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# A letter from the President...



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A little more than 15 years ago I was introduced to APA-KY (we called it KAPA back then) by a colleague who thought I might have some interest in the organization. At the time, I was a young planning student in the process of getting my Master's in Community Planning at the University of Cincinnati and hadn't developed strong ties to any chapter. My colleague Larisa Sims, on the other hand, was on the APA-KY Executive Committee and took the time to tell me great things about the Kentucky group. Not long after, Larisa's enthusiasm and dedication to the organization led her to become Chapter President.

It didn't take long for Larisa to ask if I had any interest in using my talents and skills to help the organization. There was a need for someone to work on the quarterly newsletter and my previous experience made me a good candidate for a defined need. I liked the idea of

being involved, jumped right in, officially joined APA-KY, and went on to become the newsletter designer for several years.

For me, that was the spark it took to get involved with the chapter. My path led me to eventually volunteer on other committees as our newsletter needs changed, run for and serve as Region IV Representative, and eventually to become the Chapter President myself.

If you've made it this far, you might be wondering why any of this is important to you. My story isn't that unusual from others who go the next step and give their time and talents to the organization—a group that functions solely on volunteer efforts. From planning and developing conferences that help members maintain their CM credits, to organizing networking sessions in one of our regions, to working to keep everyone informed in a timely





*Covington, Kentucky*

fashion, one of your planning peers is giving their time and talents to not only APA-KY, but every member.

The Executive Committee and our topic-specific committees themselves always benefit from the talents and interests of additional professionals who care about the future of the organization as well as the future of planning in the Commonwealth. Getting involved doesn't mean you have to lead a committee; participating could be as simple as helping with event promotion or checking people in at one of our conferences. You never know, maybe that will be spark that piques your interest and entices you to run for one of the elected roles.

As I enter my final year as Chapter President, I would like to say thank you to all the Executive Committee members and committee volunteers I have worked with over the years. Their efforts

are the reason APA-KY continues to provide great services to our membership. They are amazing professionals and friends who do great work in our communities. When my time as chapter president comes to a close, I look forward to figuring out what I will do to continue to be involved in this great organization.

As always, email [president@apaky.org](mailto:president@apaky.org) if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. Thank you for your interest in APA-KY. I hope to see you around in 2020!

Sincerely,

James K. Fausz, AICP



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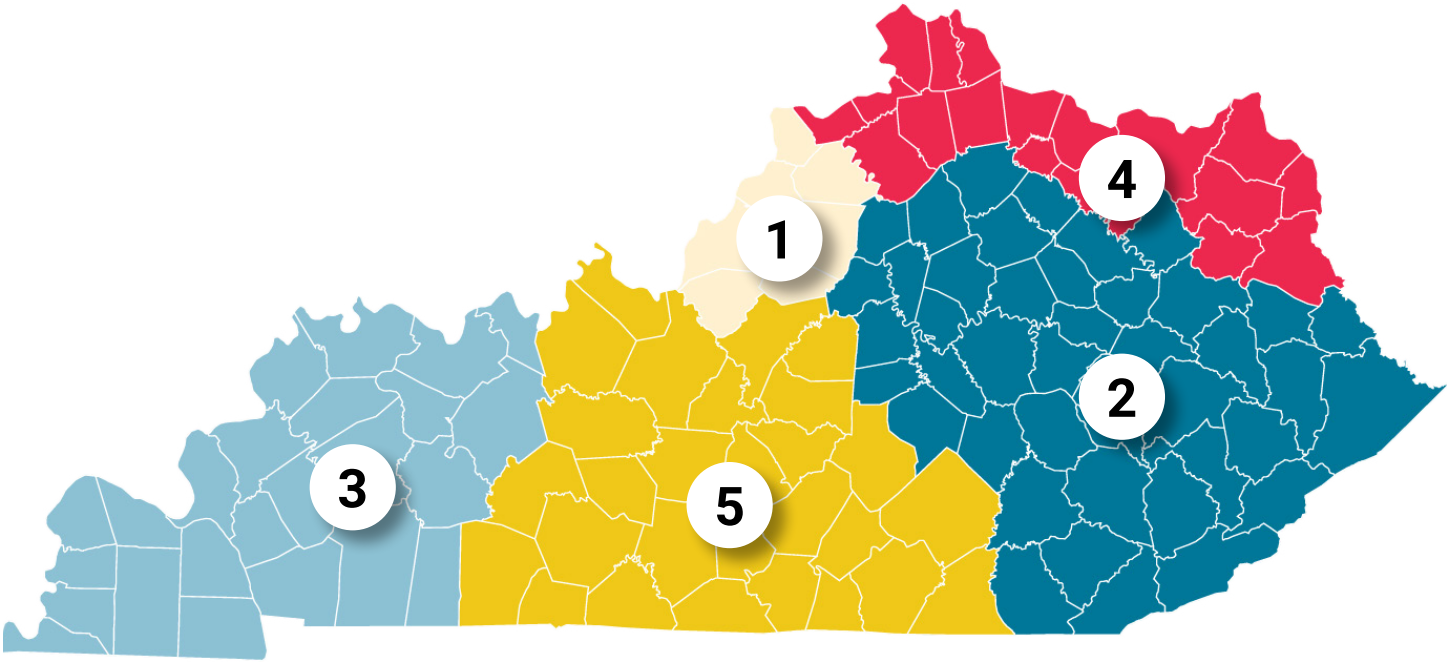
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\*In March 2020, James Fausz resigned as President and Brian Davis was promoted to replace him. The President-Elect position will remain open until elections in 2021.



# Regional Reports



Our Regional Representatives worked diligently over the past year to provide professional development opportunities and to enhance collaborations within the community. The following pages contain their reports on the past year. We want to thank them for their continuing service to APA-KY. If you would like to get involved as a regional representative in the future, please contact our chapter president at [president.apaky@gmail.com](mailto:president.apaky@gmail.com).

## Region 1



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In the beginning of 2019, Louisville Metro's Comprehensive Plan, *Plan 2040*, became effective for the entire Louisville/Jefferson County.

In June, Louisville Hosted the 2019 national conference for the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU27), which attracted more than 1,600 attendees from 48 States and 15 Countries.



Many of the Louisville area planners participated in the conference. Four legacy projects, focused in Louisville neighborhoods, were selected as part of CNU27 and are now well underway. These projects endeavor to create improvement strategies for the four areas selected.

As housing pressures continue to rise, we are proud to report that more than 6,000 housing units were approved by Louisville Metro in 2019, the highest since the Great Recession.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas for Region 1, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



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It is with great excitement that I begin 2020 as the new Region 2 Representative for APA-KY! Before diving into the upcoming year, let us reflect on some of the challenges and achievements Region 2 experienced in 2019.

The region's southernmost counties saw a refocusing of development efforts for the purpose of economic revitalization. In the City of Pikeville, city officials are directing their attention to the south end of town, which would benefit from the introduction of new businesses, such as restaurants and retail.

Further, Eastern Kentucky counties have begun receiving funding from the state with the purpose of spurring economic development and job creation. The monies are intended to advance health care access/facilities, enhance tourism, improve infrastructure, and create jobs in the area.

The Bluegrass Region continues to experience unprecedented growth, as has been the trend for the past several years. In 2019, the City of Lexington began implementing its 2018 Comprehensive Plan, *Imagine Lexington*. An element of the plan, titled *The Placebuilder*, was put into action as a tool for both the development community and the public to use in conversations regarding future development.

The City of Lexington also worked collaboratively with the local Senior Services Commission on the creation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit

(ADU) manual and a subsequent draft ordinance to bring ADUs to Lexington. This ordinance is currently being considered by a Urban County Council committee.

Lexington planning staff are also working collaboratively to move forward a series of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments that aim to bring regulations up to speed with the City's vision for the future.

In the northern part of the region, Scott County continues to grow rapidly as well. Such growth is outpacing job growth and placing demands on housing and development. These challenges have spurred discussion on possible solutions and opportunities offered by a collective smart growth strategy for the developing Bluegrass Region as a whole.

The City of Richmond, located in Madison County, is beginning discussions regarding their comprehensive plan update, set to release in 2022. The last plan was approved in 2017. The goal of Madison County's plan is to provide guidance and direction to the future development and preservation goals of the county.

As we move forward into 2020, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any feedback or questions related to both current and future planning and development initiatives in Region 2. We are forging ahead into a pivotal (and exciting) year for planning in our area.



## Region 3



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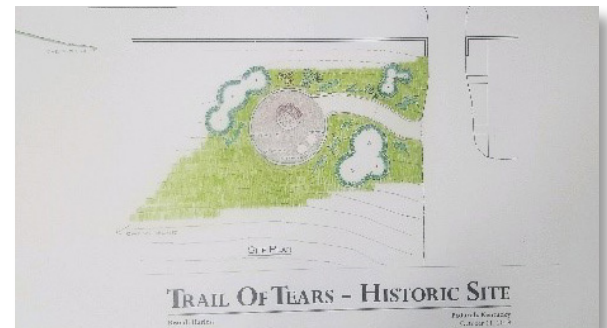
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Hello APA-KY! We have had a great 2019 in Region 3, Western Kentucky.

The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission adopted several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in early 2019 to allow for more flexibility and get ahead on some emerging trends. Some of these amendments included new regulations regarding small system cell towers, solar farms and indoor individual storage; and amendments to regulations regarding home-based businesses, storage of distilled spirits, and on-street parking for multi-family residential uses. With input from the Daviess County Fiscal Court and City of Owensboro, these amendments were crafted to address the needs of the community with flexible standards to allow for growth while keeping in line with the approved Comprehensive Plan and promoting sound planning principles.

In June 2019, the alternative zoning process was adopted for the City of Madisonville. Two zoning map amendment requests have already benefited from this alternative process, which allows developers to move forward sooner than under the old regulation. In July, the City of Madisonville was also awarded a grant to complete a buyout of a repetitive-loss structure located on Rosemont Drive. This buyout was a joint effort by the Planning Commission and the City of Madisonville's engineering department to purchase homes located along the Elk Creek Tributary #4, which began in 2016 after a flood event that affected several homes.

On October 11, 2019, during their annual conference, the National Trail of Tears Association held a site dedication on Paducah's Riverfront for the newest certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Paducah's riverfront saw several contingents of Creek and Cherokee natives throughout. The very first contingent spent the night on Owen's Island, in the Tennessee River. Next year, the hope is to have the site fully developed.



On November 22, 2019, Region 3 held our annual fall half day conference at the Green River Area Development District office in Owensboro. This year we had approximately 40 people in attendance from Glasgow to Paducah including planning, zoning and code enforcement staff members as well as commission and board members. This conference continues to be a great networking opportunity connecting the smaller communities of the Western Kentucky Region with the larger communities, allowing us to learn from each other through our challenges and successes.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas about APA-KY and Region 3 please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Here's to an amazing 2020!

## Region 4



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Greetings from the northern rim of the state of Kentucky! I am the new APA-KY Region 4 representative (as of mid 2019), for the northern rim of Kentucky. APA KY recognizes that in-person interactions are so important in this day and age to sharing expertise, experiences and providing support to each other. With that in mind, my aim is to get the 90+ APA members in this region in a more frequent dialogue with each other. While still new in this role officially, I have had a hand in organizing regular networking lunches for planning professional over the last few years in an unofficial capacity. In the last few months, we've had a networking lunch (with a walk-through of a tactical urbanism bike lane installation) and have partnered with

our colleagues in the Cincinnati APA group to host a joint holiday party.

My plan is to have multiple networking lunches throughout the year, open to all in the planning field (including potential APA members). But as a new representative for this area, I'm open to ideas or suggestions on what members need or would like to do here locally. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out to me!



## Region 5



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It has been my pleasure to once again serve on the Executive Committee, this time representing Region 5.

There is no doubt that our world is changing, and figuring out how to adapt to this change is often challenging. Our region continues to experience record growth. While the economic prosperity is good, it brings pressures that require setting common goals - preserving farmland/natural areas, maintaining housing affordability, managing traffic, and upgrading infrastructure. We also know that the retail landscape is shifting, housing trends are changing, as are major modes of transportation. It is difficult to predict how these will affect our communities. Barren County/Glasgow is in the process of adopting a new comprehensive plan to provide a blueprint to address these issues and to redefine "quality of life."

The tremendous growth of Nashville, TN is also affecting the region, with south central counties continuing to grow at record paces. Tourism is increasing, especially that which is related to bourbon, caves, and corvettes. There are no shortages of short-term rentals and agritourism facilities, which are keeping our enforcement staff busy! In addition, any counties are starting to feel unprecedented housing pressures - causing planning, and possibly newly established zoning, to become a higher priority.

Our peer networks will be important connections as we adapt. Through APA-KY, we hope to enhance the Region 5 network and to think of ways to help support these communities by being available for questions and to provide more basic training to board members and staff.



# Administrative Committee

The Administration Committee spent 2019 working on annual elections and a special project with National APA. The 2019 Call for Nominations resulted in a full slate of volunteers to serve in the elected positions with each nominee running unopposed. The nominees and their position statements were submitted to National APA to be included in the spring National elections.

Although everyone ran unopposed, we are greatly appreciative of each person's willingness to serve and to prepare the needed documents for our election process. Roughly 68 people voted in the elections. Our elected officers are:

**President-Elect** – Brian Davis, AICP  
**Professional Dev. Officer** – Amy Williams, AICP  
**Region 1 Rep** – Emily Liu, AICP  
**Region 2 Rep** – Hal Ballie, AICP  
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**Region 4 Rep** – Rachel Comte  
**Region 5 Rep** – Kevin Myatt, AICP

The committee also authored a white paper on the role of certified planners in state government, particularly in departments of transportation. A draft survey has been prepared, and National APA is assisting in the distribution of the survey to make this a national effort and overview. The study will look at roles and titles of planners and the importance of an AICP in those departments. If you have any interest in this topic, please feel encouraged to reach out to me or Committee Member Beth Jones to share your ideas or participate in the study. Additional Committee members are welcome!



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*Louisville, Kentucky*

# Memberships

# Committee

The membership chart below illustrates the APA-KY Chapter membership trend from 2012 to 2019. At the end of 2019, there were 398 APA-KY members across the five different categories.

In the coming year, membership retention and recruitment will continue to be a focus of APA-KY! Please let me know if you have any questions and be sure to check out our membership brochure on page 22 of the report.

Those interested in joining APA, please visit the APA website at [planning.org](http://planning.org). To inquire about joining the APA-KY chapter only membership, please contact Treasurer Shawn Dikes at [Shawn.Dikes@hdrinc.com](mailto:Shawn.Dikes@hdrinc.com). Chapter only members receive all newsletters, email blasts and other correspondences which includes information on training opportunities to obtain required HB 55 hours.



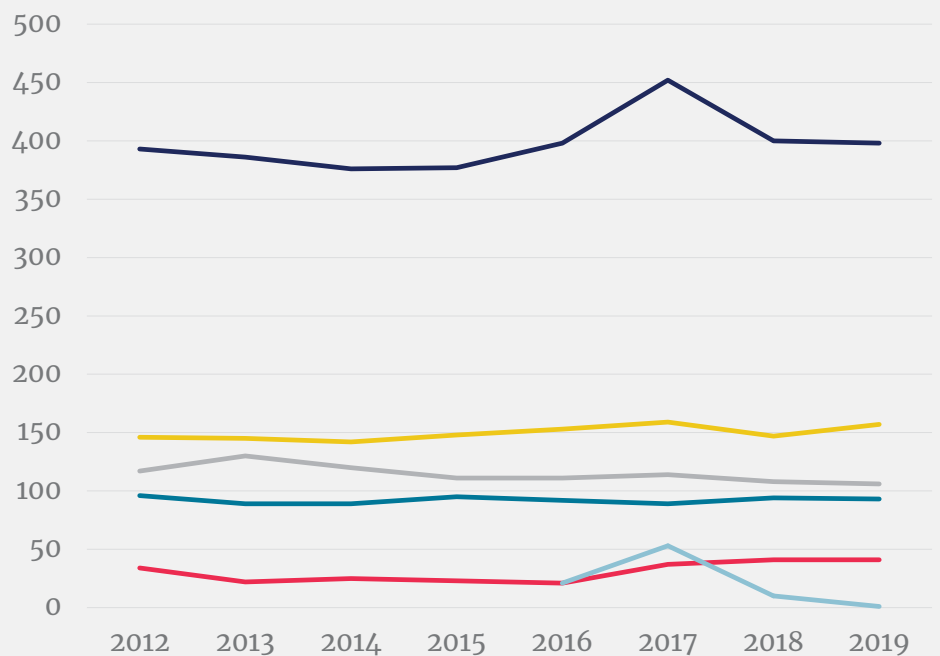
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APA-KY Membership



	Regular APA	AICP / FAICP	Commission / Board	Student	State Only	Total
2012	96	146	117	34		393
2013	89	145	130	22		386
2014	89	142	120	25		376
2015	95	148	111	23		377
2016	92	153	111	21	21	398
2017	89	159	114	37	53	452
2018	94	147	108	41	10	400
2019	93	157	106	41	1	398





# Professional Development

Congratulations to the newest crop of AICP certified planners from Kentucky: Derek Adkins, Jessica Brown, Mikaela Gerry, Louis Huber-Calvo, Rachel Hurt, George Larger, and Megan Yuill.

Do you want to be like the Magnificent Seven mentioned above? The next AICP Exam Application Window will be in May 2020, which will be for the November 2020 testing period. I would highly suggest going ahead and preparing your application so you can submit it during the early bird period. Doing so will allow you to make amendments if the review board feels they need additional information. The best place to get a complete rundown of all things AICP is at the links below:



**APA's AICP Certification Page:**  
[planning.org/certification/](http://planning.org/certification/)

**AICP Candidate Program Page:**  
[planning.org/aicp/candidate/](http://planning.org/aicp/candidate/)

We are happy to announce that APA-KY will once again be participating in the Planning Webcast Series in 2020. If you've not been watching this great series....WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?! In 2019, the series conducted 30 webcasts, each qualifying for 1.5 CM credits, including four webcasts that qualified for Law and one for Ethics. It really is a great way to supplement your learning outside of the APA-KY state conferences

and satisfy those KRS 147A or AICP continuing education requirements. And the best part about it, as a member of APA-KYK it is absolutely free. So don't waste another minute, please go to: [http://www.ohioplanning.org/aws/APAOH/pt/sp/development\\_webcast](http://www.ohioplanning.org/aws/APAOH/pt/sp/development_webcast) for more information.

Kentucky will be hosting the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Convention in October 2020. There is so much planning that needs to be done, so if you are interested in helping out in any manner, please contact either me or Lindsay Walker.

Finally, I just want to take a minute to thank everyone who have helped make my three years as the APA-KY Professional Development Officer an enjoyable experience. Best of luck to Amy Williams as she assumes this role once again! I will still be around to answer any questions you may have, so feel free to reach out to me at [brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov) or call me at 502-574-5160.



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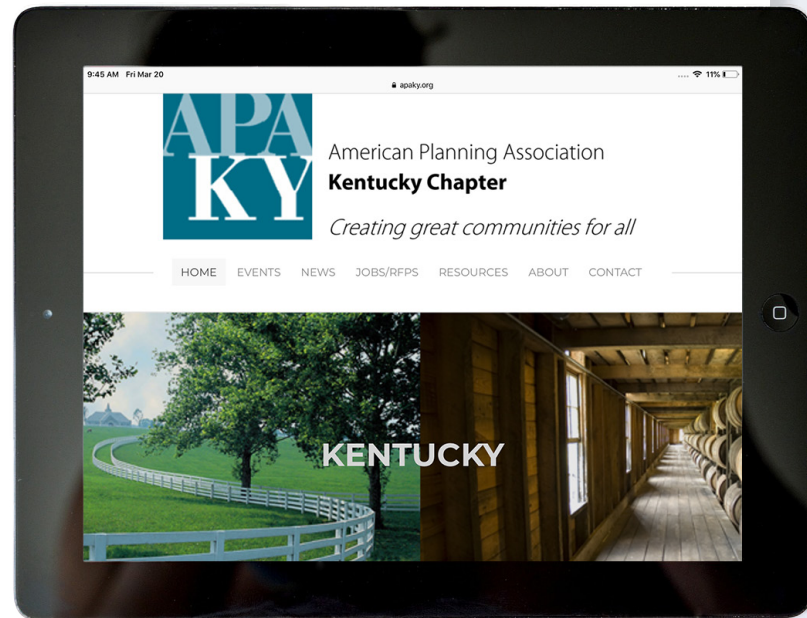


# Public Outreach Committee

The Public Outreach Committee is responsible for maintaining the Chapter Website ([apaky.org](http://apaky.org)), monitoring email communications, updating social media, and compiling the annual report and quarterly newsletters.

If you have any news, events, jobs, or RFPs you want to share with the membership, or if you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Rachel Comte or send an email to [info@apaky.org](mailto:info@apaky.org).

We look forward to connecting with you!



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# Legislative Committee

The annual regular session of the General Assembly convened in Frankfort, Kentucky on January 8th and adjourned March 28th for a 30-day legislative session. Legislators introduced 789 bills- 264 in the Senate and 525 in the House.

From the 117 bills we tracked in 2019, the 34 below became law:

- HB 11 An act relating to student health.
- HB 26 An act relating to procurement.
- HB 135 An act relating to contracting of public works projects.
- HB 154 An act relating to standards for the operation of golf carts on roadways.
- HB 165 An act relating to fees for air quality.
- HB 177 An act relating to the Geographic Information Advisory Council.
- HB 197 An act relating to industrial hemp.
- HB 199 An act relating to oil and gas.
- HB 240 An act relating to county appointments.
- HB 249 An act relating to promoting outdoor recreation and tourism development.
- HB 256 An act relating to alcohol in dry or moist territories and declaring an emergency.
- HB 258 An act relating to the operation of scooters.
- HB 282 An act relating to airports.
- HB 287 An act relating to the Department for Local Government.
- HB 335 An act relating to property owned by local governments and declaring an emergency.
- HB 339 An act relating to cities.
- HB 346 An act amending the 2018-2020 executive branch biennial budget, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
- HB 352 An act relating to motor carriers and making an appropriation.
- SB 28 An act relating to notice of environmental incidents.
- SB 89 An act relating to methamphetamine.
- SB 114 An act relating to official documents and making an appropriation therefor.
- SB 124 An act relating to conservation.
- SB 125 An act relating to feral cats.
- SB 143 An act relating to state contracts and declaring an emergency.
- SB 145 An act relating to check cashing and deferred deposit service businesses.
- SB 148 An act relating to local government surplus property.
- SB 153 An act relating to grain.
- SB 157 An act relating to drones.
- SB 160 An act relating to the highway construction contingency account.
- SB 164 An act relating to the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program.
- SB 172 An act relating to local financial reporting.
- SB 178 An act relating to the Kentucky Military History Museum.
- SB 202 An act relating to local tourism and convention commissions.
- SB 246 An act relating to economic development and declaring an emergency.

The legislative liaisons intend to take a more proactive approach in future legislative sessions. In preparation for future legislative sessions, Parker Sherwood attended the 2019 State Legislative Summit in Richmond, Virginia with representatives from other state APAs. At the Summit, Parker received training and information on strategic plans and tactics to engage the public and legislators on Planning issues and the law. Some of the ways in which we intend to become more proactive

include both policy development and strategies to advance our policies. Some of the ways to implement these strategies are through maximizing our grassroots impact, creating an infrastructure for chapter advocacy, and building and delivering our message to key players and legislators. We intend to make 2020 a very productive year!

Looking ahead to the 2020 Regular Session, Kentucky legislators have pre-filed 336 bills – 54 in the Senate and 282 in the House. The 2020 General Assembly convenes for the 60-day legislative session on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Legislators will meet through April 1, then recess until April 14 when they will consider overrides of any gubernatorial vetoes. The final day of the 2020 Regular Session is April 15<sup>th</sup>. A sampling of some of the bills to watch includes:

- **SB 206 - An act relating to solid waste.** – to allow fiscal courts to license solid waste landfills and residual landfills and assess increased fees for accepting wastes outside of the waste planning area.
- **SB 118 - An act relating to solid waste.** – to modify the definition of “waste disposal facility” to specify that all residual landfills are included in the process of local determination and remove the exception for private facilities that dispose of waste on their own private property; to remove the exception for private facilities that dispose of their own waste on their own private property from the requirements to obtain approval from local governing body when a municipal solid waste disposal facility seeks to expand or construct a facility.



Frankfort, Kentucky



- **SB 119 - An act relating to road safety. ; HB 133 - An act relating to road safety. ; SB 176 - An act relating to road safety.** – to include as criminal littering the permitting of unsafe amounts of leaves or mowed grass to remain on a highway.
- **HB 323 - An act relating to prevailing wage.** – to create a prevailing wage law for all public works projects.
- **HB 485 - An act relating to causes of actions for building code violations.** – to allow a court award to include attorney's fees if a certificate of occupancy has not been issued.

There are three vacancies in the Kentucky Legislature, one of which will affect Floor leadership for this session.

On January 14, 2020, a special general election will be held to fill the vacancy created when Republican Dan Seum, serving Senate District 38, retired in November. Democrat Andrew Bailey, who ran in 2018 as a write-in candidate against Seum, will run against Republican Mike Nemes, who served from 2011 to 2013 in the Kentucky House of Representatives. Senate District 38 includes the cities of Louisville, Shephardsville, and Lebanon Junction. Containing parts of Jefferson and Bullitt Counties, it includes the area south of Louisville and is bisected by Interstate 65. This special election was called in November by then-Governor Matt Bevin since the General Assembly was not in session. If lawmakers are in session when a vacancy occurs, the Senate President or the House Speaker calls the special election. Should Nemes win, that will create a vacancy in House District 38.

Governor Andy Beshear has called two special elections to replace House Democrats who resigned in December in order to join his

administration. Rocky Adkins, who served since 1987 for House District 99, now serves as Senior Advisor to Governor Beshear. House District 99 includes Elliott, Lewis and Rowan Counties. Representative Adkins was the House Minority Floor Leader. Dennis Keene spent 14 years as the Representative for House District 67, which includes parts of Campbell County, before accepting his new post as Commissioner of the Department for Local Government. Both vacancies will be filled by special election on February 25, 2020. The nominating deadline for candidates for special elections is 49 days before the election, which is January 6th.

Floor leaders are selected by Democratic and Republican caucuses in both chambers during the organizational portion of the odd year session. These members are responsible for seeing that the interests of their parties are well served.

All 100 seats in the House of Representatives are up for election in 2020, while 19 of 38 seats in the Senate are up for election in 2020. Elections will take place on November 3, 2020.

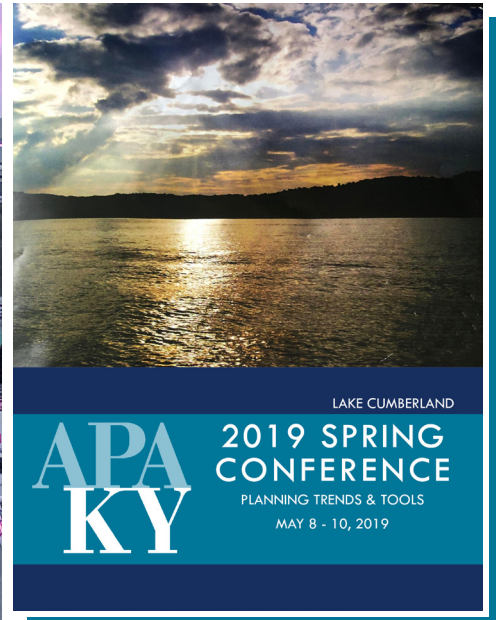


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# Programs & *Special Events*



In 2019, the Programs and Special Events Committee hosted two conferences, one in spring and one in the fall.

The Spring Conference was held at the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown, KY (Region 5) from May 8th to May 10th. The theme for this conference was “Planning Trends & Tools,” with sessions geared both towards trending topics in urban planning and planning basics. The program also included more networking opportunities for attendees as a way to encouraging meaningful connections between Kentucky Planners in our network and beyond.

In late October, we hosted our Fall Conference at the Barrel House in Lexington, KY (Region 2), which was followed by a social event at Keeneland. “Everything You Want to Know About Planning and More!” was the day’s theme - which set attendees up for a range of topics that included Accessory Dwelling Units, equitable urban growth strategies, and autonomous vehicles!

Thanks to all who attended, presented, and volunteered. Your help and support has been well appreciated in making these events so successful! If you want to get involved, please reach out to us!



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# Financial Committee

First of all, thank you again to the Board and members of APA-KY for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer in 2019.

I also want to thank our corporate sponsors for 2019 for their continued support of APA-KY, which allows us to continue to grow and provide education, training and programs for planners, local officials and citizens across the Commonwealth. Our 10 great 2019 Sponsors were: AECOM, Kendig Keast Collaborative, Kimley-Horn and Associates, ORACLE, Lord Aeck Sargent, Qk4, Stantec, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, The Brick Industry, and The Thrasher Group! If you or your firm wants to be a sponsor or continue to be a sponsor in 2020, please contact me.

As of December 16, 2019, we have a positive cash checking balance of \$40,807.18. Couple

that with over \$20,000 in our two CD's which act as a "rainy day fund", and the Chapter is in my estimation on sound financial footing. Many thanks to the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and Region Reps for being judicious with the Chapter's funding and your budgets, while providing opportunities for education and fellowship that were very successful and much appreciated. These folks do the hard work of the Chapter so thank them when you see them.

The following table shows the budgeted and actual Revenues and Expenses for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 (January 1 to December 31), as well as the proposed budget for CY 2020. If you have any questions about this information please contact Shawn Dikes at [shawn.dikes@hdrinc.com](mailto:shawn.dikes@hdrinc.com).

## Behind the Numbers

In 2019, we spent a little less than anticipated, largely saving budget in conferences, publications, awards, and membership costs. We frequent state parks to keep costs low in the spring, and still maintain the hospitable atmosphere our members have come to expect. Our Fall Conference was at a unique venue and we coupled that with a visit to Keeneland. Conversely our revenues were higher in 2019, not from National APA, but from local sources such as our generous Chapter sponsors and our share of the fall 2018 OKI Conference held in Ohio.

Looking ahead, in 2020 KY will host OKI in Louisville and as a result, so we only will have one "local" conference. The OKI event's finances will be separate from the Chapter's.

That's all from the Treasurer's seat. If anyone has questions, please ask. Thanks for the opportunity to serve APA-KY. I'm looking forward to 2020!



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Revenues	CY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
APA Rebate	\$8,000	\$8,148.70	\$8,000
Conferences	\$20,000	\$24,355.67	\$22,000
APA-KY Affiliate Dues	\$800	\$0	\$0
Seminars/Workshops	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sponsors	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$8,000
Professional Dev.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$35	\$500
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$33,800</b>	<b>\$40,039.37</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>

Expenses	CY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
Publications/ Newsletter	\$3,000	\$2,380.92	\$2,700
Program Development/ Conferences/	\$20,000	\$24,355.67	\$22,000
Seminars/Workshops	\$23,500	\$23,194.55	\$25,000
Professional Development	\$1,300	\$1,404.00	\$1,400
Executive	\$5,000	\$6,326.06	\$5,000
Special Projects	\$0	\$0	\$
Legislative	\$200	\$0	\$200
Community Outreach/ Partner Orgs	\$300	\$0	\$300
Public Relations/ Awards	\$700	\$426.70	\$500
Administrative	\$1,500	\$1,550.26	\$1,500
University of Louisville Scholarship	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Postage	\$100	\$0	\$50
Membership	\$1,000	\$425	\$1,000
Miscellaneous/FAICP Fellow	\$3,000	\$3,640.59	\$3,000\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$41,600</b>	<b>\$39,348.08</b>	<b>\$42,650</b>



# Awards - APA KY-2019



## **Haley James, AICP**

### **Outstanding Young Planner**

Haley James is an AICP planner with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group in Louisville. She has a Bachelor's of Urban Development & Planning from Ball State University and started with the company out of college in January of 2015. Over the past four years, Haley has become a key member of our community planning team and is invaluable to the communities we serve.



## **Kendal Baker, AICP**

### **The William Bowdy Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement**

Kendal Baker is widely regarded as the guru of neighborhood planning in Louisville. He has been the project manager for approximately 40 neighborhood, small area, and corridor plans over the past 15 years; he is a respected advocate for grassroots community planning and imaginative community engagement. After 27 years of service to the community, Ken will be retiring from Louisville Metro government later this year.



## **Lula Howard**

### **Distinguished Civic Leadership**

As a Provided services requested by clients in the areas of coordinating development proposals. Assisted with preparation and development of rezoning and subdivision plans; made presentations on behalf of clients at meetings and public hearings. Also served in the capacity of a Planning Manager, Zoning Review Manager & Planner in the Regulatory Division.



## **Connecting Cave Country: Brownsville, Cave City, Horse Cave & Park City**

### **Outstanding Student Project**

Special Merit Award for the University of Kentucky, Department of Landscape Architecture.

## Fairdale Village Center Plan

Outstanding Neighborhood Plan

Special Merit Award to Louisville Metro Government, Taylor Siefker Williams Designs Group and BTM Engineering.



## Downtown Plan for Manchester, KY

Outstanding Plan in a Small Jurisdiction

Rural communities are often underserved with design and planning efforts, and when they do receive assistance they often struggle with how to move forward with implementation. The Downtown Plan for Manchester is an example of how planning and design initiatives in rural communities can be structured in a way that facilitates the community to implement long term planning initiatives in a bite sized, holistic and incremental way.



## Neighborhood Playbook

Outstanding Project/ Program/ Tool

The Neighborhood Playbook is a field guide for community members and developers that facilitates the activation of spaces with the goal of influencing physical and economic growth in neighborhoods.



## West Kentucky Street Corridor

Outstanding Corridor Plan

Special Merit Award Award to MKSK, Strand Associates, Kolar Design, Robert Pass & Associates and Louisville Metro Government.



## Plan 2040

Outstanding Plan

Special Merit Award Award to MKSK, Strand Associates, Kolar Design, Robert Pass & Associates and Louisville Metro Government.





# Become an APA KY Chapter *Member*

## Mission Statement

"APA Kentucky shall promote planning throughout the Commonwealth to enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians."

## Who is APA Kentucky?

The Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA KY) is a non-profit professional organization that supports the work of planners in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, as well as other organizations and individuals interested in planning.

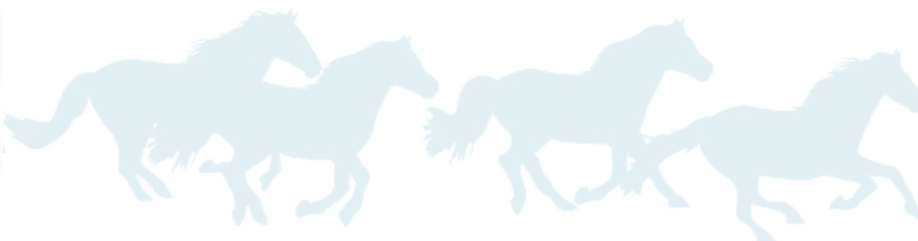
APA Kentucky represents more than 400 planners, government officials and citizens involved in urban and rural planning issues. Our members are involved on a daily basis in formulating local and state planning policies.

Members receive up-to-date communications regarding professional development events, legislative bill proposals and planning issues.



## Who are APA Kentucky Members?

Planners - Architects - Engineers - Citizens - Landscape Architects -  
Land Use Attorneys - Students and Educators - Public Agency  
Professionals - Planning Commissioners



# APA Kentucky Has Its Rewards

*APA Kentucky provides up-to-date information to members via:*

*Website— [apaky.org](http://apaky.org)*

*Newsletters*

*Legislative Updates*

*Email Updates*

*APA Kentucky provides professional development opportunities, including:*

*AICP Exam Study Courses*

*Two Annual Conferences*

*Regional Events and Conferences*

*Planning Commissioner Training*

*Certification Maintenance (CM) Credit-Opportunities*

*Student Member Program*

*APA Kentucky members receive:*

*State Chapter Voting Opportunities*

*Job and RFP/RFQ Announcements*

*Resume Posting*

## Becoming a Member

*There are two ways to join APA Kentucky*

### APA Membership

Kentucky members of the American Planning Association are automatically registered as APA Kentucky Chapter members. As an incentive for students to join APA, APA-KY will pay half of the APA membership dues.

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**For dues information and to join, visit:  
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If you are unfamiliar with APA, consider a chapter-only membership. An APA Kentucky Chapter Only Membership is only \$35/year.







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## 2020 APA-KY *Events*

- **CANCELLED** May 20 - 21: APA-KY Spring Conference, Lake Barkley State Resort Park
- For ongoing updates on future events for 2020, please visit the APA-KY website [apaky.org/events](http://apaky.org/events)

### Have a planning-related story that you would like us to share?

In 2020, APA-KY is revamping their quarterly newsletter series, which means we will be seeking content to share with our network of planners and the broader Kentucky community.

We are interested in collecting your stories and experiences that relate to urban and community planning in the Commonwealth, whether you are a member of the public, a city/municipal planner, or an industry professional in a planning-related field.

Please submit any content ideas via email to [info@apaky.org](mailto:info@apaky.org).

### Many thanks to members of our public outreach team for our new design!

If you have any suggestions for ways to improve the design and accessibility of APA-KY's publications, please feel free to reach out!



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