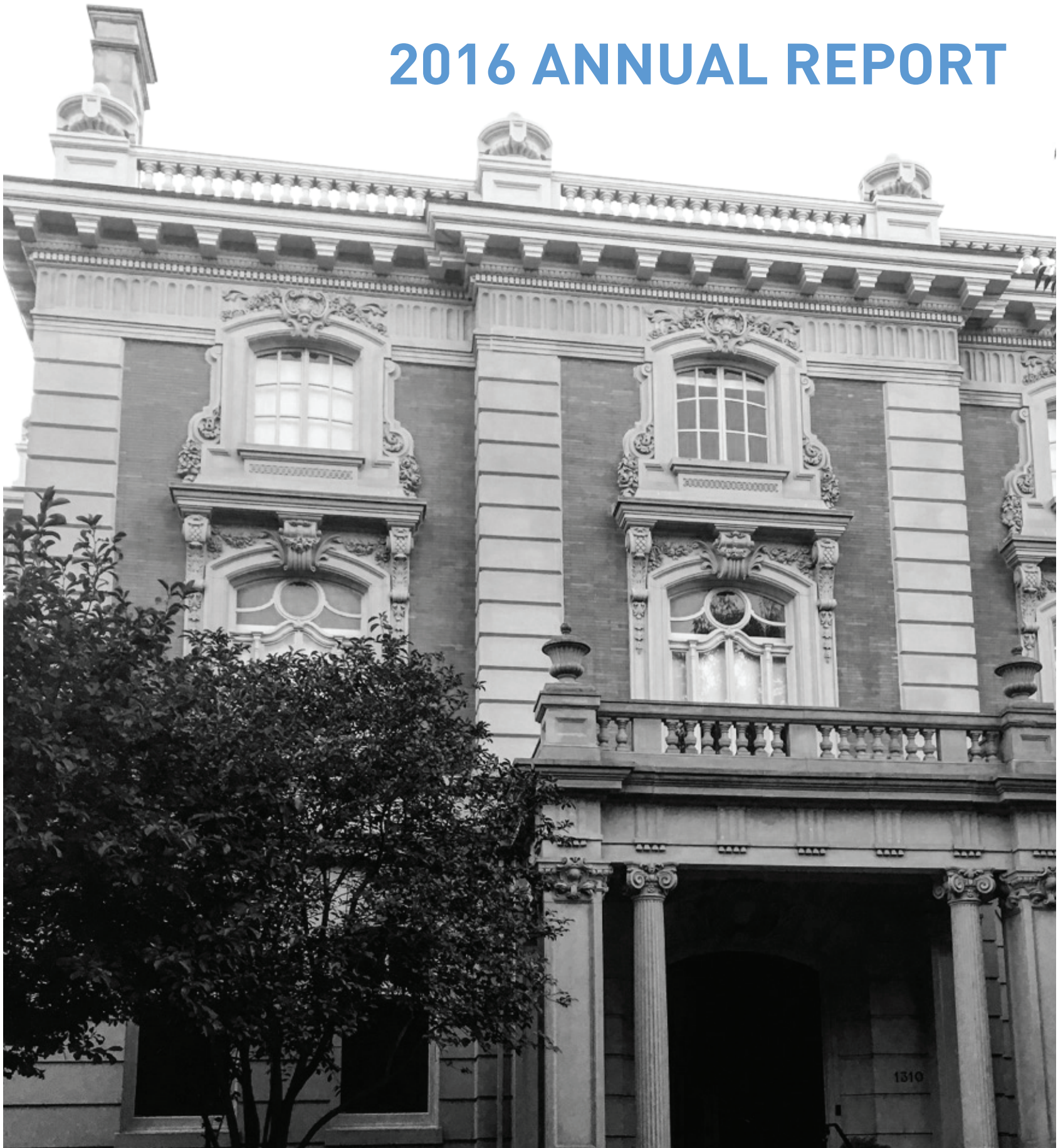


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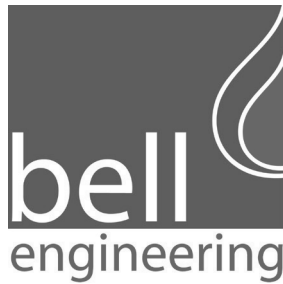


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## Outgoing President's Message

I have truly enjoyed serving APA-KY not only for the past 11 years but in particular the past two years as President. Our Executive Committee and Chairs had many large goals during 2015-2016 and accomplished many large projects which raised awareness among our members and the planning community. Highlights of things our board and committees achieved over the past two years include:

- Launched a completely new APA-KY website that will serve as the online connection to the organization;
- Created a membership brochure to distribute to potential new members and state-only members;
- Welcomed 11 new members into the AICP family and provided exam reimbursement to members who were not reimbursed by their employer;
- Held three state conferences and one OKI Regional Conference that provided great educational sessions (HB 55 and AICP hours), training and networking opportunities including maintaining our sponsorship program;
- Major update of the Chapter Development Plan and minor updates to the by-laws that better positions APA-KY to run more effectively in the future;
- Expanded our active volunteers in committees;
- Provided networking opportunities for members across the state;
- Continued APA-KY's awards program that showcases great planning work across the Commonwealth;
- Held annual training sessions for members taking the AICP test;
- Continued to partner with University of Louisville with scholarship opportunities and guest lectures;
- Created a map and listing of planning commissions in Kentucky;
- Continued online newsletters and annual reports;
- Tracked and participated in legislation that influences our profession at the state level and held a legislative workshop in Frankfort;
- Worked to build relationships with affiliated professions;
- Held Executive Board meetings and attended national Chapter President's Council meetings; and
- Maintained an approved and audited budget and prepared needed tax documents;

We had a great team of volunteers in 2015 and 2016 and I want to thank each of them for their dedication to APA-KY; this organization would not be the same without the countless hours that are donated by these individuals. I also want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your President as we continue to grow our organization! The incoming president, Brian Howard, has great goals and dedication to the organization and I have no doubt that he will be able to take this group to even greater places!

### Amy Williams, AICP

Principal

Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group



## Incoming President's Message

2017 is shaping up to be a busy year for APA-KY. At the January meeting, the Executive Committee discussed updates to the Chapter Development Plan and By-laws. APA requires that each state chapter's strategic plan be updated every two years and by-laws be updated every four years. We do not anticipate significant changes to either document other than incorporating updated language referring to social media, outreach, and the election process since we are now on the same election cycle with APA National.

The biggest change that is coming pertains to the dues structure for APA-KY members. APA National has mandated that, by the end of 2017, all chapters migrate from a flat rate (ours is currently \$35) to a sliding scale based on a percentage of each member's APA dues (APA National dues are based on each member's annual income). Kentucky's flat rate was last increased in 2010 from \$25 to \$35. This change is important for a couple of reasons. First, tying chapter dues to the income-based formula for APA dues is inherently more equitable. Kentucky members who are in lower-paid positions will pay lower chapter dues than members who earn more. Second, a percentage-based dues structure will provide greater financial stability to the chapter and avoid the need for the chapter to periodically revisit the dues structure. Based on current revenue from dues, the executive committee anticipates recommending a 17% rate which will maintain revenue slightly above current. Based on a sample of 2016 APA-KY membership data, with a 17% rate, salaries less than \$50,000 will see a dues decrease, salaries between \$50,000 and \$80,000 will see an increase between \$3 and \$10 per year and salaries greater than \$80,000 will see an increase between \$15 and \$30 per year. Based on this data, approximately 40% of APA-KY membership will see a decrease in dues, 40% will see a very modest increase, and the remaining 20% will see a more significant increase.

APA-KY remains committed to providing the highest possible level of service to its members and chapter dues are the primary funding source for these services. We strive to provide quality continuing education opportunities around the state for both planners and planning commission/board of adjustment members, networking opportunities, access to job and RFP/RFQ postings, newsletters and email communications, and legislative advocacy.

Any changes to the bylaws and dues structure require approval from the membership. We plan on presenting both changes to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting conducted during the Spring Conference at Lake Cumberland. I hope and trust that all members will understand that APA-KY is following the mandate established by APA National, and while dues will increase for a portion of the membership, the executive committee has worked diligently to analyze the data and propose a percentage that is in keeping with current revenue and this is not an effort to significantly increase revenue. This is evident in the fact that of the 25 chapters that have already converted to the percentage based dues, two have adopted 15%, one 18%, and the remaining chapters range between 25% and 45%.

If you have questions about the proposed changes, feel free to contact me, your regional representative, or anyone on the executive committee. Thanks for all you do to help promote quality planning practices across the state and we wish you continued success in 2017.



**Brian Howard, AICP**

Executive Director of Planning  
Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission

## Regional Representative Reports

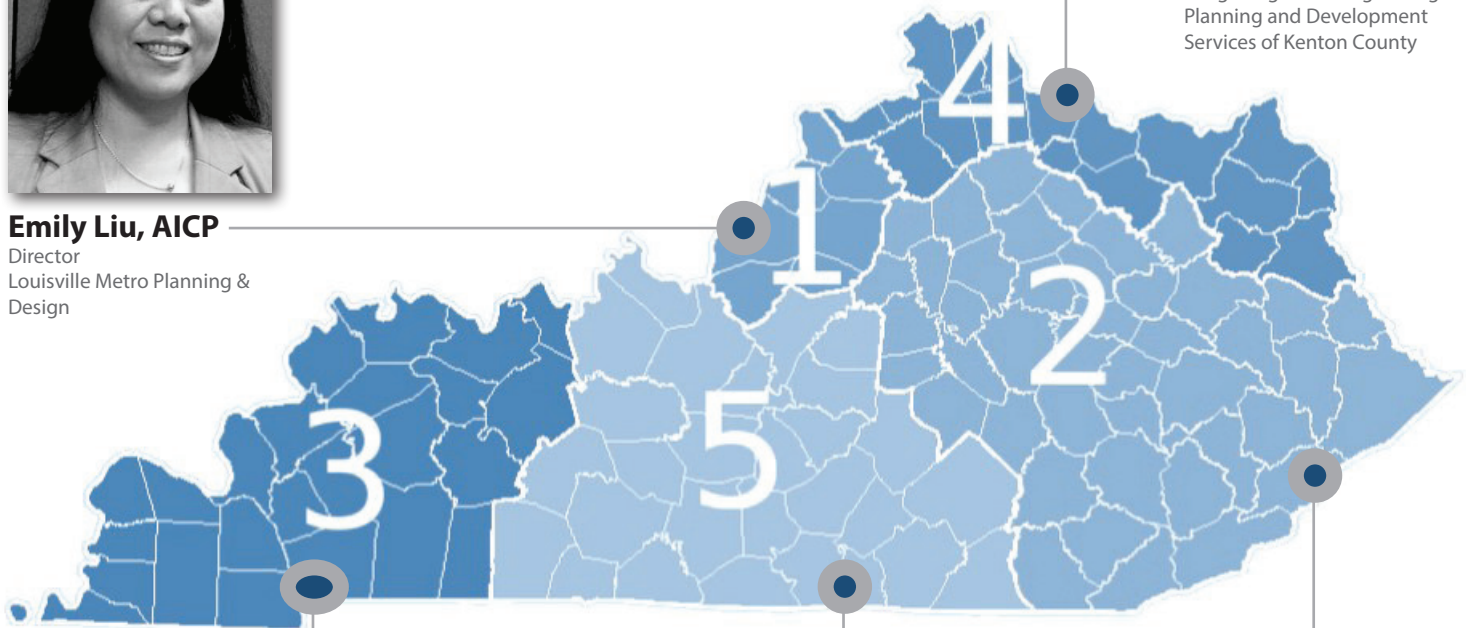
Our Regional Representatives worked diligently over the past year to provide professional development opportunities and to enhance collaborations within the community. The following pages contain their reports on the past year. We want to thank them for their continuing service to APA-KY. If you would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



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## Region 1

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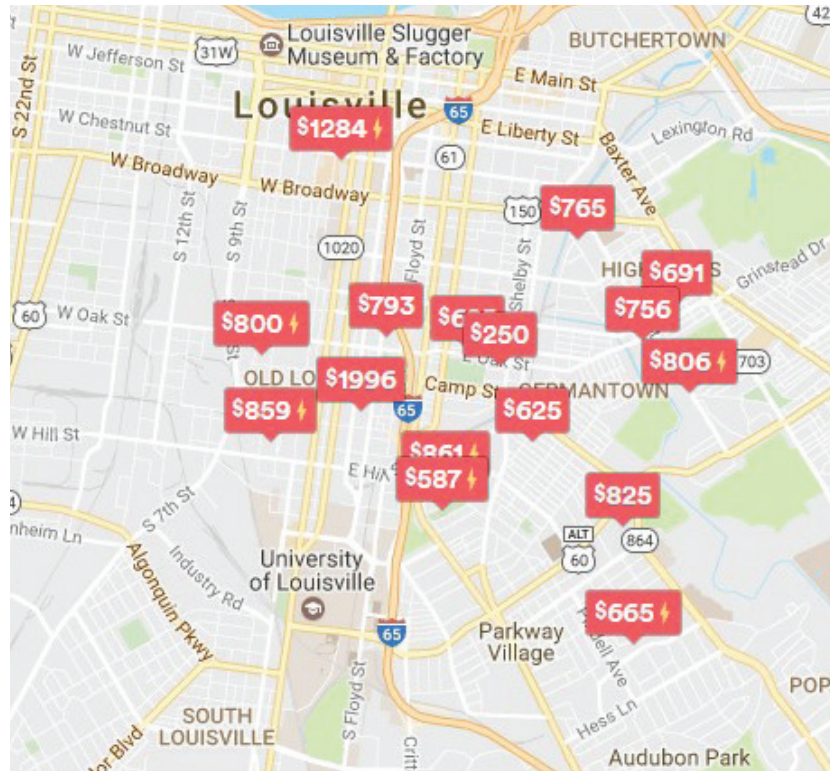
### Short Term Rentals

The growing trend of Short Term Rentals, popularized by websites such as Airbnb.com, flipkey.com and VRBO.com, received special attention this past year. Short Term Rentals are typically located in residential areas and serve as an alternative to more traditional lodging arrangements like hotels, motels and even bed and breakfasts. The properties can provide visitors with a more authentic local experience and/or affordable alternative to hotels while also providing additional income to property owners. However, if not adequately regulated, short term rentals have the potential to change the character of established residential areas and can impact the affordability and availability of rental housing markets.

On December 3, 2015, Metro Council passed Resolution #124, 2015, a resolution requesting that the Planning Commission, through its staff at Planning & Design Services, research short term rentals and recommend Land Development Code amendments that regulate such use to Metro Council to consider. After a series of public meetings help by Planning Commission staff and a public hearing on the matter, Metro Council approved Ordinance 100, Series 2016 creating new regulations for short term rentals.

In general, a Short Term Rental of a dwelling unit that is the primary residence of the host may be permitted with special standards in all residential zoning districts. A Short Term Rental that is not the primary residence of the host requires a Conditional Use Permit. These regulations went into effect on August 1, 2016. For a complete overview of the Short Term Rental requirements please go to:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/short-term-rental-information>



Type of Application	Received	Approved
Short Term Rental - Registration Form	99	81
Short Term Rental - Conditional Use Permits	30	8



## Region 1

Emily Liu, AICP

### Comprehensive Plan Update

As Cornerstone 2020 is approaching its effective timeframe, a comprehensive plan is currently being prepared to guide actions beyond 2020. The updated plan, which will have a horizon of 2040, builds on Cornerstone 2020 and will be informed by several other plans and initiatives. As a foundational policy document, it will serve as the community's official statement about how it hopes to change over the next 20 years.

The Offices of Planning & Design Services and Advanced Planning officially kicked off the Comprehensive Plan process on August 31, 2016. In support of developing the policies, planning staff will rely on assistance from citizens and other divisions of Develop Louisville and Louisville Metro as well as community groups, business organizations and outside agencies.

An Advisory Committee comprised of diverse representatives from neighborhood and community organizations as well as development and business interests has been created to guide this process, which is expect to take about one year. The Advisory Committee meets once a month and meetings are open to the public.

In addition to the Advisory Committee, six work groups have been created to focus on certain topics during the Comprehensive Plan update process. These work groups include:

**Mobility** – This work group will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies related to land use and transportation patterns, including street connectivity, transit, enhancing the pedestrian and bicycle networks and the relationship between land use and transportation. The work of this group will be informed by the goals identified in Move Louisville.

**Community Form** – This workgroup will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies that address the character and diversity of Louisville's neighborhoods by reviewing and updating the Form District descriptions and incorporating recommendations from the Historic Preservation Task Force.

**Community Facilities** – This work group will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies related to the location and design of public facilities including parks, government buildings, schools, utilities and non-transportation infrastructure such as water and sewer facilities.

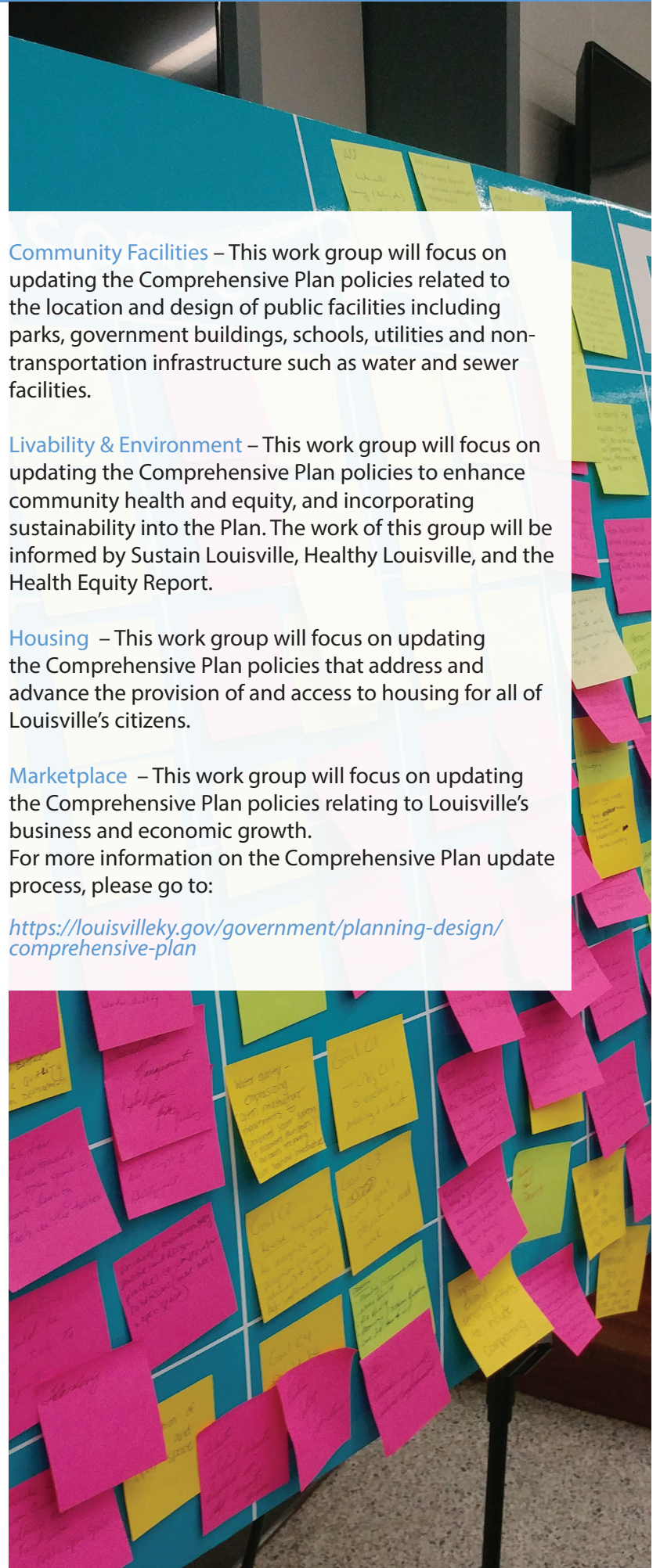
**Livability & Environment** – This work group will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies to enhance community health and equity, and incorporating sustainability into the Plan. The work of this group will be informed by Sustain Louisville, Healthy Louisville, and the Health Equity Report.

**Housing** – This work group will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies that address and advance the provision of and access to housing for all of Louisville's citizens.

**Marketplace** – This work group will focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan policies relating to Louisville's business and economic growth.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan update process, please go to:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/comprehensive-plan>





## Region 4

James Fausz, AICP

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! Our region has been busy as of late with networking and training sessions to close out 2016. A great time was had by all at our combined Holiday Party with our friends from the Cincinnati Section of APA-Oh. Our groups met up at Braxton Brewing Company in Covington, Kentucky for our annual holiday gathering. This year's event featured a great turn out of APA-KY members, both from our area and as far away as Louisville and Paris. It was good catching up with everyone and meeting new professionals. Here's to hoping our 2018 event is even better!



Region 4 also sponsored an Autonomous Vehicles seminar at the PDS offices in mid-December. The event brought together planners, city administrators, students, and others interested in learning more about how this oncoming technology might become more prevalent in the profession and our daily lives. Overall, more than 30 people attended the event to hear from the presenters and ask questions about the technology. The discussion was facilitated by three professionals from Columbus, Ohio who have researched the topic extensively and presented to groups throughout the country over the last two years. Two planners from OHM Advisors, Justin Robbins, AICP and Jason Sudy, AICP, along with Rick Stein, AICP of Urban Decision Group, formed the Urban Mobility Research Center (UMRC) to study the impacts that autonomous vehicles will have on our cities. The well-attended event provided 1.5 CM credits for AICP.



Right now I am working on some new ideas for events in 2017 so be sure to keep an eye out for information soon. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you as your Region 4 Representative for these last two terms. I look forward to seeing you at future events soon!



# Student Representative Report



**Brian Pierce**

Graduate Research Assistant, Urban Design Studio  
APA-KY Student Representative

## Department of Urban and Public Affairs

In 2016, the Master of Urban Planning Degree underwent a reaccreditation process. The accreditation was extended for another seven years subject to a satisfactory progress report at year five. As long as satisfactory progress is met, the Master of Urban Planning Degree will maintain its accreditation until 2023.

The department has seen the retention rate rise with 100% of students who began studies in the fall of 2015 continuing to the fall of 2016. The program had 88% of students who started as single-degree Master's students in 2012 graduate within four years. The number of degrees awarded has risen from 11 in 2013-2014 to 16 in 2015-2016. Since 2009, the program had 83% of students pass the AICP Exam within three years after graduating. The employment rate for Full-time graduates is the highest ever with 93% of graduates from 2014-2015 being employed in a full time planning or planning related position within one year of graduation.

Students have made use of the incredible opportunities provided by the school to intern at Louisville Metro Planning and Design, Louisville Grows, TARC, Center For Neighborhoods, City Properties, Bauhaus Design in Germany and Robert Doughty Consultancy in England. Upon graduation, students have found jobs as the Planning Director of Jeffersonville; MKSK Architecture, Planning and Design; Taylor, Seifker, Williams Design Group; US Army Corps of Engineers and the Atlanta Housing Authority.

The program recently added a Master of Interdisciplinary Studies in Sustainability. A new professor, Dr. Kelly Kinahan, was hired and is teaching the Capstone, Neighborhood Planning, and History and Theory courses. The Master of Urban Planning can now be combined with a dual degree in Public Administration, Law, and Public Health. There were two excursion courses offered last year, one to Naples, Italy, and the other to Cuba, which were well attended by students from across the department.

## Planning Student Organization

The Planning Student Organization (PSO) has continued the mission to be involved in the local community, hosting Jane's Walks in Portland and Schnitzelburg last year. PSO has progressed in making sure high quality food is available to the community, assisting in the upkeep and maintenance of the UPA Horticultural Zone and helping install two new raised bed gardens at the Iroquois Branch Public Library. A TEDx in April of this year is being put on by PSO and six members are going to New York City this summer to participate in the National Planning Conference.





# Student Representative Report

Brian Pierce

## National and Community Partnerships

The 2016 Capstone, provided students with the opportunity to partner with the Louisville Downtown Partnership and Preservation Green Lab. Taking on the Downtown Partnership as a client, the capstone focused on developing interstitial space throughout the Central Business District. Preservation Green Lab provided best practices for reinvigorating the urban fabric in a sustainable and pedestrian friendly way.

## Resurfaced

In 2014, the Urban Design Studio started its first iteration of creative placemaking for an underutilized space. Through the leadership of Director Patrick Piuma, a Pop-Up Plaza was created on an unused lot on W. Main St, which lasted for six weeks. Due to the overwhelming success of the first ReSurfaced, a second edition was developed focusing on combining the rural and urban through Bourbon. Two more iterations have been created of ReSurfaced, one at the underpass on 10th Street and a long term one at the corner of Liberty and Shelby Street. The most recent ReSurfaced, The Liberty Build, creates a space where people can come to engage, collaborate, create, and celebrate. It includes a five-aside soccer field, which is being utilized by local schools and the Kentucky Refugee Ministries and a community work and event space. The site will reopen to the general public again in April.

## Continuing Growth

Many partnerships and opportunities have been forged due to the hard work of the faculty, staff, and students in the Urban and Public Affairs Department. Students now have the ability to help shape the future development of Louisville, with a student representative sitting on the advisory board for the Comprehensive Plan and the current capstone course focused on assisting with the work groups. Initiatives, such as ReSurfaced, let students work on innovative projects that create a better urban quality for Louisville. There has even been the opportunity to work on bringing a national conference to Louisville, with a student representative sitting on the board submitting the proposal for the CNU 2019 conference. The connection to both the local and

regional APA chapters has given innumerable insight into how the AICP Exam is shifting in the upcoming years and the continued development of a professional mentorship program. As Co-President of the PSO, I hope to further these opportunities and sustain the department's engagement with the local community.





## Professional Development

Kentucky Would Like To Welcome Its Newest AICP Members!

We would like to say congratulations and welcome Kentucky's newest AICP members into APA's professional institute! They have demonstrated a commitment to high standards of professional practice and understanding of the theories and tools used in planning. To become certified, an APA member must meet requirements for education and experience, pass the AICP Comprehensive Planning Examination, pledge to uphold the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, and engage in ongoing professional development. For more information about becoming an AICP Certified Planner, contact Brian Davis, AICP at [brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov).

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### AICP CERTIFICATION

The May 2017 Exam application window is closed for the testing window May 10 - 23, 2017.

The November 2017 Exam application will open on June 1, 2017 with the final application deadline on June 30, 2017, for the testing window November 6-20, 2017.

If anyone studying needs help or would like to borrow study materials, feel free to contact Brian Davis, AICP at [brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov).

### PLANNER'S LIBRARY- CM CREDITS

Need training hours for AICP Certification Maintenance? Are your colleagues, planning commissioners, or board of adjustment members current on the KRS 147A.027 training requirement? If not, as a member of APA KY you can take advantage of the training materials lending library. Currently the library contains just over 20 hours of CM eligible training materials and over 50 hours that meet the requirement in KRS 147. There are a variety of topics available including Law, Ethics, Housing, Design Guidelines, and others including introductory training for new planning commissioners and board of adjustment members. For more information please see the APA KY website at <http://APAKY.org> and click on the Professional Development heading under About Us. There you will find the request form, descriptions of the materials, and instructions on how to borrow items from the library. Lending Library is housed at Hardin County Planning & Development in Elizabethtown, KY.

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## Professional Development

APA-KY has teamed up with APA Ohio and other chapters and divisions to create the Planning Webcast Series. The Planning Webcast Series is a compilation of videos, webcasts and PDFs designed to assist APA-KY members in meeting their continuing education needs, both for KRS 147A and AICP credits. There are a variety of planning related topics covered in the series, including recent titles such as “How Can Planners Mitigate the Effects of Climate Change?” and “The Next Ethics Skit by the Delaware Planning Thespians” (that’s right AICP people, Ethics credit is available). The best part about the Planning Webcast Series is it is free to all APA-KY members, so please be sure to take advantage of this service.

While we have your attention, as a participating chapter in the Planning Webcast Series, we have been asked to provide content, so if you have any ideas for a topic or presentation that would be worthy for recording and submittal please contact Brian Davis at [brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov).

For more information, or to view some of the training opportunities that are available through the Planning Webcast Series, please go to [http://www.ohioplanning.org/aws/APAOH/pt/sp/development\\_webcast](http://www.ohioplanning.org/aws/APAOH/pt/sp/development_webcast).



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CM credit information can be found at [www.utah-apa.org/webcasts](http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts)

## Public Outreach & Social Media

The Public Outreach Committee was put together by combining the sub-committees: Community Assistance, Public Relations and Communications. Thanks to John Bucher for leading this effort and committee. The Public Outreach Committee has rebooted the APA-KY Chapter Newsletter. The Fall 2016 Newsletter marks the beginning of a new format and the production of three newsletters a year. Look for newsletters following the Spring and Fall Conferences, as well as, the Annual Report which will serve as the third newsletter. Thanks to Soumi Basu and Laura Mattingly for volunteering to lead production of the newsletters and Annual Report. We will also send periodic email newsblasts with important updates. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact John Bucher or send an email to [apakentucky@gmail.com](mailto:apakentucky@gmail.com).

Hopefully you've visited our chapter website, [www.apaky.org](http://www.apaky.org). The new website was launched at the beginning of 2016. If you have any news, events, jobs, or RFPs you want to share with the membership, please contact John Bucher or send an email to [apakentucky@gmail.com](mailto:apakentucky@gmail.com).



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Welcome to the home of the American Planning Association - Kentucky Chapter, APA-KY. We are an association that brings together practitioners, planning officials, students, and interested citizens into a single and stronger community development forum. APA-KY is dedicated to promoting planning statewide in order to enhance the quality of life in Kentucky. We provide current information on planning issues, practices, and techniques. We are advocates for good planning in national, state and local forums.

For nearly 30 years APA-KY has worked to make the Commonwealth a better place for all Kentuckians. Today we continue our mission of promoting responsible planning practices at all levels. From new urbanism to multimodal transportation options, smart growth to the green revolution; APA-KY is on the cutting edge of planning issues facing Kentucky and America today. Please take a look around our site to learn more about all we do. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



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### APA-KY - Events

#### Registration Open - 2017 APA-KY Spring Conference

Join fellow Kentucky planners at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Kentucky for the APA-KY Spring Conference! M...

#### APA-KY Spring Conference Call for Sessions

The APA-KY Spring Conference will be held May 17-19, 2017 at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. Conference them...

#### 2016 Kentucky GIS Conference

The 2016 Kentucky Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Conference is October 17th-19th in Covington. October 1...

### APA-KY - News

#### Design and Resiliency Teams 2017 Applications

Purpose: Pro bono technical assistance to help communities develop a strategic vision and promote community resil...

#### Fall 2016 APA-KY Chapter Newsletter

Click here to read the Fall 2016 APA-KY Chapter Newsletter. If you did not receive the Newsletter via email and wo...

### APA-KY - Jobs

#### Planner I - Georgetown/Scott County

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission is seeking an entry level, professional planner who performs a variety ...

#### Senior Planner/Demographer - OKI Regional Council of Governments

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) serves an eight county region in three states. The ...

#### Planner II - City of Gallatin, Tennessee

The City of Gallatin, TN, a growing, well-established city of 30,000, located 25 miles northeast of the Nashville, ...



## Public Outreach & Social Media

We are continuing to utilize social media to reach our membership. Alex Koppelman is serving as our social media coordinator and is managing our Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn pages. We are always looking for high quality social media content, so if you have any exciting projects, news about your staff, or events you want to share, please contact Alex or send an email to [apakentucky@gmail.com](mailto:apakentucky@gmail.com). Please follow us on Twitter (@APAKentucky) and join our groups on Facebook and LinkedIn. Don't forget to share your photos from any planning related event.

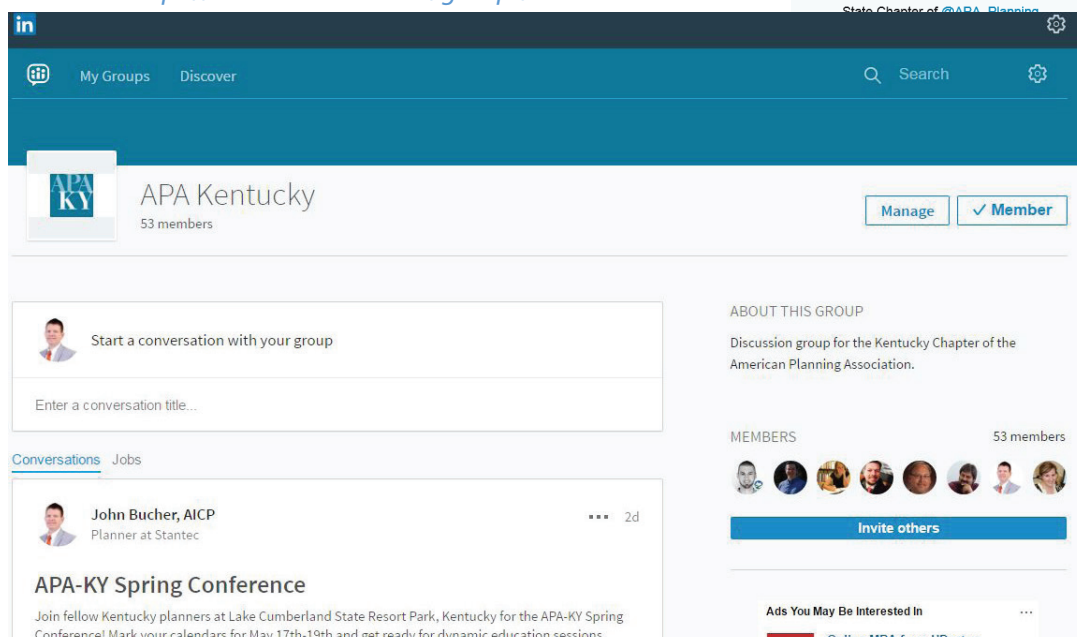


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## Programs and Special Events

2016 was a great year for conferences. Our committee hosted a spring conference, joined forces with Ohio and Indiana Planners for the joint regional OKI conference in the fall, and are now working to develop new technical training and networking sessions that all Kentucky planners need!

Our spring conference was held in Bowling Green on May 18-20, 2016. We continued the urban location trend, and had a total of 16 technical sessions, as well as AICP training, and Planning Commissioner trainings. There were over 150 people in attendance and able to enjoy great weather and get out for a bus tour of the city as well as an evening out at the Corsair Distillery.

The 2016 OKI Planning Conference was held October 5-7 in Indianapolis. This year's theme was Planning to Live, Living to Plan, with an emphasis on sustainability. The highlight of the Conference was undoubtedly the Planning Olympics. As attendees enjoyed the conference social at the NCAA Hall of Champions, the hosts announced the start of the Planning Olympics, but Kentucky didn't have a team. With the hosts about to make Kentucky forfeit, Soumi Basu pulled together a team at the last second.

Osei Amo-Mensah, Keith Rodenhauser, and John Bucher represented APA-KY in the first event, Cards Against Urbanity. Team APA-KY needed a win on the last hand to edge out Ohio, but still took second place behind Indiana.

Event number two was the Public Meeting Set-Up. Soumi Basu and John Bucher represented APA-KY. After all three teams were finished, Team APA-KY was over 90 seconds slower than Indiana, but several minutes faster than Ohio. There was still hope. The rules required time additions for mistakes. Team APA-KY had only made one mistake, meaning just 5 seconds in penalties. Team Indiana made several mistakes and skipped several items altogether. Before the judges could add up the penalties, the NCAA staff closed the building and forced everyone to leave. The judges, all from Indiana, informed the teams that they would add up the penalties later and announce the winner at the final lunch session on Friday.

Despite having the smallest number of conference attendees and being seconds away from forfeiting, Team APA-KY was announced as the winner of the Planning Olympics thanks to a dominating performance in the Public Meeting Set-Up. A special thanks is due to Soumi for not letting us forfeit and leading us to victory.



OKI Planning Conference 2016, Indianapolis, IN



## Programs and Special Events

### Save these 2017 Conference Dates!

The spring conference for this year will be held at the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park on May 17-19, 2017. This year's conference theme is, "From Vision to Implementation: Planning Tools and Trends to Make It Happen." We are excited to offer a variety of training programs targeted to both urban and rural communities. The program and registration can be found on the APA-KY website, here: [www.apaky.org/events](http://www.apaky.org/events).

The fall one-day conference will continue this year's park theme, but shift back to an urban area – we'll be heading to Louisville's Parklands of Floyds Fork to utilize the Gheens Foundation Lodge. The conference will be held September 29, 2017.

Thanks to all for attending and those that have volunteered to help on the committee and at the conferences. 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!

**Lindsay and Megan**  
Committee Chairs



**Lindsay Walker, PE,  
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**Megan Enyeart Chan,  
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Senior Planner  
Georgetown-Scott County  
Planning Commission



Spring Conference May 17-19, 2017: Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

## Legislative Committee

There are lots of important issues to understand and keep tabs on in Kentucky Legislation. The below lists 2016 Legislative session's topics that came up frequently in our planner world. APA-KY officer James Fausz and I presented the legislative session for the Kentucky update at the OKI Fall conference in Indianapolis. Some of the below were proposed bills and some were APA-KY member discussions.

- LIFT -General Assembly to confer upon the proper authority of any city or county the power to levy a local option sales and use tax, subject to specifically enumerated conditions and limitations; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language. Public/Private partnership will be important here. <http://liftkentucky.com/>
- Public Private Partnership, signed into law by Governor Matt Bevin on April 8, 2016. Also, referred to as P3, it provides a long-term contract between a private party and a government entity, for providing a public asset or service, in which the private party bears significant risk and management responsibility, and remuneration is linked to performance. <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/p3>
- Several billboard issues related to pruning and LED. September 2016, D.C. Court of Appeals issued its ruling on Scenic America's longstanding lawsuit over FHWA's 2007 memorandum allowing digital billboards.
- HB 55 was signed by the Governor on April 27, 2016. This bill amends KRS 100.137 to delete language relating to certain cities and their requirements to adopt planning and zoning requirements; amend KRS 100.201, 100.202, and 100.205 to conform.
- SB230 was signed by the Governor April 13, 2016. This bill amends KRS 99.700, relating to blighted and deteriorated properties, to expand findings to include all local government jurisdictions; amend KRS 99.705 to define "alternative government entity," "local government," and "nuisance code"; amend KRS 99.71
- Required notifications for public hearings to be in the newspaper. Some jurisdictions do not feel this is necessary and would rather go electronic and use mail for notification. Comprehensive plans are also a discussion on whether this can be provided as an on-line document only.
- "Mini" cell towers and whether they must go through Planning Commission if using existing structures. Home Rule vs. Dillon's Rule.
- Residential inspections from Code enforcement. We're discussing whether there needs to be legislation on what triggers an inspection.

For those of you interested in keeping up with Kentucky Legislature, please check out <https://legiscan.com/KY>. On that main page, scroll down and you'll see the most monitored bills, most viewed and a list of all present and past legislation. You can search by a specific area of interest as well (eg. Transportation). It's very easy to use and gives very up to date information. During the sessions, KET airs live, so you can watch bills progressing in real time. Very exciting!



**Tammy Markert, AICP**  
Transportation Planning Supervisor  
Louisville Metro Government

# Financial Committee

First of all, thank you to all of our fantastic corporate sponsors 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. So thank you AECOM, Bell Engineering, Lord Aeck Sargent, MKSK, Neel-Shaffer, Qk4, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, and WB Parsons Brinckerhoff!

The following table shows the projected and actual Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2016 (January 1 to December 31), as well as the budget for Fiscal Year 2017. If you have any questions about this information please contact Brian Davis at [brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov).

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>FY 2016 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2017 Budget</b>
Transfer Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APA Rebate	\$6,000.00	\$6,896.13	\$6,500.00
Conferences	\$15,500	\$21,658.51	\$24,500.00
APA-KY Affiliate Dues	\$360.00	\$735.00	\$525.00
Seminars/Workshops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sponsors	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,000.00
Professional Dev.	\$200.00	\$22.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous/Grants	\$0.00	\$172,141.14	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$26,560.00</b>	<b>\$204,952.78</b>	<b>\$37,525.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>FY 2016 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2017 Budget</b>
Publications/Newsletter	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.47	\$1,500.00
Program Development/Conferences/Seminars/Workshops	\$19,500.00	\$23,896.50	\$22,000.00
Professional Development	\$1,500.00	\$1,679.00	\$1,500.00
Executive	\$4,500.00	\$3,962.53	\$5,000.00
Special Projects	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Legislative	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Community Outreach/Conf. Sponsors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Relations/Awards	\$750.00	\$1,235.08	\$750.00
Administrative	\$1,600.00	\$2,241.64	\$2,000.00
University of Louisville Scholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$10.97	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous/Grants	\$0.00	\$130,000	\$32,500.00
Membership	\$3,500.00	\$1,286.20	\$3,000.00
CNU Conference Sponsorship	---	---	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,750.00</b>	<b>\$167,512.39</b>	<b>\$73,150.00</b>

## Behind the Numbers

The most obvious change from the FY 2016 Budget and FY 2016 Actual columns is the Miscellaneous/Grants category. The Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) has received \$162,500 in grants from the American Planning Association as part of their Plan4Health program (<http://plan4health.us>). These funds are given to our organization, and we in turn give that money to the recipient (in this case, KIPDA). Two invoices totaling \$130,000 were received and paid in FY 2016; however, the invoice for the third payment was not received and therefore there is a \$32,500 budget item for FY 2017 for this latest payment.



## Awards – Great Places in America: Old Louisville

Last year the APA highlighted a list of Great Places in America. Louisville's "city within a city", Old Louisville, was chosen as a 2016 Great Neighborhood. The APA recognized Old Louisville for not only its historic value, being one of the first residential neighborhoods in the city and also one of the largest collections of Victorian homes in the country but also for its diversity, access to public transit, and its proximity to colleges and nightlife activities. Old Louisville has also played host to the St. James Art Show for the past 60 years. The St. James Art Show, which started as a fundraiser for the St James grounds and fountain, has become one of the country's largest events of its kind. The Garvin Gate Blues Festival, Shakespeare in the Park at Central Park, and the Old Louisville Holiday Homes Tour are just a few more of the community festivities that Old Louisville offers.

Old Louisville's success can largely be attributed to its Historic Preservation District Designation in 1974 and placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, which has preserved the integrity and character of the neighborhood and protected it from development pressure. The Local Historic Preservation District designation, as well as Old Louisville's unique zoning classification contributes today to preserving the traditional design and uses within the neighborhood. The neighborhood's proximity to downtown as well as the University of Louisville has also been a part of attracting home-buyers and businesses to the area. This combination of preservation and community planning has made Old Louisville the Great Neighborhood it is today.





## Awards – Great Places in America: Old Louisville





## Awards – APA National 2016

Kenton County's new comprehensive plan—Direction 2030: Your Voice. Your Choice—is the 2016 recipient of a national Award of Excellence in the Comprehensive Plan – Large Jurisdiction category. The award is one of several accolades granted to planning projects from across the nation by the American Planning Association (APA) County Planning Division and its sister organization, the National Association of County Planners. The award was presented on April 4, 2016 during the APA National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

The diverse group of participants developed its replacement—Direction 2030: Your Voice. Your Choice.—through an aggressive three-year public engagement process. That process accomplished what many thought previously would be impossible: to build consensus among all 20 of the county's local governments, their 126 elected officials, and their 20 planning commission members.

They grounded the plan in research provided by a national market analyst, most of it from sources bankers use for reviewing development-financing strategies. This established the plan as a unique resource for near-term development proposals and a baseline for state-mandated five-year updates.

Stakeholders played a critical role in crafting a number of its innovative policies. Their opposition to broad recommendations prompted planners to divide the county into four subareas—urban, first-ring suburb,



suburban, and rural—to reflect the community's diversity. Policies are based now on the differing lifestyles found across these subareas.

The participants advocated for an easy-to-use final product. Planners responded with an online comprehensive plan ([direction2030.org](http://direction2030.org)) that documents the plan's creation, delivers guidance to anyone anywhere 24/7/365, and incorporates GIS technologies to entice users to interact with its contents.

The groups also called for accountability to assure that the plan's objectives would be implemented. The PDS staff created a second website ([action.direction2030.org](http://action.direction2030.org)) to keep participants and stakeholders up to date with information from the various implementation efforts being undertaken by the planning commission and others across the community.



## Awards – APA-KY 2016

### Outstanding Comprehensive Plan

City of Henderson, Kentucky  
“Henderson Vision Plan”

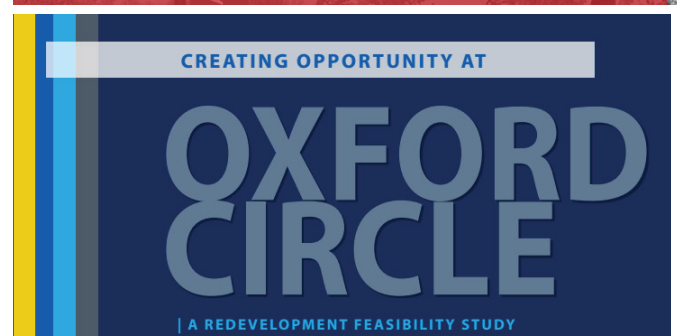
Thousands of people were involved in the Henderson Vision Plan! This plan is truly a collaborative document created by students and young professional, families, senior citizens, local business owners, and community leaders who engaged in the visioning process to define where Henderson should be headed. This plan organized the efforts from a 27-person steering committee, 14 stakeholder interviews, seven focus groups, a three-day visioning charrette, three public workshops, a six-panel mobile display, a “Meeting in a Box” toolkit for nine additional meetings, and an online & mailed survey. Henderson achieved their goal to further engage a greater amount of people in the visioning process to gain a greater understanding of the community values, goals, and desires.



### Outstanding Small Area Plan

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government –  
Planning Division  
“Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan” and “Oxford Circle  
Redevelopment Feasibility Study”

The Cardinal Valley and Oxford Circle Neighborhood is one of the most diverse parts of Lexington, having everything from established single-family neighborhoods, apartments for low-income families, strip malls and regional chains, to small neighborhood-serving retail. The planning team identified five catalytic focus areas: an “international village” shopping district along Alexandria Drive; neighborhood housing improvements; transformation of Versailles Road for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit use; a connected open space network linking neighborhood parks and community facilities; and a new library/community center within Oxford Circle. The small area plan was the initial guide to the feasibility study. The study recommendations hope to transform the under-performing retail center by acquiring necessary properties that accommodate the development of the Oxford Circle Opportunity Hub.





## Awards – APA-KY 2016

### Outstanding Project/Program/Tool

#### Gresham Smith and Partners & Louisville Forward “Rsquared 40212”

Rsquared, (Reuse & Revitalize) is a new program being developed by the Vacant and Public Property Administration (VPPA) in Louisville, KY, to combat the nationwide issues of vacancy and abandonment. This program is a comprehensive umbrella initiative which focuses on sustainable methods to reduce blight and vacancy in Louisville neighborhoods. The project goals of Rsquared include: educating the public and city on current conditions related to vacancy and abandonment within the given study area. Given the broad goals of the project the engagement strategies and response were a great success and will inform future projects for Louisville Metro. This planning process has already had a major impact in the community. Residents and others are currently being engaged in the first Rsquared implementation project called “Produce Park,” an urban orchard.



### Outstanding Use of Technology

#### Planning and Development Services of Kenton County “Northern KY MapLAB”

NKYmapLAB is a collaborative effort of Planning & Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) and LINK-GIS, the GIS system that serves Kenton, Campbell, and Pendleton counties. This initiative aims to analyze a wide variety of geographic data, including big data, to make data more sharable, and present them in a more visual format that facilitates understanding by the public and its elected leaders. This initiative targets its analysis efforts in the following areas: 1) implementation of the county’s long range plan (Direction 2030). 2) Quality of life issue for county residents and 3) economic development efforts as requested by city and county officials.



## Awards – APA-KY 2016

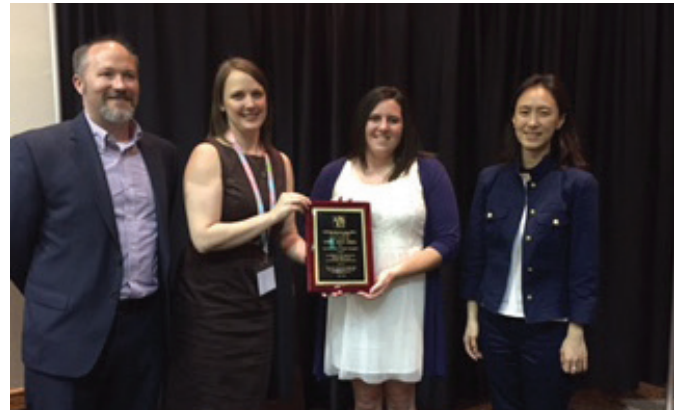
### **Outstanding Use of Technology: Civic Engagement** The Lexington Downtown Development Authority “Town Branch Water Walk”

The Town Branch Water Walk is a self-guided audio tour of downtown Lexington’s hidden Town Branch waterway. It was developed as a multi-media public education project allowing residents of Lexington and beyond to trace the length of the long buried waterway. The Water Walk project complements the larger Town Branch Commons project – a visionary public/private partnership to weave a 1.8 mile linear network of public park space along the path of the Town Branch. The Town Branch Water Walk was an important first step in educating and engaging Lexington residents as grassroots stakeholders in the vision and value of the larger Town Branch Commons Project. The project is an engaging public education platform using audio technology to explain the water way as you walk the length of the path of the larger Town Branch Commons project.



### **Outstanding Student Project** University of Kentucky, Department of Landscape Architecture “Bullitt County Greenway: Envisioning the Future of Connectivity”

Undergraduate students in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Kentucky (UKLA) worked on a community design project with concerned community members from Bullitt County, KY, during a combined course (LA 324/426, LA Design Studios IV/VI) in the fall semester of 2014. The community group has been putting effort into initiating a trail plan to connect Floyds Fork to the Bernheim Arboretum and Forest in the central part of the county. The UKLA students expanded upon this effort to develop a county-wide greenway plan. The goals of this plan were to preserve the natural resources and cultural heritage of the area while also taking advantage of and connecting with the greater region including Louisville (Jefferson County), Bardstown (Nelson County), and Elizabethtown (Hardin County).



## Awards – APA-KY 2016

### 2016 THE WILLIAM BOWDY AWARD

**“Outstanding Life-Time Achievement as a Kentucky Planner”**

#### **PATTI CLARE, AICP**

Patti most recent role within Louisville government was as Deputy Director for Louisville’s Office of Advanced Planning within Develop Louisville. Two of her major accomplishments in that role were leading Metro’s multi-modal transportation plan (MOVE Louisville) and managing the development the winning TIGER Grant to Dixie Highway.

Before working with Develop Louisville, Patti served with the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) from 2003 until late 2011. In her role at the DDC, Patti served as project manager on planning and development projects and as the manager on public/private development projects, including the \$110 million Downtown Marriott and the \$70 million 4th Street Live! Prior to joining the DDC, Patti worked for the Louisville Development Authority (LDA) where she oversaw city-wide community development and planning activities. Her assignments with (LDA) included project management of the West Louisville Competitive Assessment and Strategy Project and project manager for the development of Louisville Slugger Field, a AAA baseball stadium.

Patti was named a 2012-2013 Fellow of the Urban Land Institute’s Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership and was a 2012 recipient of the Kentucky Society of Architects of the American Institute of Architects’ John Russell Groves, Jr. Citizens Laureate Award. She received a Master’s in Arts from the Center for Urban Programs at Saint Louis University and a Bachelor’s degree from Bellarmine University in Louisville. Clare is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, and the Kentucky Association for Economic Development.

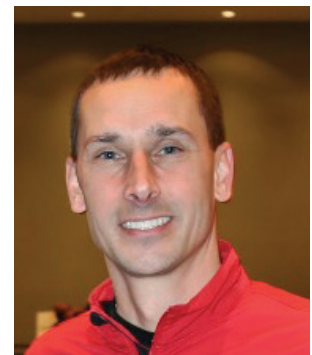
Patricia Clare has over 30 years of experience in the urban planning field, with a concentration in transportation, downtown, and economic development. Her contributions to planning and improving the landscape of Kentucky makes her a perfect recipient of the William Bowdy Award.



### 2016 APA-KY Service Award

#### **RYAN LIBKE, AICP**

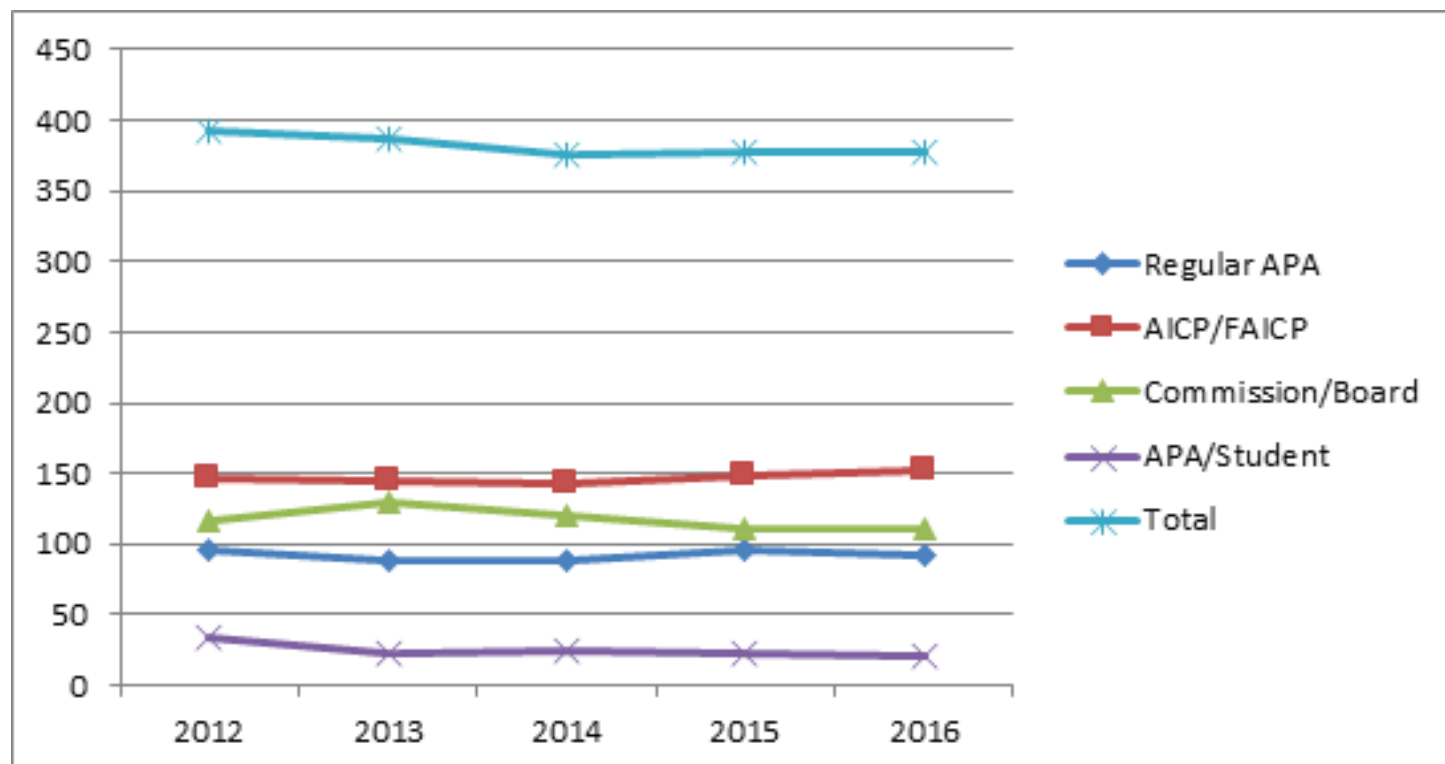
Executive Committee  
Past President 2015  
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## Membership

The membership chart below illustrates the APA-KY Chapter membership trend from 2012 to 2016. Since 2012, total membership has declined by 16 which is a 4% decrease. The greatest fluctuations in membership occurred in the Commission/Board Member and Student categories which tend to be more volatile due to turn over in appointments and graduates. Not surprisingly, the segment of membership which has remained relatively constant is the AICP/FAICP category due to Certificate Maintenance requirements for certified planners. We have been spreading the word about chapter only members and at the end of 2016, there are 21 chapter only members which brings the grand total to 398 members.



In the coming year, membership retention and recruitment will be a focus of APA-KY. If you would like membership benefits brochures contact Mike Hill at [hillmd@owensboro.org](mailto:hillmd@owensboro.org). To join APA (which includes state chapter membership) visit their website at [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org) or to inquire about joining the APA-KY chapter only, please contact Treasurer Shawn Dikes at [Dikes@pbworld.com](mailto:Dikes@pbworld.com) for more information. For commissioner/board members, the chapter only membership is \$35/year and is a great deal. Chapter only members receive all newsletters, email blasts and other correspondences which will include information on training opportunities to obtain required HB 55 hours.

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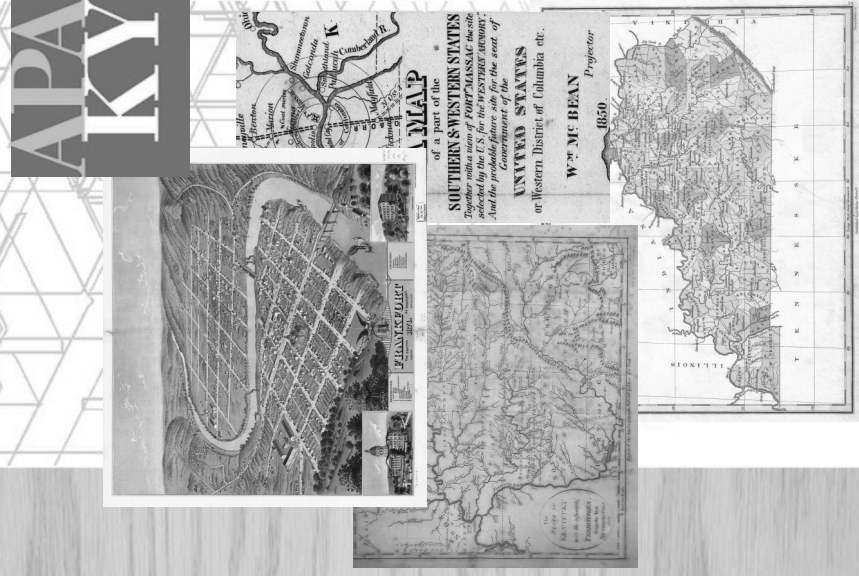
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## Membership Benefits



## MISSION STATEMENT

APA Kentucky shall promote  
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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.

## APA KENTUCKY HAS ITS REWARDS

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

- ◆ Website—[www.kapa.org](http://www.kapa.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

## WHO ARE APA KENTUCKY MEMBERS?

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

## 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.

Contact Shawn Dikes for details at:  
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For dues information and to join, visit:  
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May 17-19 - APA-KY Spring Conference, Lake Cumberland

May 18 - Annual Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, Lake Cumberland

July 21 - APA-KY Executive Committee Meeting, Lexington

September 15 - APA-KY Executive Committee Meeting, Louisville

September 29 - APA-KY Fall Conference, Parklands of Floyds Fork (Louisville)

October - National Planning Month

November 3 - APA-KY Executive Committee Meeting, Louisville

November 6-20 - AICP Certification Exam Testing Window

December 8 - APA-KY Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Party