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OREGON APA



RELEVANT RESOURCES

BETTER PLANNERS

EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITIES



PLANNING IS CHALLENGING

Urban growth, community change and conflict, unpredictable politics, scarce funding, changing economics, climate, and a constant stream of new technologies. Don't try to manage all these challenges alone, join the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association today.

With over 900 members, OAPA is committed to keeping Oregon's professional planners prepared to succeed in an ever-evolving profession.

“Getting involved with OAPA early in my Oregon planning career was invaluable. Having come from out-of-state, access to OAPA's Oregon-specific planning resources really helped me get my bearings. I still rely on my network of professional planners established in those first few years as an active OAPA member and volunteer.”

- Karl, member since 2000

Check www.oregonapa.org for current activities and opportunities to participate.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

OAPA's conferences, workshops, newsletter, and volunteer activities provide vital links with others working in the planning field. OAPA benefits from a high degree of participation of its members. The Chapter relies on member participation in its diverse array of activities, including the following key committees:



The Legislative and Policy Affairs

Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the Chapter's legislative and policy action program. LPAC tracks planning related bills every state legislative session. LPAC also tracks and comments on non-legislative national, state, and local policy activities. (Chair: Damian Syrnyk, AICP)



The Professional Development

Committee provides continuing education opportunities for OAPA members, offering training events around the state each year geared towards both professional planners and planning commissioners. PDC supports members in earning and maintaining their AICP certification, offering numerous CM-eligible activities, including required legal and ethics education. PDC also partners with allied organizations to co-sponsor events that may be of interest to OAPA members. (Chair: Aaron Ray, AICP)



The Education and Outreach Committee

works on a variety of projects and programs to help our members reach out to their communities, including elected officials, neighborhood and other community groups, teachers and students, etc., about why planning matters and how to get involved. (Chair: Brian Campbell, FAICP)



The Emerging Planners Group

organizes events and activities intended to provide career growth and networking opportunities for OAPA members who are new to the planning field. All OAPA members are encouraged to participate in EPG initiatives, particularly those that involve mentorship and training opportunities for EPG members. EPG also facilitates the highly successful OAPA Mentorship Program. (Chair: Anna Dearman)

“The value of OAPA is meeting folks from the planning world in related disciplines, understanding the broader network of people outside of your focus area, and gaining exposure to different career paths and opportunities in both the public and private sectors.”

- Drew, member since 2014



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

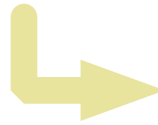
- Discounts on conferences and workshops held around the state
- Regular email updates on chapter activities, the OAPA newsletter blog and the Oregon Planners' Journal, published 3 to 4 times a year
- Access to a wide range of APA/OAPA resources on www.planning.org
- Opportunities for involvement with advocacy efforts that directly influence state policy and legislative actions
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Exam Preparation materials and workshops
- Planning Commissioner Trainings
- Volunteer opportunities with a range of OAPA committees
- Networking opportunities including conferences, workshops, social hours, tours, presentations and more.

REASONS TO JOIN

- New member discounts
- Free student membership
- Regular membership fees based on income
- Chapter only memberships available at reduced cost
- Group discounts available for members of planning boards and commissions

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HOW TO JOIN



The best way to join is through our website:
www.oregonapa.org
For other options please email oapa@oregonapa.org.



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