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NDPA Details...

It's election time!! A committee of three has been designated to nominate a slate of officers for the upcoming fall election. Suggestions can be made to Mike Spletto, Larry Weil and Steve Miller.

Mark your calendars! The fall conference has been booked for November 19 and 20, 2002, at the Holiday Inn in downtown Bismarck. Rooms have been reserved under "NDPA".

Smart Growth...

The association held quite a discussion on what is needed as far as reform in the enabling legislation. While a few of the planners were well versed on the ins and outs of the legislation, many involved in the discussion do not deal with the regulations (or lack there of) on a daily basis and felt unprepared to make decisions on issues that could be taken to the legislature in the foreseeable future.

It was decided that a smaller group of association members should clarify *exactly* where the problems are occurring and refer back to the larger group. Joel Quanbeck and Larry Weil have volunteered to serve on this committee. I would like to see two or three more people on this committee who would be able to give a perspective from a smaller community or rural area to round out the committee. The results from this committee will specify what the problem areas are, give examples of why it is a problem and offer a suggestion for improvement. If you would like to give your insight (ok - sit on) to this committee call Denise at 701-662-8131.

Denise Hendrickson, President

Spring Conference

The spring conference addressed a lot of issues! We reviewed the results of the Growing Smart focus group in December, looked at advocacy from an insider's point of view, showcased the statewide GIS system, reviewed the impact of the Renaissance Zone legislation, and considered the impacts zoning can have on large scale animal farms and the siting of manufactured housing. Even though spring is a busy time of year, approximately 45 people attended the conference, and enjoyed the sessions as well as the entertainment during the Tuesday evening dinner.

(These folks were having way too much fun with the Tropical Ice Steel Drum band!)



New NDPA Windshirts!



NDPA has new black microfiber windshirts with the logo on the front. Larry Weil was gracious enough to model his new shirt. These come in small, medium, large, X-large and XX-large, and will be \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. If you're interested, contact Barb Owens at 328-2386.

REMINDER

Western Planner Resources, Inc. (WPR) and the Wyoming Planning Association (WYOPASS) are hosting the 2002 Western Planner Conference in Evanston, WY, July 16-19, 2002. The conference will highlight resource development, community image/tourism/historic preservation, and rural economic development and planning issues. Conference sessions will offer the opportunity to showcase the success stories of many communities throughout the West.

If you need information on registration, contact Larry Weil (282-3837) or Barb Owens.

Also, the Minnesota Chapter of the APA announced its "Pine to Prairie" Planners Conference, set for June 21, 2002, in Fergus Falls, MN. Information on this conference was emailed out, but if you didn't get it, or lost it, call Barb!

NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Michael Simonson reports that an assistance planner position is open with the City of Fargo. If anyone is interested, contact Cindy Gray with the City.

Barbara Owens, Secretary/Treasurer