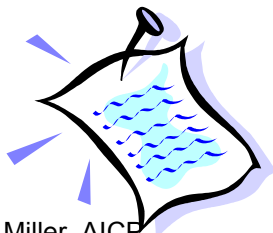




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From the Secretary/Treasurer

Thanksgiving is around the corner – where has the year gone? This issue of the **Planningram** contains information from the annual conference held at the Seven Seas Inn and Conference Center in Mandan, October 28-29, 2004. It was a great conference and covered a lot of ground.

2005 Membership bills will be going out in December. We thank you for your continued support over the years, and look forward to receiving your renewal. March 31, 2005 will be the deadline for membership for 2005, which means that after that date, names will be removed from the Western Planner mailing list and the password to the MEMBERS ONLY section of the NDPA web site will be changed. So, please renew your membership right away.

Call me if you have questions, concerns, or if you need an update on your membership!

Barb Owens, Secretary/Treasurer

NDPA 2004 Approved Work Plan

- Update of 1983 Planning Guide
- Continue Growing Smart Campaign
- 2004 NDPA Annual Conference in Bismarck
- Booth at 2004 Market Place
- Prepare for 2005 Legislative Session
- 2004 NDPA elections at annual meeting
- Develop a membership marketing and retention plan

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2004 NDPA Annual Conference offered quite a variety of sessions. In “*Doing the Deal, Parts I and II*” we wanted the speakers to describe the partnership process in putting together a large project. **Lora Lee Martin**, from the University of California Monterey Bay Education, Science and Technology Center (MBEST), provided the keynote address and a session called “*Doing the Deal, Part I*”. She described the lengthy and complicated process of the creation of the UC MBEST Center at Fort Ord, a cornerstone of the base conversion effort which has been designated a model conversion by the Department of Defense.



Lora Lee Martin

In “*Part II*”, **John Staley**, Director of the Grand Forks Park District, described the development of the King’s Walk Golf Course in Grand Forks. Both presenters stressed the unusual aspect of the deal (base closure and flood), the resources and strategies needed to get the project moving and discussed pros and cons of the development.



John Staley

A highlight of the conference was the rollout of the Community Planning Handbook. Created in the 1980s, this handbook proved to be very useful to planners and commissioners. A partnership of state agencies, city and county associations and the NDPA are sponsoring an update to this book, which will be available early in 2005. **Joel**



Joel Quanbeck

Quanbeck, Senior Planner with Ulteig Engineering, is coordinating the revision of the handbook, and described the process to date as well as taking input on suggested structure and contents.

Two training sessions for planning commissioners were offered. **Donna Bye**, city of Minot planner and Larry Weil, city of West Fargo planner, facilitated a session for new planning commissioners. This session was videotaped and will be available to NDPA members. **Stephen Miller**, Senior Planner with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, and **Charley Whitman**, attorney for the city of Bismarck held a session on legal matters for planning commissioners. **Donna Bye**, **Larry Weil** and **Joel Quanbeck** also participated in this session. **Diane Kushlan**, the Western Central Chapter APA Profession Development Officer, held a session on the AICP Exam Preparation. **Keith Johnson**, Custer Health Administrator and **Bill Delmore**, Attorney, held a session focusing on Nuisance Issues in North Dakota.



Jim Wiegel

Jim Wiegel, with the ND Bureau of Reclamation, held a session on the Planning and Assistance Programs available through the Bureau of Reclamation. The Continuum of Care Committee, with **Dawn Bonner**,



Continuum of Care Presentation

Debra Johnson, **Mark Ulrich**, **Lynn Fundingsland** and **Courtney Hill**, discussed regulatory barriers in planning and zoning issues affecting various projects across the state.

The scheduling of the conference allowed us to take advantage of the Lewis and Clark signature events that occurred at the University of Mary. We were able to take in “The Edge of the Unknown,” a play commissioned by the Dakota Stage Ltd. specifically for the signature event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The North Dakota Planning Association (NDPA) elected officers at its annual business meeting on October 28, 2004. Taking office in January 2005 will be: **President Stephen E. Miller** with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, Bismarck; **Vice President Joel Quanbeck** with Ulteig Engineering, Fargo; Secretary/Treasurer **Barb Owens** with Affordable Housing Developers, Inc., Bismarck. Directors-At-large are **Donna Bye**, City of Minot; **Dennis Potter**, City of Grand Forks; and **Larry Weil**, City of West Fargo.

