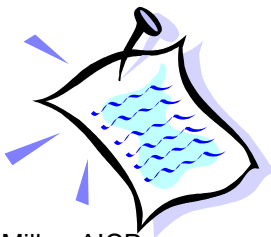




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Ramblings from the President

Updating the Community Planning Handbook has been a work plan item for two years now, and we are pleased to announce that we are getting closer! Attached to this newsletter is a **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** to accomplish this update. The RFP will also be published in area newspapers. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please show them the RFP. A reminder: the deadline for responding to the RFP is **April 16, 2004**.

Other items: we are working on our Fall Conference and would like your input as to topics for sessions. We'd also like you to contact us with meetings, conferences and interesting links to include in these *Planningrams* and to put on our web page. If there are any items missing from our work plan (see below) that we should consider, let us know.

We're always open to concerns, suggestions, and opportunities. Contact any of the board members with your ideas.

Stephen E. Miller, AICP

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

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2004 is well underway and it's time to bring you up-to-date on NDPA membership activities. 2004 bills were sent out in January, and 76 of you have responded to date – we thank you for your continued support! We have set March 31, 2004 as the deadline for membership, 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, if you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so soon! As planners and concerned citizens of North Dakota, we need to support NDPA's mission:

“to encourage and promote the fraternity, the improved technical quality, and interchange of planning thoughts of those engaged and interested in local, regional, state and functional planning in North Dakota.”

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

Barb Owens, Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Your Calendars!

- ✚ League of Cities annual meeting: Bismarck, September 23-25, 2004
- ✚ Association of Counties annual meeting: Bismarck, October 3-5, 2004
- ✚ NDPA Annual Meeting and Conference: Bismarck, late October 2004