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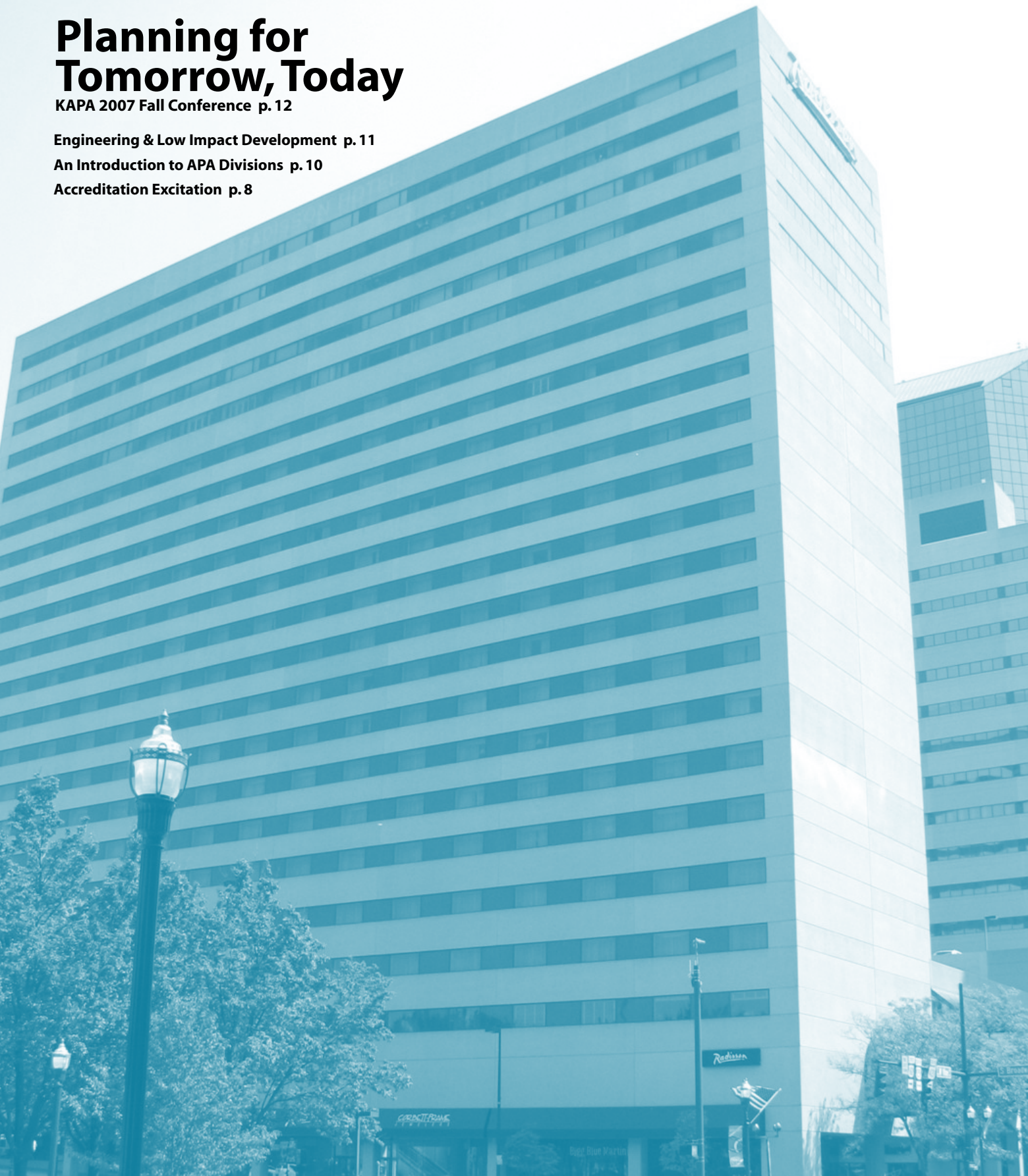
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# A Word From The President

The membership survey published in this edition of the newsletter was conducted in early 2007 to begin to gauge KAPA's effectiveness in serving our members. As a reminder, Chapters serve as one Council to the APA Board of Directors and are charged with providing services to the membership. Key components of these services are communication, professional development, programs, awards, legislative information, and education.

I want to thank those of you who took the time to complete the short survey. We sincerely appreciate all of the thoughtful and helpful comments that were provided by our membership. Your increased participation can help improve membership benefits. As I reviewed the survey results a few things stood out to me.



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First, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of respondents that read the newsletter regularly. This speaks very highly of our newsletter editor and his continued diligence to provide quality articles to reach our broad membership interests. Bob Jonas has been doing a great job coordinating these efforts for the Chapter. After working on a few newsletters with him, however, I also see what a challenge it can be to get newsletter article submissions. I encourage all of you to use the newsletter to showcase planning efforts in your community. The newsletter readership numbers should also speak to our sponsors and to those who might be interested in becoming a sponsor. Sponsoring the newsletter is one easy (and reasonably priced) way to get wide advertisement to the planning community throughout the Commonwealth.

Second, many of the comments and suggestions made in the survey were geared toward continuing education and conferences. This indicated to me that our members look strongly to the chapters for their continuing education needs, both at a professional level and a citizen planning level. No doubt this has much to do with our statewide legislation requiring continuing education for planning commissioners, board of adjustment members, and professional planning staff.

The chapter conferences have been a staple of KAPA's continuing education efforts for many years. Many of the comments in the survey were geared toward conference topics and offering greater variety at conferences. Having once been Program Committee Chair, I know first hand how difficult it can be to recruit presenters from within the Commonwealth, and how expensive it can be to bring in presenters from the outside. We depend on our members and other affiliated organizations to share their expertise and knowledge.

I encourage those of you who have experience to share with the rest of us to take an active role in KAPA conferences. Our conferences are held twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. If you are interested in presenting a session and don't get the call for presentations, please don't hesitate to contact me or our conference chairs. We welcome participation and diversity in topics and would like to expand our sessions to meet the interests of a greater audience of planners.

KAPA strives to provide reasonably priced conferences in suitable locations to meet the needs of our members. This is sometimes quite a challenge. Based on many factors, including responses from this survey, the continuing need for members to meet state continuing education requirements, and now the new AICP certification maintenance program it seems that KAPA should be seriously considering some changes to its continuing education structure.

The new Certification Maintenance program for AICP includes a provider registration process. This process involves a cost to chapters, divisions, other organizations, and APA itself. As it stands, each provider, including KAPA will pay an annual fee of \$95 to AICP, plus \$50 for each hour of credit we want to be certified. KAPA will be continuing to investigate ways to cost effectively provide AICP members with quality low-cost opportunities to meet the 32 hour requirements.

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# From The Editor's Desk

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Recently I was stopped by a co-worker who said she regularly reads my "From The Editor" columns. After the initial shock of her claim subsided, I began to thank her only to be met with the dreaded, "but..." She said my columns were too negative and she challenged me to be more positive in my musings about the planning profession. Wow! Have I really been that jaded? I suppose it's true. I have been heard to say that in order to be positive about planning you have to see the glass 1/8 full as opposed to 7/8 empty. To find out for sure I went back through the past several issues of Kentucky Planner. Much to my chagrin, she was right. Surely there are positive planning success stories out there to write about. So, with that in mind, I embarked on a personal journey to find them. They weren't as hard to find as I thought. Over the years we have been aggressively requiring new developments to provide connections to adjoining properties and existing developments and today it is paying off. I was able to get from point A to point B without getting on the busy arterial road network. So yeah, our interconnected subdivisions are a positive. Also, considering the tremendous population growth we've experienced over the past 15 years, we don't have too many places of high traffic congestion. Hey, this feels good. What else can I



come up with? Well, we have a bold trail and path plan in place and are already starting to reap benefits from it. Then there's that stand of trees I fought to have preserved on a commercial site plan back in 1996. The trees are still there and they make the development look great. OK, now I'm convinced that planning success stories are all over the place. Not just in my county, but throughout the Commonwealth. Heck, I know this because I hear about them at every KAPA conference I go to. I guess all I needed to do was to start thinking outside of the big-box. If you have any success stories please forward them on to me and we will work them into a future issue of Kentucky Planner.

## Deadlines

Please observe deadlines in consideration of the editor, who does this in his spare time. Late entries will appear in a later issue.

## Next Deadline

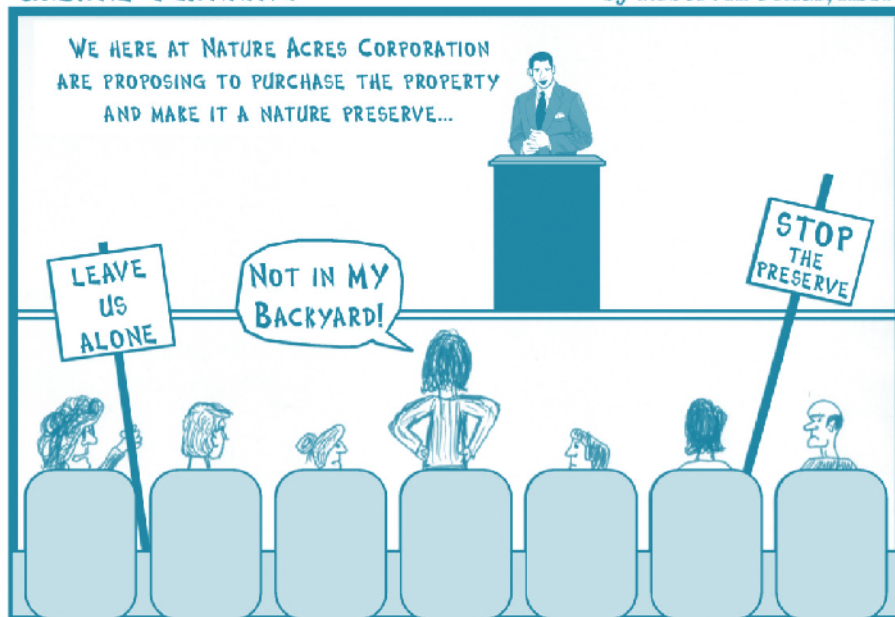
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## Submissions

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## URBANE PLANNING

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# APA & KAPA Student Members Benefits

KAPA offers many great opportunities to its student members. The cost of student membership in the APA is sponsored in half by KAPA. Students interested should send the APA membership application and a check for \$22.50 to the KAPA Treasurer, who will then send on the APA membership application and the \$45 student membership fee. Please contact Rachel Phillips at [rphillip@lfucg.com](mailto:rphillip@lfucg.com) for more information.

KAPA also typically offers free registration to students for state conferences. Opportunities also exist to volunteer at regional conferences in lieu of registration fees. These are invaluable events for students to network and get more involved in the profession. Some upcoming conferences include the Spring KAPA Conference to be held May 21-23, 2008 at Lake Cumberland State Park and the OKI Regional Planning Conference set for October 15-17, 2008, in Louisville.

Students are active in chapters, participate in APA governance through the Student Representatives Council, and meet and exchange ideas on campuses through Planning Student Organizations. A student representative from the Planning Student Organization at the University of Louisville is selected to sit on KAPA's Executive Committee to participate in all Chapter level decisions.

APA also offers many resources and opportunities

specifically tailored for students. APA provides information on planning careers, job opportunities, fellowships, and mentoring to help students improve their knowledge of the field. APA's Early Career Program offers students enhanced benefits – like discounts on conferences, division memberships, and publications – at rates far below what regular members pay. Student members who volunteer to work a day during the conference can also receive free registration for national conferences. The 2008 National Planning Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, from April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Conference, *'Planning Our Legacy'* Louisville, Kentucky

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## Professional Development Officer's Report by Megan DeSola, AICP

Fall is upon us and in between watching football and enjoying the cooler weather (finally!) I have been gearing up for some big changes in the world of professional development. First, APA has finally finished revamping



the new Certificate Maintenance (CM) logging system on their website which was rolled out on October 25, 2007. I hope that all AICP members have kept a personal log of their CM hours this summer as you will be responsible for entering those credits into the new logging system.

Just as a reminder, you can earn CM credits for professional-development activities in which you have participated between April 14, 2007, and December 31, 2007, if the organization that sponsored the activity registers it for CM credits. Through the online logging system, you are able to search for professional-development activities in which you have participated among the listing of CM-approved events. You are also able to submit the names of other organizations that have sponsored professional-development activities in which you have participated to [AICPCM@planning.org](mailto:AICPCM@planning.org). AICP will contact them to invite them to register their professional-development activities for CM credit.

In addition, if you are interested in asking your favorite continuing education provider to become a registered CM provider, please e-mail [gmcintosh@planning.org](mailto:gmcintosh@planning.org) and they will be sent information inviting them to register as a CM provider. Or, feel free to download a CM Provider Handout, available on the APA website, and pass it on to continuing education providers that you've used in the past.

As we will all need to be diligent about accruing our CM hours, as well as hours required by HB 55, KAPA is trying to improve the number of AICP-approved courses and seminars throughout the state. Therefore, I am currently seeking planning-related organizations who may be interested in partnering with KAPA or other groups to organize professional development events. I am putting together a "Partner" contact list so KAPA will be able to better fulfill our state's continuing education needs. Please contact me for more information or to add an organization to the list at [mdesola@vioxinc.com](mailto:mdesola@vioxinc.com).

In other news, I would like to congratulate Kentucky's newest AICPs! The following people passed the May 2007 AICP exam:

- Thomas Barnett, AICP - City of Paducah;
- Ann Cavaluzzi, AICP - Spatial Data Integrations (Louisville);
- Meghan Estabrook, AICP - Northern Kentucky Area Development District;
- Chris Sandfoss, AICP - Landrum & Brown (Cincinnati, OH);
- David Wormald, AICP - URS Corp. (Cincinnati, OH).

In Kentucky 71% of those taking the exam passed which was higher than the national rate of 67%.

With the November AICP exam quickly approaching, KAPA decided for the first time to offer an AICP exam prep session at the fall state conference in Lexington. I am thrilled to report that we had 21 potential AICP members attend the half-day workshop! A big 'thank you' goes out to all who attended and to those who volunteered to lead our sessions. In fact, it was such a big success, that we have decided to offer an AICP workshop in conjunction with our future fall conferences. KAPA will continue to offer the 2-day exam workshop in the spring, thus test-takers will have two opportunities during the year to attend an exam preparation workshop. Good luck to all of Kentucky's November AICP exam-takers!

Now for some sad news: KAPA recently decided to phase-out our "60-Hour Club." The Club has slowly suffered from a lack of participation over the past few years. With the existence of HB 55 and now the new CM program, it was felt that tracking hours for yet another organization was getting a bit overwhelming. Therefore, time is running short to send in your continuing education hours to Sharmili Sampath, AICP, our 60-Hour Club organizer, at [ssampath@nkape.org](mailto:ssampath@nkape.org). We will award the final 60-Hour Club awards at the 2008 KAPA Spring Conference. Thank you and congratulations to all of the 60-Hour Club participants and winners over the years!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any and all of your professional development questions!

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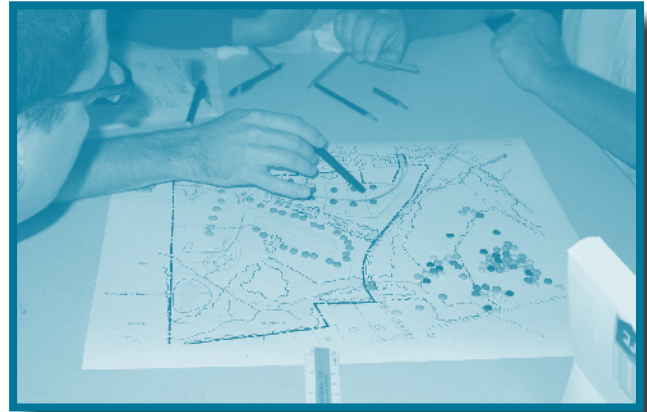
by David M. Simpson, PhD, AICP

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Support and dedication from KAPA members, students, alums and practitioners around the state helped create the Master of Urban Planning degree at the University of Louisville, which is now reaching an important milestone by undergoing the accreditation process.

The program has applied for candidacy status with the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). The PAB requires that programs graduate 25 students before they may apply, and meet other pre-qualification criteria. In April of this year, the President of the University, Dr. Jim Ramsey, submitted a letter of application, which was approved by the PAB—meaning the program was allowed to take the next step of writing a “Self Study Report,” which describes the overall program and how it meets the accreditation criteria as laid out by the PAB guidance documents. The report was drafted and submitted this summer.

Dr. Steve Bourassa, Director of the School of Urban and Public Affairs, and the inaugural director of the MUP, and Dr. Simpson, the current MUP director, will appear before the Planning Accreditation Board this October to answer initial questions from the board and receive official “candidacy” status, and authorization to proceed to the next step in the process, a site team visit. A three-person team (two planning academics and one practicing planner) will come for several days in the fall of 2008 and assess the program.



Assuming all goes well; the program would receive accreditation designation in 2009, but would be retroactive to the year of initial application (2007). Because of the care in which the program was created in 1999—specifically designed to meet PAB criteria—there is every expectation that the process will be successful.

In July the MUP program invited a “mock reviewer” to examine the program (Chuck Connerly, Chair of the Planning Department at Florida State University). The review found that the program is doing very well, and should not encounter any major obstacles in attaining accreditation status.

The program has recently been strengthened by the hiring of a new graduate student advisor, Yani Vozos (also a MUP alumnus), and will continue to strive to place smart, skilled planners in our Kentucky Communities (and beyond)!





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PLAN-315: Planning Commissioner Training is a highly practical, informative, and affordable course that provides a comprehensive overview of planning principles and practices, environmental design, project development, and other topics vital to creating a vibrant community. This course offers detailed descriptions of planning concepts, discussions about public participation and the decision-making process, an introduction to land-use and development, and the extensive first-hand experience and knowledge of the course's expert instructor. The Planning Commissioner Training Course is one of Planetizen's online planning courses, accessible through any web browser with an Internet connection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Planning Commissioner Training course is the perfect primer for new commission appointees and other public officials who will be making major planning decisions for their cities and communities.

The course provides a definitive overview of what it takes to be a knowledgeable and effective planning commissioner, including coverage of:

- Community planning
- Public meetings, open houses, workshops, and hearings
- Planning practice norms
- The basics of environmental management
- Land use and zoning
- The roles and laws of local, state, and federal governments in planning
- Current trends in community planning

Course instructor Ric Stephens has more than 28 years of experience in master planning, tourism development, and international planning, and has served as a planning commissioner for several cities and counties in Oregon and California since 1990.

This course is produced in collaboration with the Planning Commissioners Journal, a quarterly publication that for more than 15 years has covered a broad range of diverse topics related to the work of planning commissioners and other non-professional citizen planners.

Access to Planetizen's Planning Commissioner Training Course begins at \$129 for six months of unlimited access. Twelve-month access packages and group discounts are also available. You can read a complete course overview and outline, as well as purchase the course PLAN-315: Planning Commissioner Training at <http://www.planetizen.com/courses/commissioner>

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# What The Heck Are APA Divisions, Anyway?

By Dale R. Powers, AICP

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According to the odds of probability, approximately 4,000 APA members are in the process of renewing their membership. As you review your dues renewal form, you will see “Division Dues” and may wonder exactly what role Divisions have within the organization and what benefit there is in joining a Division. Unlike Chapters – of which membership is a mandatory requirement of maintaining your APA membership – being a member of a Division is optional.

So why should you join a Division? Is it worth the additional \$25.00 a year to your profession (and, perhaps more importantly, your employer) to join a Division?

The best way to describe the differences between a Chapter and a Division is that while Chapters are generalist in nature in serving the needs of members within a geographically-defined area, Divisions focus on the specializations of our profession, such as transportation planning, economic development, and urban design; creating a forum to discuss areas of interest unique to population-based groups of planners such as women, African-Americans, Latinos/Latinas, gays and lesbians, and Native Americans; and establishing a forum for the setting-based planners working in large cities and counties, as well as small towns and rural areas. While the focus of any one Division may be specialized, the scope is nationwide and global (especially true with the International Division). Division members share experiences with members throughout North America and the world, and the ideas learned are transferable to the situations each of us face on a daily basis.

As you scan the list of the 21 Divisions, you might be wondering what types of issues they are dealing with. Here is a small sample of these issues:

- The **City Planning and Management Division** just completed its 3<sup>rd</sup> peer consultation. Following up on its success for Atlanta and New Orleans, the Division sent a team of 3 experienced Directors to Jackson, MS to consult with local leaders, staff and clientele, reviewed the City’s operations and procedures and made recommendations on improvement.
- The **Economic Development Division** is presenting a ½-day “Economic Development Planning 101” training seminar at next year’s APA Conference in Las Vegas, designed for planners interested in this facet of planning or who want a refresher on the topic.
- The **Federal Planning Division** just completed its annual workshop, with 236 attendees, 29 exhibitors, and 28 breakout sessions.
- The **Gays and Lesbians in Planning Division** has addressed such issues as mapping safe neighborhoods, clear and concise planning documents, neighborhood revitalization, retirement housing, and social equity.
- The **Indigenous Planning Division** is currently partnering with the Alaska APA Chapter to hold a joint conference on Indigenous Planning in Anchorage in the fall of 2008.
- The **Planning and Women Division** is in an exceptional position to influence the relationship of planning to women and to highlight outstanding women planners.
- The **Small Town and Rural Planning Division** is the first APA Chapter or Division to offer subsidies for AICP Division members to partially reimburse for the cost of maintaining the AICP certification.
- The **Transportation Division** is working on a number of initiatives, including the Airports Committee and tracking pending. As well, the Division is developing a mentoring program and revitalizing its Policy Advisory Council that will provide expertise on a range of transportation-related topics.
- The **Urban Design and Preservation Division** hosts a nationwide Design Forum Series to engage planners and allied professionals in design oriented planning.

To conclude, before you complete your membership renewal, take another look at that bottom left corner of the application form directly right of this article and consider joining one or more Divisions. It is a simple task to hand-write the Divisions you want to join on the renewal form – and well worth the time and modest cost to do so.



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# Engineering Perspective on Low Impact Development

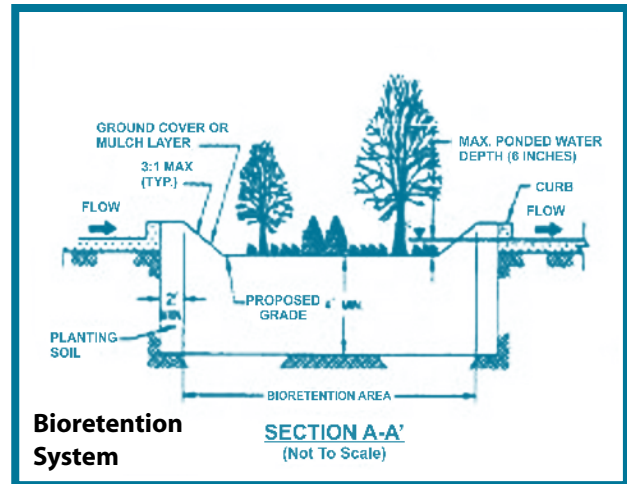
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A Professional Planner will describe Low Impact Development (LID) as “a theory in which the natural environment is considered when designing a subdivision or site to minimize the disturbance of the natural features and blending the development into the surroundings.” This may involve buffering streams, lakes, tree grouping and making them an amenity within the development for the enjoyment of the residents. An emerging trend in the Planning profession is New Urbanism. New Urbanism promotes the use of Traditional Neighborhood Design which has many of the same concepts as LID. An Engineer will see the concept of LID as an opportunity to further the goals of water quality and flood control. Many LID concepts can be implemented cost effectively, allowing the Engineer to increase benefit to the community.



The concepts of LID provide multiple opportunities to impact water quantity and water quality. Narrower streets, reduced parking requirements, landscaping, use of swales in lieu of storm sewer, green roofs, and porous pavements all reduce impervious cover and positively effect runoff rates and volumes of water to be stored during a storm event. Floodplain management concepts are furthered by LID concepts through encouragement of buffering and limited use within the buffer areas, in some cases prohibiting development within the floodplain. Bioretention, stream, lake, and wetland buffering, landscaping, tree conservation, land conservation, and sanitary sewer use provide more interaction of runoff and natural vegetation to pre-treat runoff and maximize infiltration into the groundwater.

Low Impact Development compliments efforts programs required by Federal and State Government. Clean Water Act Phase I and II communities can see benefits by taking credit for Post – Construction Best



Management Practices within developments through the use of Bioretention and limited land disturbance. Communities choosing to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) can demonstrate higher regulatory standards with the limited uses of floodplain provided through stream buffering.

Beyond the sometimes intangible benefits of improved water quality and flood control, LID allows development at lower cost to the community. Narrower pavements, lack of curb and gutter, less parking, less earthwork, and shorter streets all contribute to lower development costs. Since many of these features become part of developments providing plush amenities and up scale design elements, the value of the property increases providing higher tax base. In addition, this type of development tends to stimulate further development.

Planners and Engineers can agree that the aesthetics of Low Impact Development are encouragement enough for justifying its use. Engineers can further see the positive benefits to water quality, flood control and cost to their project and the goals of the community.





# KAPA 2007 Fall Conference

Planning for Tomorrow, Today.

The 2007 KAPA Fall Conference was held in the Lexington Radisson Hotel from September 19-21, 2007. Total attendance was 134 including those who attended the AICP study session. The conference began with Wednesday evening's opening reception. The next morning's Welcome and Opening Remarks was followed by a mobile workshop throughout Lexington as well as several sessions on a wide variety of topics including land use planning, bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning, computer modeling tools, downtown waterfront planning, small urban area

studies, and water quality issues with development. The closing luncheon featured Chief Executive Director of the 2010 World Equestrian Games Jack Kelly. This will be the largest equestrian sporting event ever held in the United States and planning is already in full force. The following photos are just a few of the highlights of the conference. Hope to see you at the KAPA Spring Conference in May of 2008 to be held at Lake Cumberland State Park.



**Jack Kelly discusses the 2010 World Equestrian Games at the closing luncheon**



**Louisville Transportation Planner Mohammad Nouri talks about designing for bicycling in Louisville**



**Jack Kleymeyer presents at the AICP Exam Preparation class**



**Sandy Camargo presents on the Dry Run Watershed  
Basin Land Use Plan**



**The registration table**



**Jon Villines discusses bicycle-friendly Louisville**



**Carter Dickerson demonstrates 3D visual-  
ization tools and techniques**



**The Radisson in Lexington, site  
of the conference**



**Thursday night reception at the Bodley  
Bullock House**



# 2007 KAPA Membership Survey Results

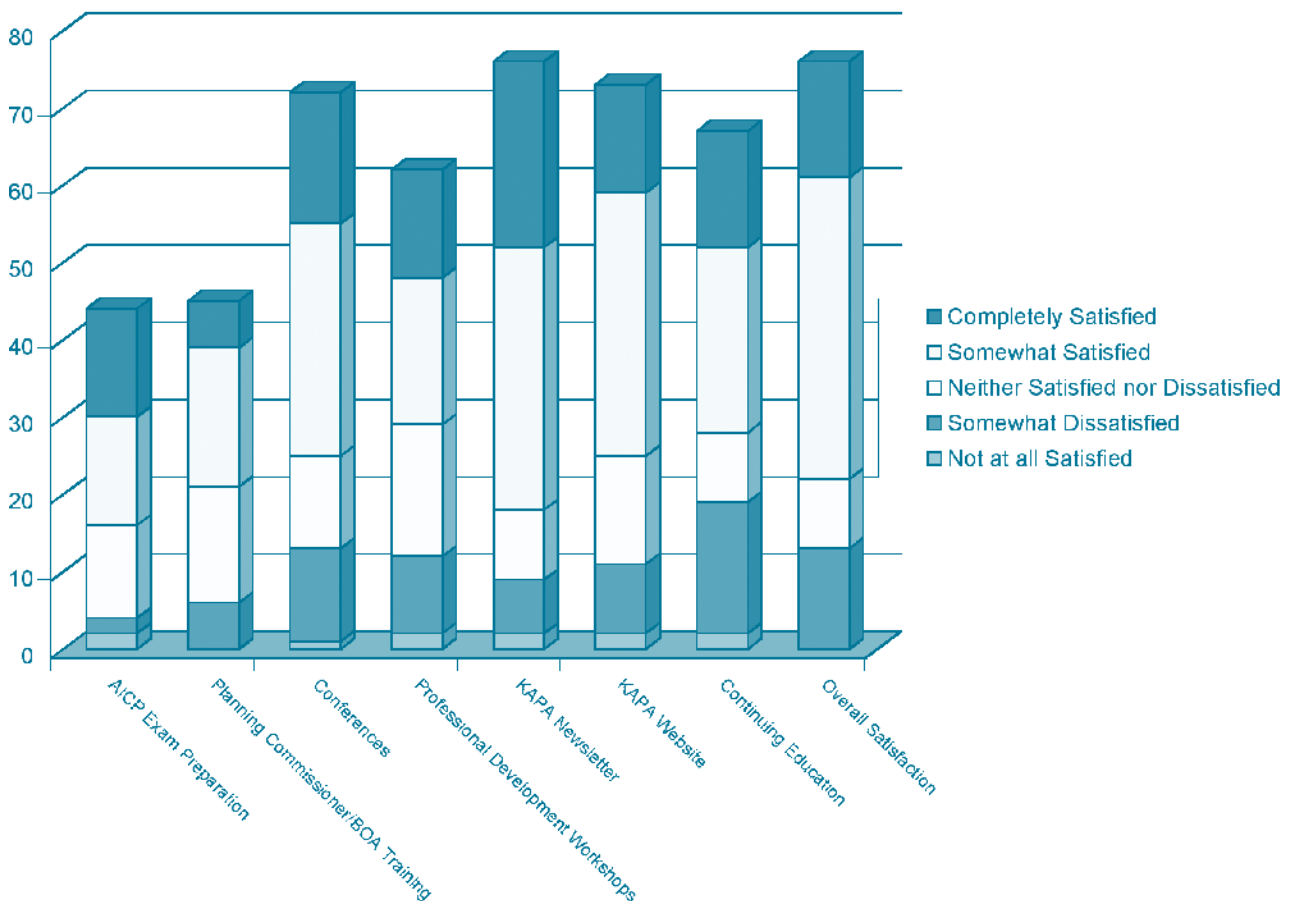
In April of 2007, KAPA conducted an online membership survey. This survey included ten questions to gather information on membership satisfaction with various KAPA services. The survey had approximately seventeen

percent return rate, with 78 members responding. The results from the survey will be used to improve services and benefits provided by the Chapter.

## Service Satisfaction

The first question was related to general services provided by KAPA. This included AICP exam preparation, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Training, Professional Development, Conferences, the newsletter and website, other continuing education, and overall satisfaction. The highest percentages were found, for each service, in the “Somewhat Satisfied” category.

How satisfied are you with the following services provided by KAPA?



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Some options might include restructuring the focus of each of our conferences, the use of “webinars”, bringing in experts for all day workshops, gearing professional development to both public and private sector planners, and improve relations with other organizations.

KAPA works to bring together practitioners, planning officials, students, and interested citizens into a single and stronger community development forum. We provide current information on planning issues, practices, and techniques. We are advocates for good planning in national, state, and local forums. Our

mission is to promote planning statewide in order to enhance the quality of life in Kentucky. We sincerely appreciate your membership and participation in this mission.

Best,

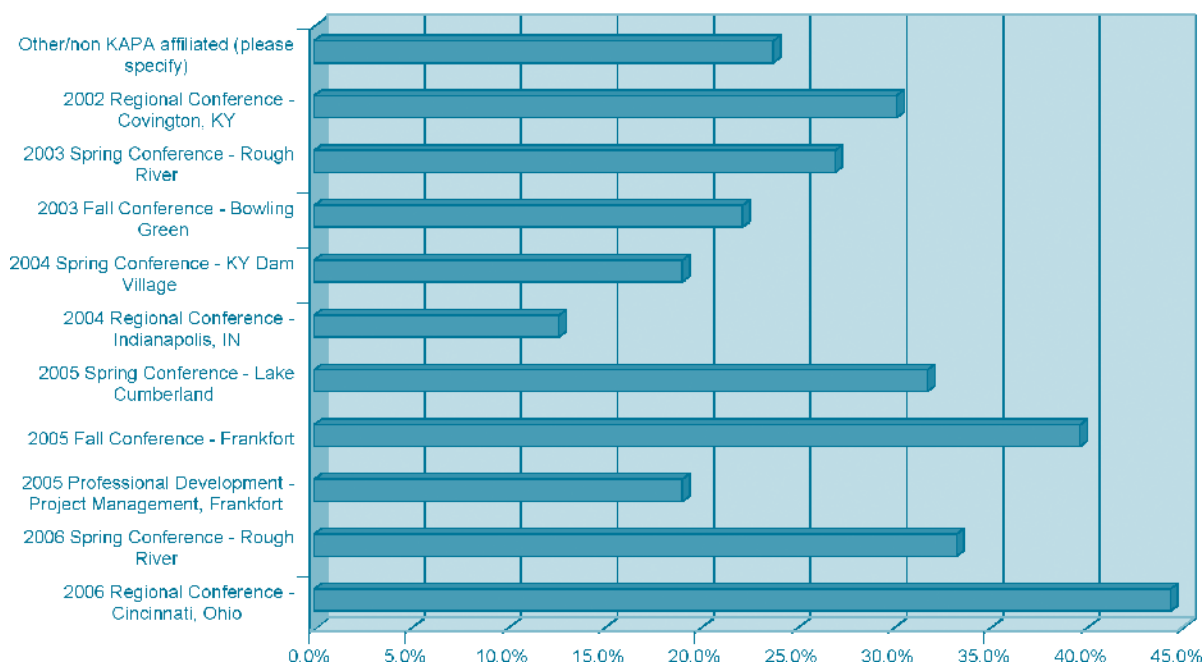
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## Conference Attendance

When asked about conference attendance over the last five years, small percentages of the respondents had attended each conference. The most attendance was at the 2006 Regional Conference in Cincinnati, where forty-five percent of the respondents had attended.

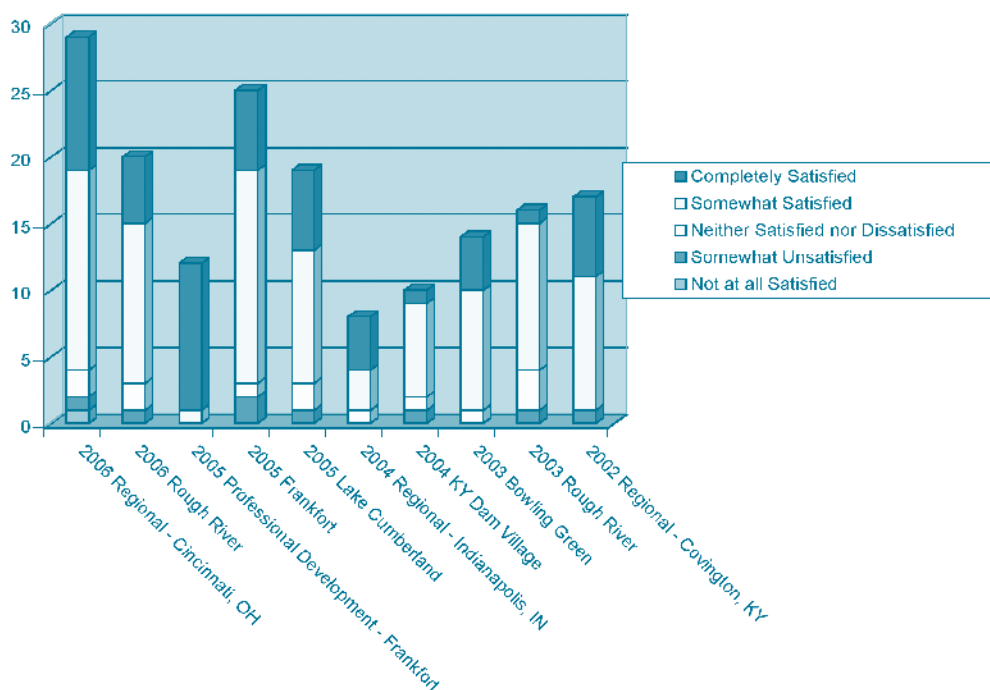
Have you attended any of the following conferences?



## Conference Content Satisfaction

When asked how satisfied attendees were with conferences over the last five years, the overwhelming majority of the respondents were either somewhat satisfied or completely satisfied with the content. However, again, most of the respondents had not attended the listed conference.

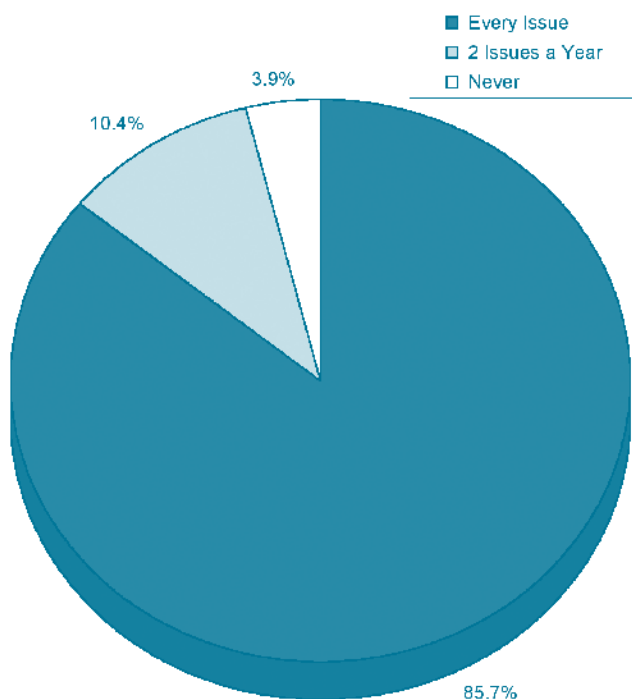
How satisfied were you with the content of the conference(s) you attended?



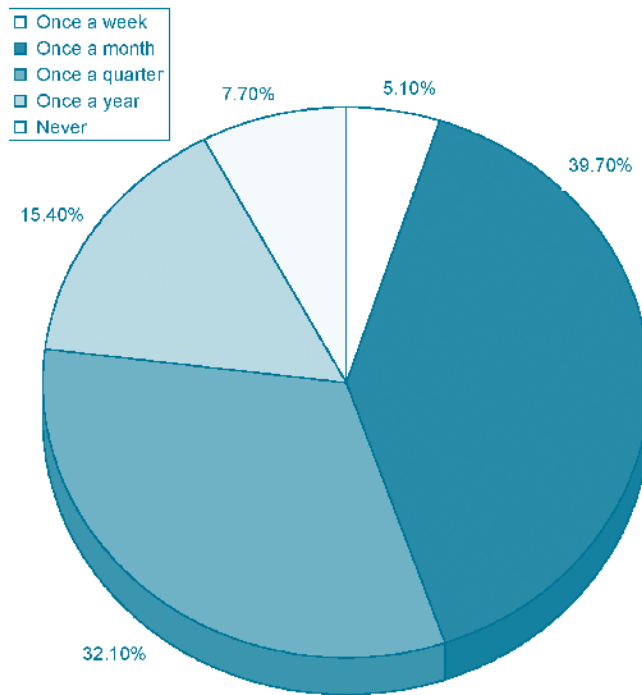
## Newsletter & Website

Almost 100% of the respondents read the KAPA quarterly newsletter at least twice a year, with the overwhelming majority, 85.7%, reading every issue. This indicates that the newsletter is a highly effective way of communicating with the membership. The website results were a bit more fragmented. Most of the respondents indicated that they used the website once a month or once a quarter. Few respondents actually used the website once a week.

How often do you read the KAPA Quarterly Newsletter?



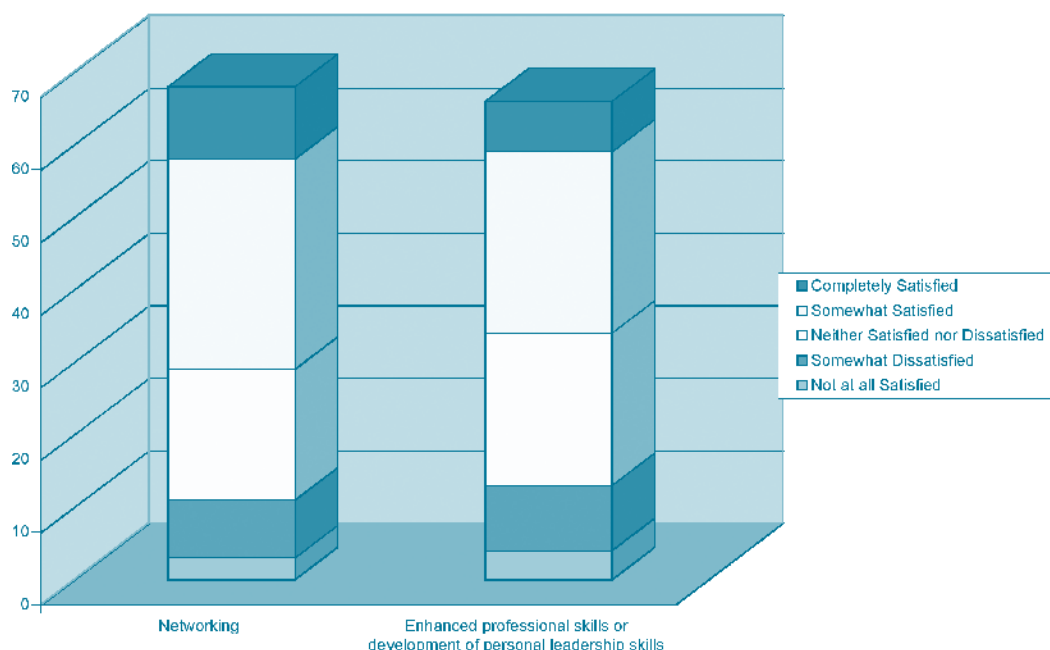
How often do you use the KAPA website?



## Professional Benefits

Members were asked to respond to the benefits of KAPA membership to their personal or professional lives. Networking and enhanced professional or leadership skills were the two chosen categories for measurement. The majority of the respondents indicated that they were somewhat satisfied with the benefits. A large number of respondents also said they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, indicating some uncertainty.

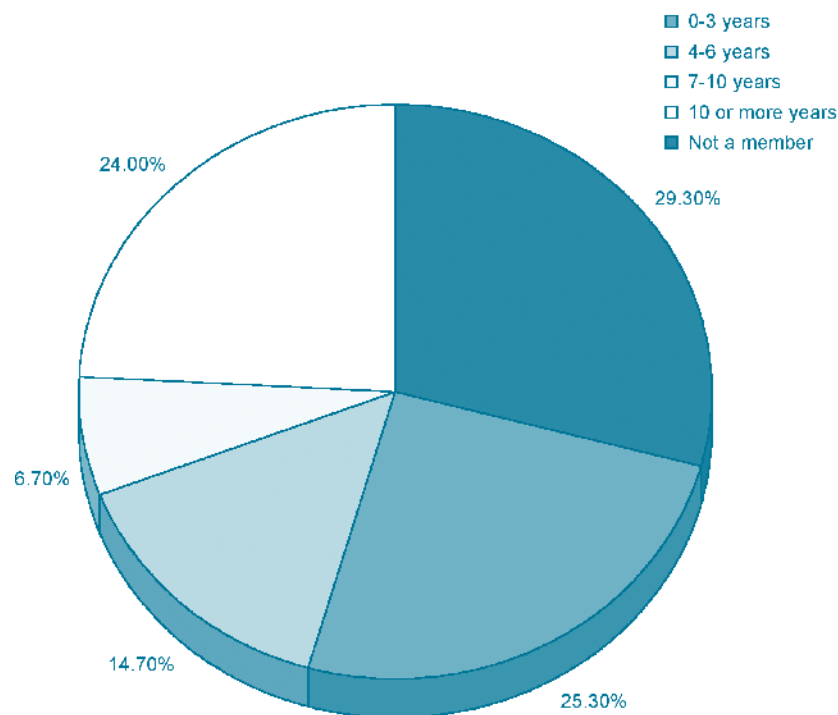
How satisfied are you with the personal or professional benefits you obtain through your membership with KAPA?



## AICP Membership

The majority of the respondents were AICP members. The majority of the AICP members had been members for fewer than three years, closely followed by 10 or more years. Almost thirty percent of the respondents were not AICP members.

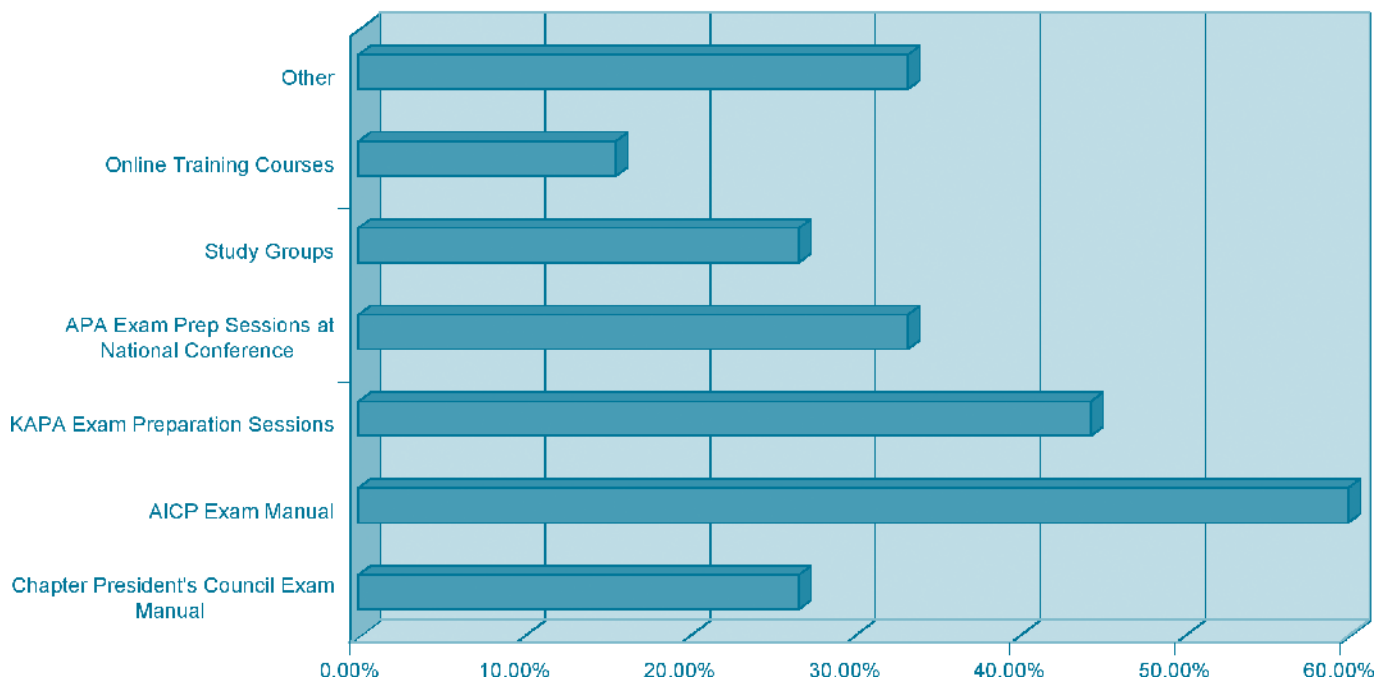
If applicable, how long have you been a member of AICP?



## APA Study Materials

As expected, a majority of the AICP member respondents used the AICP exam manual to study for the exam. Many members also attended the KAPA exam preparation sessions.

What, if any, KAPA or APA study aids did you use to prepare for the exam?



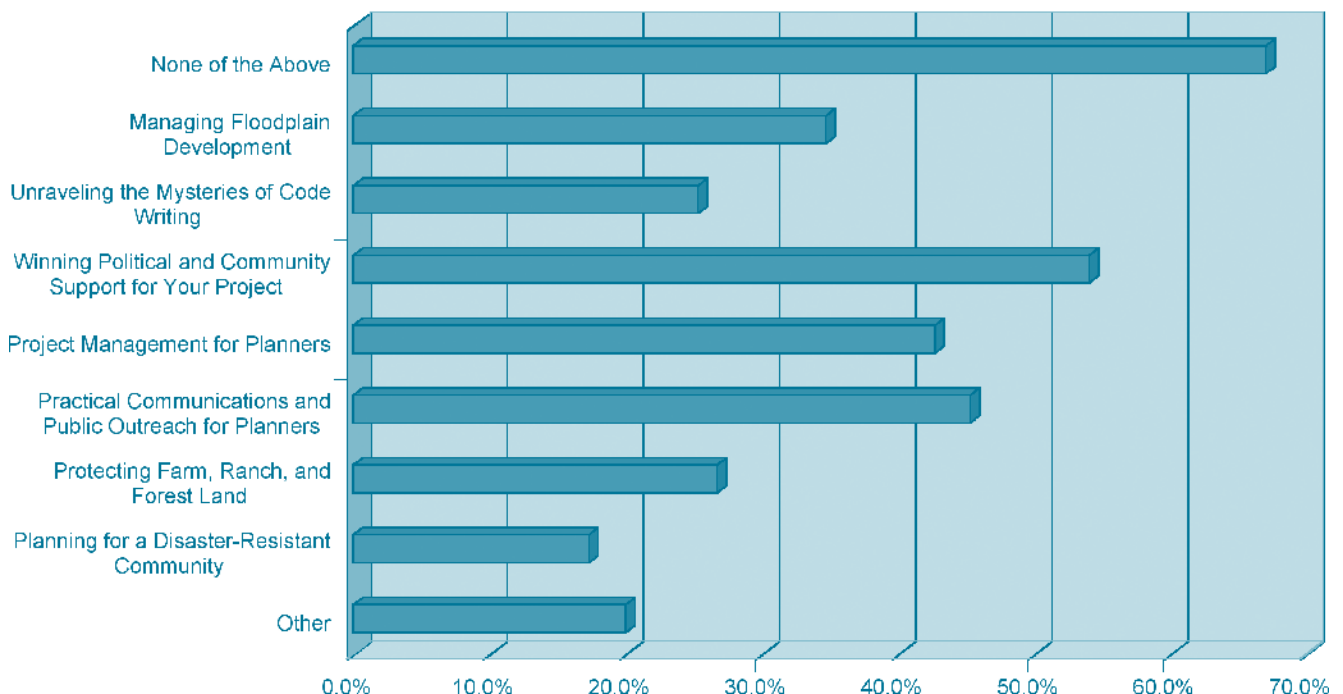


## Professional Development Workshops

When given some choices on future professional development workshops, the membership was somewhat interested in political and public outreach efforts. A majority of the members chose "None of the above" and included some suggestions for other topics that included:

- Downtown Development and Housing
- Private sector planning
- Zoning
- Form-based codes
- Mediation
- Promoting public housing in zoning
- Parking
- Sustainable development
- Economic development
- Trends in Land Use Law
- Low Impact Development
- Urban Infill
- Transit Oriented Development
- Green building
- Low impact development
- Transportation planning
- Transportation and land use planning interconnection
- Public transit and multimodal transportation
- Commercial district revitalization overlay zones
- Community building and community development
- Resident engagement

Which Professional Development Workshops would you be interested in attending?



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## Comments & Suggestions

Finally, respondents were asked to provide comments and suggestions for improvement, and ideas for topics that KAPA should focus on for various membership efforts. Excellent input was provided from the membership and is summarized below. General categories of comments included conferences and continuing education, politics and law, communication, and AICP.

### Conferences/Continuing Education:

- More guest speakers /outside presenters come to speak on recent planning themes, issues and trends.
- More private sector planning material presented at conferences.
- Information at conference on form-based codes, promoting public housing in zoning, parking, promoting proactive planning versus reactive planning, green sustainable development, and economic development.
- More information on recent Supreme Court decisions and the impact on local land use codes and recent legislation that impacts local land use.
- More professional development one day workshops on specific topics.
- More diverse intellectual content at conferences; more development of material related to discussions of futures, planners as change agents, neighborhood development, and long-range planning at the municipal level.
- The workshops need to be more technical.
- More hands on training and group work at conferences
- Improved program to help implement House Bill 55. More networking with KACO, KLC and other organizations.
- More board member training opportunities.
- More one day training sessions throughout the state specific to Board of Adjustments and Planning Commissions
- More information on Board of Adjustments and rules that apply, also a mock hearing or situation involving a BOA meeting.
- A training certification program for zoning administrative officials is needed.

### Politics and Law

- Publish KRS 100 in older small format
- Assistance understanding the political side of the decision-making process.
- Topics on practical applications of planning methods in a political setting.

### Communication

- Publish Kentucky Chapter membership directory
- An on line library of materials would be helpful. A list serve email exchange would also be welcomed.
- Contributions to newsletters are needed.
- New member outreach.
- Highlight one community per newsletter where things are happening.
- More networking info on vacancy announcements
- More use of unique sites and character of Kentucky's communities as a backdrop to proactive planning instead of reactive code situations.
- More diverse leadership.
- Greater role/interest in newsletter and submittal of topics by membership.
- Stronger communication between KAPA members and KAPA leadership; more emphasis on conference topics and professional development; planners role in development review process; transportation planning; planners role in local government function; planner as an advocate; planners role in small/rural communities development

### AICP

- More all day AICP exam preparation sessions.
- Increase focus on AICP training opportunities.

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**January 4, 2008**

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**April 27 - May 1, 2008**

APA National Conference

Las Vegas, NV

**May 21 - 23, 2008**

KAPA Spring Conference

Lake Cumberland, KY

**October 15 - 17, 2008**

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