years

Title: MPO Director (2000-2002)
 Employer: Brunswick Area Transportation Study
 Glynn County, Georgia
 Responsibilities: management of County MPO and adjunct planner and GIS technician.
 Years employed: 2 Years

Title: Planner II (1998-2000)
 Employer: Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center
 Brunswick GA
 Responsibilities: serving as circuit planner for nine counties and thirty-nine municipalities specializing in trainings and state compliance.
 Years employed: 2 Years

Title: GIS Coordinator (1995-1998)
 Employer: Planning and Community Development Department
 City of Deerfield Beach, FL
 Responsibilities: operation of GIS for the city with emphasis on planning studies data and flood hazard information.
 Years employed: 3 Years

POSITION STATEMENT:

We South Carolina planners have many challenges before us. In a state with so much potential – and so many hurdles – we must always act with steady, rational reserve. However, as a group we must invigorate our zeal for this profession. Through SCAPA, we must support each others' efforts. My desires are to foster more camaraderie, more planner forums, and to create opportunities to celebrate great planning. I hope to help SCAPA become a more cohesive and supportive group, working toward the greater good of our communities and our state.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: DIRECTOR AT LARGE **CANDIDATE: GLENN PACE, AIPC**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Manager, Planning and Zoning Division..... City of Greer, S.C.
2001–Current

Responsibilities: Administration of Planning and Zoning Department, including planning services, historic preservation, zoning-land development, and floodplain management. Provide planning assistance with regard to the update and implementation of the city’s comprehensive plan and land use plan. Prepare neighborhood master plans, population projections, land use maps, demographic reports, annual housing reports, annual updates and amendments to revitalizing plans.

Service Manager Carolina Lawn & Tractor, Taylors, S.C.
1999-2001

Responsibilities: Scheduling service for customers’ tractors and supervising service technicians.

Fire Chief, Zoning Administrator-Building Official..... City of Travelers Rest, S.C.
1983-1998

Responsibilities: Administrative, supervisory work in planning, organizing, directing and implementing fire prevention and suppression. Coordinated the preparation and presentation of an annual budget; directs implementation of budgets; Supervise and provides general zoning, building and related code information, Accomplish research on codes and ordinances as assigned to evaluate and recommend improvements to codes and ordinances.

Firefighter-Engineer Wade Hampton Fire Department
1976-198 Taylors, S.C.

Responsibilities: Controlling and extinguishing fires, protecting life and property, and maintaining assigned equipment under emergency and routine conditions.

POSITION STATEMENT:

At the recent SCAPA meeting hosted by the City of Greer, I spoke with several members about deficiencies in the Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994. I would like to work through the association and with lawmakers to propose legislation that would strengthen and correct those deficiencies. Also, through planning efforts, I would like to make South Carolina more attractive to business by expanding our training to include such disciplines as flood plain management, transportation, GIS technology, and economic development. I also believe we should be proactive and responsive to such future issues as transportation, sustainable communities, and revitalization of communities.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: DIRECTOR-AT LARGE

CANDIDATE: JEAN POOL

Title: Manager, Planning and Development
 Employer: City of Greenville
 Degree: B.A. Dickinson College- 1974
 M.P. University of Virginia- 1976
 American Institute of Certified Planners – 1978

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Title: Manager
 Employer: Planning and Development Division
 City of Greenville
 Responsibilities: Administration of professional Planning and Development department including Planning Services, historic preservation, Zoning & Development
 Years Employed: 2005 – present

Title: Principal Planner
 Employer: Greenville County Planning Commission
 Responsibilities: Administration of zoning in county communities, preparation of corridor plans
 Years Employed: 2001 – 2005

Title: Director
 Employer: City of Charleston Planning & Development
 Responsibilities: Administration of planning and zoning efforts, supervision of Community Development program, supervision of long range planning
 Years Employed: 1983-1985

Title: Project Coordinator
 Employer: Office of Downtown and Harbor Development
 City of New Haven, CT
 Responsibilities: Coordination of public/private development projects
 Years Employed: 1980-1983

POSITION STATEMENT:

I think it is very important that SCAPA advance the knowledge of and respect for planning as a profession. Too often the general public thinks of planners only as regulators. I feel that by serving on the SCAPA Board of Directors I could help improve communication and relationships with the public. Planning is an honorable profession and I would welcome an opportunity to strengthen its position in the state.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: DIRECTOR AT LARGE

CANDIDATE: TYSON SMITH, ESQ., AICP

Title: Partner (Attorney/Planner)

Employer: White & Smith | Planning and Law Group (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Juris Doctor, University of Florida
 Master of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Florida
 Bachelor of Arts (Economics), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Title: Associate Attorney

Employer: Freilich, Leitner & Carlisle

Responsibilities: Advising Local Government Clients on land use and zoning matters, both as a planning consultant and attorney.

Years employed: 4.5 Years

Title: Assistant City Planner

Employer: City of Key West, Florida

Responsibilities: Advise City Commission and Planning Board on current and long-term planning issues, including affordable housing, bicycle and pedestrian planning, environmental protection and growth management

Years employed: 2.5 Years

Title: Planning Technician

Employer: Monroe County, Florida

Responsibilities: Review development proposals for compliance with Land Development Regulations and 1986 County Comprehensive Plan; advise Planning Commission on variance requests.

Years employed: 1.5 Years

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND HONORS:

Director At-Large, SCAPA Executive Committee (Vice-Chair of Legislative Committee)

Chairman, Growth & Infrastructure Consortium, Board of Directors

Board Member, Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston

Member, Legislative Policy Committee; Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association

Member, American Institute of Certified Planners

Member, American Planning Association

Member, Florida Bar

Member, South Carolina Bar

Member, Institute of Municipal Lawyers Association

POSITION STATEMENT:

It has been a pleasure to serve as a Director At-Large on SCAPA's Executive Committee for the past two years. This is a vibrant chapter with one of the most active memberships I have seen. I also serve on the Legislative Policy Committee of the Florida APA and, in 2008-09, participated on the National APA's "Paying for Growth" Advisory Committee.

I serve municipal and county clients in South Carolina and nationwide as a land use attorney and planning consultant. Recent court cases and new statutes, including the *Mikell/Sinkler* cases related to Planned Developments and 2007's Priority Investment Act, have changed the planning landscape – for better or worse – in recent years. These cases and statutes have made serving as vice-chair of SCAPA's Legislative Committee particularly rewarding, as practitioners sort through the changes and the ongoing economic crisis in this state.

I would like to continue serving, as my past experience and on-going work have prepared me to be a progressive advocate for good planning and the interests of SCAPA as a Director at-Large.

Cont. 2010 SCAPA Elections

POSITION: DIRECTOR AT LARGE

CANDIDATE: LEAH YOUNGBLOOD, ESQ.

Title: Director
 Employer: Town of Lexington Department of Planning, Building, and Technology
 Degree: Master of Public Administration, University of South Carolina – 2007
 Juris Doctor, University of South Carolina – 2007
 Bachelor of Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – 1999

PLANNING EXPERIENCE:

Title: Director
 Zoning Administrator
 Employer: Town of Lexington Department of Planning, Building, and Technology
 Responsibilities: Through a nine-person staff and a \$605,000 budget, manage Town's operations in areas of planning, zoning, GIS, building code enforcement, information technology, and facility maintenance
 Years employed: Zoning Administrator—2006-current; Director—2010-current
 Title: Law Clerk
 Employer: City of Columbia Legal Department
 Responsibilities: Performed legal research in areas of workers' compensation, tort defense, inverse condemnation, criminal appeals, and property ownership
 Years employed: 2005-06
 Title: Management Intern/Law Clerk
 Employer: City of Myrtle Beach
 Responsibilities: Organized project to bring 138 properties into compliance with property maintenance code; conducted research for appeal of federal case regarding bike weeks
 Years employed: Summer 2005

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND HONORS:

License to practice law in South Carolina, 2008-current
 American Bar Association and South Carolina Bar Association, 2008-current
 Municipal Association of South Carolina (orientation and continuing education committee, 2009-10)
 S.C. Chapter of the American Planning Association (programs committee, 2009-10)
 Leadership Lexington County (graduate, 2008; volunteer, 2009-10)
 Mitch Sizemore Scholarship, S.C. City and County Management Association, 2005-06
Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year Award, USC School of Law Pro Bono Program, 2004-05
 Southeastern Environmental Law Journal, Editor, 2005-07

POSITION STATEMENT:

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