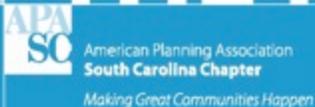


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## President's Message

### APA Conference

Chicago certainly lived up to its billing as the "Windy City" with frequent gusts and showers off Lake Michigan greeting planners at the APA national conference in April. The weather didn't dampen the excitement and energy that was evident during the conference sessions and social events. From the opening keynote to the closing remarks this year's conference was memorable.



Our APA Regional Representative, Rodger Lentz, provides a thorough summary of

key topics on page 4.

Also, if you attended a session that you'd like to see offered at a future state conference, please contact me or Ernie Boughman with a recommendation.

I enjoyed seeing many SCAPA members between sessions and at the South Atlantic Chapters and Schools Reception. This was a great joint effort and model for a future reception at next year's conference in Atlanta. I had a chance to catch up with our old friend and former SCAPA board member, Marc Mylott, who is well and sends his regards.

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Rodger Lentz, APA Regional Representative, on  
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# SCAPA forming Young Planners' Group

By John Danford, AICP  
SCAPA Secretary/Treasurer

In 2007, APA President Bob Hunter appointed the Young Planners Group Task Force in order to address the growing needs of young Planners within the APA as well as provide a forum for them to be a resource to the Organization. The report, titled *"Keeping APA Relevant in a Changing Environment"* was drafted, and in it the task force included a goal to **"Deliver products and services, and build our membership and leadership, in ways that will ensure APA's political, financial, and operational effectiveness."**

The desire of APA to engage young professionals is enumerated throughout the Strategic Plan. Goal 3 of the Plan states **"Cultivate and inspire the next generation of Planning leaders to ensure the continuing growth of Planning knowledge."** Chapters across the Country have created a Young Planners Group (YPG) to meet these National goals, and the time has come for SCAPA to do the same.

At the 2012 Retreat, President Robert Moody and Committee members made it a top priority to address the educational and professional development needs of young professionals and students, and increase their participation within SCAPA. To this end, the Executive Committee created a line item in the annual budget for the creation and support of a YPG.

Additionally, SCAPA applied for and received a matching grant from the APA Chapter Presidents Council to fund the YPG. The grant award, together with the SCAPA budget and in-kind services, will ensure seed money is available for programs and activities of the YPG. There was another reason as well for securing the



SCAPA is forming a Young Planners' Group for planners up to age 35. Soon, the Chapter will request proposals from young planners about how the group might most effectively meet the needs of its members. Photo credit <http://www.freedigitalphotos.net>.

grant money...funding a competition for the creation, documentation, administration and programming of a SCAPA YPG. I'm of the opinion that young Planners are best suited for creating and administering a YPG; it is, by its very nature, intended to be the vehicle wherein they can actively work within the organizational structure of SCAPA as well as the means to provide services specifically tailored to fit their professional needs. Who better to create a YPG than young Planners?

The YPG is intended to be an arm of SCAPA wherein young professionals, from the day they enter college until the age of 35, can interact with the Chapter and its broad membership, and SCAPA can tailor services specifically targeted for this

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# Agenda 21 bill introduced in Senate

By Andrea Pietras, AICP  
SCAPA Director-At-Large

Listed below are some bills of the 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of South Carolina that may be of interest to local jurisdictions and their statuses as of April 29, 2013:

- Local Government Fund (LGF): The House budget funds the LGF at roughly \$60 million below the statutory level (\$182 million in recurring funds and \$30 million in non-recurring funds). This issue has been referred to the Committee on Finance.
- H.3163: Amends the Freedom of Information Act including, but not limited to, reducing the amount of time an organization has to respond to FOIA requests to 10 business days and changing the requirements for copying fees. This bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.
- H.3360: Allows for road transfers between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and local jurisdictions; requires the consent of the local jurisdiction prior to any road being transferred; and gives local jurisdictions first rights of refusal for any roads such as driveways or parking lots that DOT would like to transfer to a private entity. This bill was given a favorable report by the Senate Transportation Committee.
- H.3290: Prohibits jurisdictions from directing solid waste and/or recyclable materials to any particular facilities, potentially increasing solid waste and recycling costs for jurisdictions and invalidating portions of existing ordinances and franchise agreements that address where waste and/or recyclables are sent. It was most recently amended on April 12. Proposed changes to Section 44-96-80(G) could mean that county solid waste plans could not include the permitting of solid waste facilities like landfills. Currently, DHEC must determine consistency with local solid waste plans and local land use regulations before it can issue a landfill permit. If local solid waste plans cannot include regulation of disposal facility siting, then land use regulation would be the only local regulation that is factored into DHEC permitting. Some counties have no zoning, including Laurens, Bamberg, Allendale, Union and Calhoun. Other counties have limited land



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# Updates from APA National Conference

Rodger Lentz, AICP  
APA Board of Directors, Region 2

The leadership meetings held as part of the national conference were productive and engaging. Lots of collaboration over the 2 days including a continued emphasis on Division and Chapter collaboration. The aging of our population and what it means to planning and planners is still a hot topic and one that Divisions and Chapters are working together on to determine best practices and share lessons learned. Keep your eye on the APA web site as information becomes available. Here are some resources that are already available - <https://www.planning.org/resources/ontheradar/aging/agingbibliography.htm>.

For those of you studying to become a certified planner there are a couple of items to be aware of. First, the exam refresh process is just about completed. This is a process, completed every few years, where outdated questions are deleted from the question pool and replaced with new questions reflective of current knowledge needed by practicing planners. In addition, new web based exam prep products are forthcoming.

APA staff is also producing a mobile platform exam prep product. Keep your eye out for these changes and new products later this year.

If you haven't seen it yet, check out Planning Magazine's new digital format. You should be getting monthly emails announcing when the magazine is available for download.

I really enjoy being able to read it while on a plane or other down times when I can catch up on my reading list. See the list of available digital magazines here:

<https://www.planning.org/planning/digital/previous.htm>.

Another new development for certified planners is the Urban Design Specialty Certification. This new specialty certification will be explored and developed as the next in the series which already includes Transportation and Environmental specialties.



Lentz

Here are a few other items to be aware of:

APA has updated its Mobile APP for smart phones and tablets. One of the best features is the daily news feed which highlights news stories from around the country with planning related themes. It also includes job listings, links to APA social media and provides your CM statistics. There has been much talk about APA's nationwide poll on people's attitudes and knowledge of

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# Clemson graduates 16 from MCRP program

By Cliff Ellis, Ph.D., MCRP Program Director

## Graduation day was May 10

Graduation day at Clemson will be on May 10 and we will have 13 MCRP students graduating. Three others will finish up over the summer. The job market is better than last year, but it remains a challenge for our graduates and they are working hard to line up positions. Please contact me if you are aware of any placements for our graduates. They are well prepared to engage in planning work and have professional experience.

May graduates from our program include: Raven Campbell, Jennifer Folz, Ryan Hall, Nick Holcomb, Alyson Leslie, John Longshore, Chris Pettit, Kyle Prebble, Olena Tokmylenko, Matt Vinke, Anna Whitener, Kristen Wyche, and Corey Young.

## Public Service Assistantships sought

Our first year class is getting ready to begin their summer internships. We will also be lining up Public Service Assistantships (PSA) this summer for the 2013-2014 academic year. These are a critical source of financial aid at a time when the cost of a graduate education is rising. The PSA assistantships go mostly to second-year students, but a few of them go to first-year students. The MCRP Program Director will be contacting planning agencies in the Upstate to determine if budgets this coming year might allow for some additional PSA assistantships for Clemson MCRP students. They are a true win-win situation,

since the students acquire additional professional experience, tuition costs are reduced, and the agencies are provided with skilled labor at a very reasonable cost. Please let me know if you would like any additional information about Public Service Assistantships. If you can add a line to your budget for a PSA, please do so.

## Change of leadership for student chapter

With respect to our entering class for Fall 2013, we have commitments from 9 entering students with the possibility of adding several more. We look forward to reporting the actual entering group in the next newsletter.

The student chapter has elected new leadership. Chris Clauson is president, Jacoby Elrod is VP, Courtney O'Neill is secretary, Heather Peterson is

treasurer, Sam Rubin is media chair, and Julia Zweifel is social chair. I would like to offer special thanks to this year's student chapter leadership as they head out into the world of professional practice: Chris Pettit,

Kristen Wyche, Jennifer Folz, Felicia Boulware, Anna Whitener, and Alyson Leslie. They did an excellent job of coordinating events over the past year including student participation in the Fall 2012 SCAPA conference at the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort on Pawleys Island.

## Search continues for new chair

The search for a new chair of the Department of Planning, Development and Preservation is still underway. I am serving as Acting Chair through the summer.



Job seeking? Visit [www.scapa.org](http://www.scapa.org) for current postings.

# Ports Authority, Ten at the Top among highlights of SCAPA Spring Conference

By Ernie Boughman, AICP  
SCAPA President-Elect

On Friday, March 22, 2013, the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (SCAPA) held its Spring 2013 Conference. The conference was hosted by the City of Greer, South Carolina at the Cannon Centre, an adaptive reuse of a 1930s armory. More than 100 planners, architects, landscape architects, and planning board and commission members participated in a day of outstanding education, networking, and social exchange.

Following registration and a continental breakfast, Mayor Rick Danner of the City of Greer welcomed all in attendance and addressed perspectives on planning in his presentation, “From China to South Carolina: Urban Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” From his personal experience as part of an

international panel, Mayor Danner shared how China is addressing the challenges of fast paced growth within its cities and how planners here in South Carolina can learn from them.

Between the Mayor’s remarks and lunch, two highly anticipated speakers were featured. “Regional Collaboration in Upstate South Carolina” was the topic for the midmorning session, as Dean Hybl, Executive Director of Ten at the Top provided an overview of Ten at the Top’s mission as an organization that works to foster cooperation and collaboration between leaders of the ten-county region that is Upstate, South Carolina. He went on to show how processes, lessons learned, and successes could be transferred to other regions in the state and beyond. The late morning session was “South Carolina Ports Authority – An Economic Driver for South Carolina.” Everyone was privileged to receive an inside look at the Ports Authority’s expansion plans

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A cargo ship in South Carolina waters. Photo credit South Carolina Ports Authority, <http://www.port-of-charleston.com/About/about.asp>

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both in Charleston and just around the corner at the inland port in Greer. Jack Ellenberg, SVP, Economic Development and Projects for the Ports Authority highlighted the economic impact of the Port to South Carolina, including facilitating one in every 11 jobs

statewide while contributing \$45 billion in annual economic impact.

Afternoon sessions focused on affordable housing and academic planning. Allen Hutto, General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for the Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina presented “Manufactured Homes and Affordable Housing in South Carolina.” Hutto encouraged planners to take a fresh look at manufactured homes and how they could be an important element in an affordable housing strategy. K.J. Jacobs, Principal with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture presented “Academic Master Planning: The Bridge Between Strategic Planning



Susan Britt and Phil Lindler enjoy talking with Dean Hybl, executive director of Ten at the Top. Photo by Mary Douglas Hirsch.

and Capital Projects.” Jacobs spoke to the critical link that planning can serve to bridge the gap between long-range strategic visioning and actual capital construction projects.

Those who attended the one-day conference not only were inspired and recharged to face daily planning challenges but also benefited from receiving five and one-half (5.5) continuing education units or certification maintenance credits. Many thanks to the City of Greer for hosting and to Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator for assisting with conference logistics. Also, thank you to our speakers and

everyone who attended and made the day a tremendous success.

SCAPA has more exciting conferences in the works for the remainder of 2013. The SCAPA 2013 Summer Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the newly



Joe Henderson, Kevin Keenan, and Stewart Henderson. Photo by Mary Douglas Hirsch.

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opened Victor's Bistro at the Hotel Florence, an impressive adaptive reuse project in downtown Florence, South Carolina. Session topics will include neighborhood planning, stormwater best management practices, and adaptive reuse. Additionally, work is ongoing to provide both ethics and law sessions for those needing these CM credits but who are unable to

attend SCAPA's Fall 2013 Conference in October. Save the date now for the Summer 2013 Conference and stay tuned for more information coming soon.

*If your community would like to host a future SCAPA conference, if you would like to propose a session for a future conference, or if you have general conference questions, please contact Ernie Boughman at [ernie.boughman@urs.com](mailto:ernie.boughman@urs.com) or (803) 509-1668. SCAPA would like to thank Mary Douglas Hirsch for taking photos of the Spring Conference.*

## General Assembly

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use regulation. (Source: SC Association of Counties' Friday Report, April 29, 2013)

- [H. 3774](#): "Permit Extension Joint Resolution of 2013". Extends the life of development approvals current and valid on December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2017. This bill has passed the House and is in the Senate.
- [H. 4011](#): Provides that only a landowner, his or her appointed representative, or the governing body of the political subdivision which is responsible for the zoning regulations or maps pertaining to the property may apply to amend or change any zoning regulation or map relating to that property.
- [S. 661](#): "Agenda 21 Protection Act." Prohibits the State and local governments from enacting environmental and

developmental policies that would, without due process, restrict private property rights. Likely will not to the House for consideration this session; to do so would take a 2/3s vote in the Senate.

Much of the information provided in this report was taken from the SC Association of Counties' *Friday Report* and the Municipal Association of SC web site. More information on these and other bills, including background, status, and tracking, can be found on the following web sites:

- South Carolina Association of Counties (<http://www.sccounties.org/friday-reports>);
- Municipal Association of South Carolina (<http://www.masc.sc/legislative/dome/Pages/default.aspx>); and
- South Carolina Legislature Online (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/index.php>).

The SCAPA Executive Committee will continue to monitor and provide updates on planning related legislation. In addition, we encourage our members to utilize the tools provided by both the South Carolina Association of Counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

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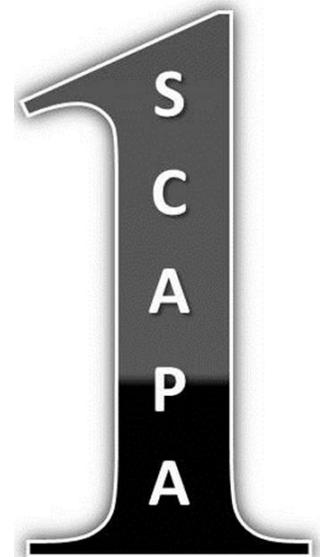
#### Overview of activities this quarter

- Chapter's financial audit completed and tax return filed.
- APA Chapter Presidents Council awarded \$500 grant to help organize Young Planners Group—congratulations to John Danford and committee.
- Website maintenance transitioned to Clemson student chapter.
- Updated Chapter's Strategic Plan 2013-14, see website for a copy.

The Executive Committee continues to work hard to support the planning profession in South Carolina. I am pleased with the commitment and dedication that this group demonstrates and am proud of the collegial attitude that we share.

**Robby**

Robby Moody, AICP  
President



# Reduced AICP Exam fee scholarships offered

APA and AICP has made one Reduced 2013 AICP Exam Fee Scholarship available to SCAPA. Scholarship recipients pay reduced fees to AICP as follows:

- First time AICP applicants: \$135 (combined \$70 application and \$65 exam fee)
- Previously approved AICP applicants: \$65 (exam fee only)

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants shall submit a written explanation of financial hardship (including financial hardship caused by a budget cutback in a firm or agency), which necessitates the request. Please include your name and address. If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, send your submission to Wayne Shuler, SCAPA Professional Development Officer, at [wshuler@cmcog.org](mailto:wshuler@cmcog.org) by the close of business on July 15.

## SCAPA to hold AICP Exam Prep Class

The 2013 AICP Exam Prep sessions will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup>. Information about the sessions and the registration form will be available on the website the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> or you may email Wayne Shuler at [wshuler@cmcog.org](mailto:wshuler@cmcog.org). The cost to attend the sessions is \$110. The sessions will be held at the offices of Central Midlands COG in Columbia, and a lunch will be provided.

I would like to extend a thank you to Barry Nocks, Tyson Smith, Gregory Sprouse, Dan Pennick, Carol Rhea, Cheryl Matheny and Ernie Boughman who have agreed to be instructors again this year.

- Wayne Shuler, AICP  
SCAPA Professional Development Officer

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demographic to support professional growth. All of us have a role to play to ensure the success of a YPG, be it the 1<sup>st</sup> year student at Clemson trying to network and build professional relationships, the “rookie” to the department/firm freshly minted with degree in hand, the mid level professional who is steadily moving up the chain of command, or the seasoned professional leading the department/firm.

A YPG is where we all come together with a focus that ensures the next generations of professionals have the resources they need to be successful now and in the future. The SCAPA Executive Committee believes young Planners themselves must be engaged in the creation of the group in order for it to be successful, so the process of creating the YPG is on their shoulders.

Another aim of the SCAPA YPG is to attract and engage students and young professionals across the State and create an avenue for current and future leadership within our Organization. The Executive

Committee is made up of Planning professionals nominated from the membership, and in the near future a new crop of professionals will need to lead the organization. The YPG will be a “stepping stone” for future leaders of our Organization.

In the coming weeks, a Request For Proposals will be available for all young professionals within the Chapter to submit their vision for the YPG. SCAPA is seeking a proposal that details the organizational structure (bylaws, goals, administration), and first year priorities (programming) of the YPG. We believe that young Planners should take ownership from the start including the creation, programming and administration of the group.

Fortunately, the YPG model exists in other States, and SCAPA will award the proposal that takes into account best practices from these groups, as well as ideas that are specifically tailored for young professionals in South Carolina. Proposals will need to focus on event planning, networking opportunities, professional development programs, and communications. Proposals will also need to include

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the organizational framework, mission, goals, and 1<sup>st</sup> year administrative “to-do’s”

The successful submission will be awarded a \$200 shopping spree at the APA Bookstore, as well as \$100 of gift certificates to a national retailer/s and/or restaurant/s to be determined by the award recipient. The award announcement will be made at the SCAPA Fall 2013 Conference. The recipient will be informed

one month in advance of the award in order to prepare a Conference session for presentation of the YPG to SCAPA members. SCAPA will assist the recipient with advertising the YPG at the Fall Conference, as well as hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “YPG Mixer”.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year of the YPG is set to begin in January, 2014. However, plenty of material and activities are planned for this year as the Executive Committee looks to build momentum behind this project. The success of the YPG is dependent on all of the members of SCAPA, and we look forward to working with all of you on this initiative.

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planning. While it was done about a year ago, the findings are still relevant for our work. Job creation, protecting water quality and protecting neighborhoods are all important and relevant issues for respondents. Overwhelmingly, people support planning, no matter their political or demographic background. I encourage you to review or re-review the survey findings. Use these findings in your conversations about planning.

<https://www.planning.org/policy/economicrecovery/>

The APA web site includes several blogs that might interest you. Topic areas include Sustaining Places, Disaster Recovery, and Policy News. You can catch the blogs at this link -

<http://www.planning.org/multimedia/blogs/>.

If you are not an APA Division member, I encourage you to look into the offerings. Divisions are a way to get deeper into topics important to you whether your interests are sustainability, diversity, the environment, small towns, economic development and many others. At just \$25 per year, Divisions are a great way to connect with like minded planners. I really enjoyed attending Division events at the conference and find their newsletters informative. Many have web or Facebook pages to allow online collaboration. You can find more about Divisions here -

<http://www.planning.org/divisions/>.

A renewed emphasis on Community Planning Assistance Teams is coming from the AICP Commission. These are an opportunity for communities to attract national planning leaders to their communities to develop specific strategies and ideas for a specific issue in your area. It is also an opportunity for you to volunteer your services and give back to the profession. You can find more about CPATs and sign up to be a volunteer or apply for CPAT assistance here - <http://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/>.

For those that attended the Chicago conference, I hope you are reinvigorated and brought home new ideas. For those that couldn't attend, I hope you will make plans to attend a Chapter conference. APA Chapters do outstanding work and produce terrific conferences! I hope you will consider sponsoring a session or finding other ways to volunteer.

Finally, APA President Mitch Silver, AICP handed over the gavel to Bill Anderson, FAICP. Mitch did an outstanding job raising the profile of planning and planners around the country. We also said goodbye to AICP President Anna Breinich, AICP and welcomed Lee Brown, FAICP as the new President of AICP. Anna did an terrific job improving the CPAT program and developing the idea for building an APA mentoring program. While we say goodbye to two outstanding leaders I am looking forward to working with both Bill and Lee on the APA Board over the next two years.



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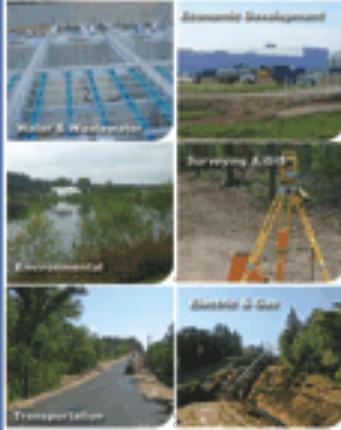


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Planning professionals from all regions of South Carolina, as well as from North Carolina, Georgia, and beyond come together at SCAPA's three annual conferences. For conference sponsorship information, contact Leah Youngblood (contact information below).

### ADVERTISE IN THE PALMETTO PLANNER AND ON THE SCAPA WEB SITE

Did you know that you can advertise in the Palmetto Planner and on the SCAPA Web site for one low amount? The newsletter and Web site both provide information about current planning topics, chapter conferences and activities, and job opportunities.

Advertisement space in the Palmetto Planner (four issues) and the SCAPA Web site, [www.scapa.org](http://www.scapa.org), is available

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## Update your contact info

SCAPA distributes all informational materials electronically. In order to ensure receipt of these materials, make sure that your e-mail address in the APA record is up-to-date. All APA members may update their APA profiles online. These changes become effective immediately. To access your APA profile, go to [www.planning.org/myprofile](http://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 yours). If you need assistance, contact [webmaster@planning.org](mailto:webmaster@planning.org).

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