



Planningram

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From the President...

Hello North Dakota Planning Association members!! It was a pleasure to meet so many of our new members and see old friends at the May conference.

The conference was deemed a success by the 50+ participants who felt that their time was well spent and many positive comments were heard on the presenters and topics. The Executive Committee is already busy utilizing the positive feedback and enthusiasm generated in May for the fall conference planning. However, conference themes and panelist ideas are ALWAYS welcome!! Please contact any one of the executive board members listed in the box on this page – we'd love to hear from you.

The day and a half conference drew about 50 people to Bismarck, for sessions on the 2000 Census (an interpretation by Dr. Richard Rathge of the North Dakota State Data Center), various forms of planning and financial sources, updates on legislative activity during the just-completed Legislative Session, and stories of activities that are working in small communities across the state.

Dr. Rathge has put together several presentations on the North Dakota State Data Center web site that document the changes happening in North Dakota and across the midsection of the country. Click on <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/sdc/> to view these presentations. North Dakota has grown the least of the states over the last 10 years (0.5%) but is not alone in having an "outmigration" problem. Dr. Rathge pointed out that, as planners, we have to rethink how we do business and emphasize more than crop production alone.

Legislation impacting planning in three main areas. The Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly contemplated a bill to amend a section of the North Dakota Century Code relating to appointments of zoning commissions that would have removed the extraterritorial representation from city planning commissions. This bill was amended to a study resolution, but did not pass. The Legislative Assembly did adopt legislation that strengthened the Renaissance Zone statutes, including the planning portions, and passed three bills that addressed tax incentives for the development of wind power for energy.

Audrey Boe Olson and Cal Bergenheier of the Midwest Assistance Program discussed Capital Improvement Plans for cities of all sizes. Scott Wegner of Cook, Wegner and Wike distributed a very informational brochure on "Financing Options for North Dakota Political Subdivisions." Judith Lang of the USFS-Dakota Prairie Grasslands talked about planning as related to DP Grasslands. One tidbit of information that Judith provided was that the USFS has funds available to assist in implementing items in the action plans. Denise Hendrickson discussed the services provided by the Regional Planning Councils and Bill Davis presented the Rural Development Programs.

Elizabeth Lundstrom of Bottineau discussed two areas of interest in the Bottineau area. Bottineau is becoming a tourism destination with snowmobiling, Rockin the Hills and birding which brought a need for additional hotel rooms in the Bottineau area. Susie White of Steele gave a rousing presentation on the new direction of birding and hospitality in Steele as well as demonstrating that a community can grow from its positives utilizing the progressive and visionary people in the community. Jude Iverson of Garrison conclude the panel with the story of Garrison. Garrison has been overtaken by the "Dickens Festival" and has successfully created a magical three-week event that draws families from all around to experience street vendors, fireworks, and of course, "The Christmas Carol" as well as other festival type events throughout the year.

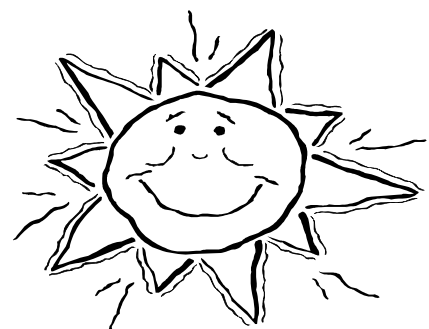
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Update from the Secretary/Treasurer ...

We're halfway through the year! I have revised the Western Planner mailing list, and have adjusted the NDPA mailing list, so I guess it's time to see how well I did. Please let me know if there are typos, spelling errors, or omissions.

I've included a member list in this issue of the Planningram. Take a few minutes to scan through the 99 members in 2001. There is a variety of occupations included! This means we have a lot of resources should anyone have questions.

Congratulations to Mike Simonson! Mike will be leaving Bismarck and the North Dakota Historical Society for a new position with the City of Fargo. Mike will be the transit planner for the city planning department, working specifically with the city bus system and handicapped bussing.

Barbara Owens

AICP Continuing Professional Education

Many organizations require continuing education to maintain certification. The American Planning Association (APA) is considering a continuing education program requirement. A number of APA Chapters have a voluntary programs, and this spring at the APA conference in New Orleans, a new program was approved. It is called the AICP Continuing Professional Education program (CPE). Four APA Chapters were selected as pilot programs to test the new system. Western Central Chapter of APA (which includes North Dakota) is one of the pilot chapters. We have the opportunity to see the CPE program before the rest of the nation and to have some input into the final design of the program. Western Central Chapter was chosen because our small population spread over great geographic distances gives us a unique situation.

APA lists three reasons for a professional development program in their CPE program materials.

Professional Development - To best serve their clients, especially the public, professional planners need to be knowledgeable about many aspects of planning and the changes in planning and development. Planners have a responsibility to provide the best possible service to the public at the lowest cost.

Personal Development - Professionals benefit from the development of more than their technical skills. Personal development can result in greater job satisfaction and higher productivity. Personal growth supports professional growth and development.

Public Trust - Continuing education legitimizes professional credentials. The public is assured that those who serve them are required to continue to strengthen their skills. Many professional associations, from the American Institute of Architects to the medical professions require continuing education. Barbers, teachers, and accountants are all required to complete a specified number of hours of continuing education to continue their certification and/or licensing. The public has come to expect that professionals and those in skilled trades receive continual training. With rapid changes in knowledge and technology, it has become critically important to ensure that professionals are up to date."

Highlights of the AICP CPE Program

- ✓ Each AICP member is required to complete **45 hours** of continuing education **every three years**.
- ✓ The individual AICP member has primary responsibility for planning, identifying, obtaining and reporting his/her CPE. Forms are available or can be completed on the AICP Website.
- ✓ The AICP Chapter Professional Development Officers and chapters support the development of quality continuing education through chapter conferences and local workshops.
- ✓ AICP staff is responsible for maintaining continuing education records submitted by AICP members, providing report cards with members' renewal statements, informing the members yearly of their completed credits, and reviewing a random sample of CPE records each year and reporting status of CPE to the AICP Commission.
- ✓ Quality of continuing education is vitally important. AICP supports the criteria used by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET) when evaluating other organization's education offerings.
- ✓ Those who join AICP by passing the AICP exam are not required to complete the continuing education

requirements for the first three years following their initial membership. Retired AICP members who do not practice planning are not required to complete continuing education requirements.

If you would like a complete copy of the proposed CPE Pilot Program guidelines or would just like additional information contact me at smiller@kljeng.com or 701-255-0076. NDPA will keep you informed about implementation dates for the Pilot Program.

Stephen E. Miller, AICP

2001 MEMBER LIST

Last Name	First Name	Title	Organization/Firm Name
Anderson	Rick	Executive Director	North Central Planning Council
Anderson	Mark	P&Z Commissioner	City of Mapleton
Andrist	Jared		Souris Basin Planning Council
Barta	Richard	Assessor/Building Official	City of Mandan
Bartels	Sharon		ND Forest Service
Bird	Jackson		ND Forest Service
Booth	Connie	Executive Director	Rolla JDA
Boura	Scott	Secretary	City of Grafton
Brennan	Clayton	P&Z Commissioner	City of West Fargo
Bye	Donna	Planner	City of Minot
Campbell	Julie	Director	Walsh County JDA
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Christianson	Kim	Energy Director	Division of Community Services
Daley	Maren	Executive Director	Job Service North Dakota
Davis	William		USDA - Rural Development
Doan	Tran	CDBG Administrator	Division of Community Services
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Forsgren	Rick	Executive Director	Traill County EDC
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Lenzmeier	Frank	P&Z Commissioner	City of West Fargo
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Schell	Mike	City Auditor	City of Valley City
Simonson	Sandra	Planner	Red River Regional Council
Simonson	Michael	Planner III	ND State Historical Society
Sinness	Elaine	Assistant Planner	Williston P&Z
Smedshammer	Harriet	P&Z Commissioner	City of West Fargo
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Trenbeath	Thomas	Administrator	City of Cavalier
Van Dyke	Jay	Planner I	City of Mandan Planning/Eng Dept
Van Eckhout	Dale		USDA - Rural Development
Warren	Don		USDA - Rural Development
Weil	Larry	Planning Director	City of West Fargo
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		State Director	USDA - Rural Development