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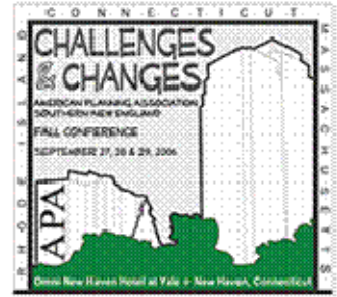
President's Message:

Our continuing collaboration with the Citizens Planner Training Collaborative and the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors to hire a shared administrative assistant, Chris Skelly, remains a success. Chris' excellent work allows the Chapter board to continue to focus on policy issues rather than the day to management of chapter affairs; so that we can more effectively serve our membership. We continued to promote reform of our outmoded land use statutes by utilizing a portion of the Chapter's Special Project Funds to assist Mass Audubon and the Massachusetts Zoning Reform Working Group to hire a lobbyist, Bob Durand, to achieve that end. The rebranding of the Zoning Reform Working Group as Community Planning Act II was a direct result of Bob's advice. With the hard work of this group the bill has received more attention from the legislature and new administration than previous efforts to modernize our out-of-date statutes. What is most gratifying to the board and to myself as chapter president, are the results of our White Paper on planning. The White Paper, which is available on our web site, was the result of collaboration between the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, the Mass Smart Growth Alliance, the Massachusetts Association of Consulting Planners, the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors and the Chapter. Its recommendations have caught the attention of the new administration and many of them are being adopted. What is more important for the profession is that planners are being invited to the table with the new administration. We have a quarterly working group that meets with Greg Bialecki, the administration's new permitting ombudsman and point person for planning and development issues.



Our Annual Conference was held in New Haven, Connecticut September 29, 2006 and was a huge success. Thanks to Mary McCrann AICP, Felipe Schwarz AICP, Heidi Samokar AICP and the many dedicated people who helped to organize that event last year. This year the conference is being held in Hyannis and Felipe Schwarz, AICP and the conference planning team has done another exceptional job in preparing for the conference. Thanks to all the volunteers who make great events like this possible. The Chapter spent a large part of the past year reacting to the Glasser Report which, in part, ties the high cost of housing in Massachusetts to regulatory barriers. Fortunately APA National passed a new housing policy, with contributions by MA-APA members Connie Kruger and Jennifer Raitt who served on the

Housing Policy Task Force, in 2006 which has helped us shape our response to this issue. It also led us to strike a committee to work with our University Planning Community to explore directing future studies and research to address the needs of practicing planners in the Commonwealth. The Chapter was very busy as this partial list of events illustrates:



- The 2nd Annual University Planning Symposium September 21, 2006 at MIT, Planning After Katrina with the planning faculty from MIT, Tufts and Harvard participating as well as Louisiana Chapter President Steven Villavaso, FAICP.
- The 3rd Annual University Planning Symposium September 20, 2007 at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Chapter 40 B was the topic with planning faculty from Harvard, MIT, Tufts, and UMASS Amherst participating.
- Co-sponsored with the Urban Land Institute “40R in the Commonwealth: Opportunities and Lessons in Policy, Politics, and Development” September 25, 2007.
- Annual Awards and Holiday luncheon
- Chapter provided input into APA’s new Food System Planning Policy.
- Chapter representatives participated in the successful reaccreditation of both University of Massachusetts and Harvard Graduate School of Design’s planning programs which led to the chapter creating university planning school liaison positions, currently held by Ron Mallis (MIT), Dana LeWinter (Tufts), Iram Farooq, AICP (HGSD) and Glenn Garber, AICP (UMASS-Amherst).
- Held our annual retreat to develop the chapter work plan and goals at Wentworth Institute of Technology’s Center for Community and Learning Partnerships on January 26, 2007.
- Members of the board met with the Mass Federation of Planning and Appeals Board to discuss their formal affiliation or merger with the chapter.
- The Board welcomed Mass Association of Planning Directors vote to formally affiliate with the Chapter.
- Board members have been holding discussions with the Mass Federation of Planning and Appeals Board regarding absorption into the chapter or affiliation with the chapter.
- The chapter is a member of the Massachusetts Infrastructure Investment Coalition and regularly votes to endorse their publications on the state of various infrastructure, including Massachusetts Wastewater Facilities and Massachusetts Drinking Water.
- Co-Sponsored Economic Development Conferences with MEDA and NEDA through our Economic Development Committee
- Chapter co-sponsored and members actively participated in the March 17, 2007 Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Annual Conference at Holy Cross in Worcester.
- Chapter was a co-sponsor and administrator of the State of Massachusetts Smart Growth Conference held at the DCU Center in Worcester in December 1, 2006.



- Participated in National Planning Month October, 2006.
- Sponsored the Brownfields 2006 Conference November 13-15, 2006 in Boston.
- Developed and conducted AICP Continuing Education Workshop on Form-Based Regulation in Massachusetts on October 20, 2006 at Devens. I want to thank George Proakis, AICP, Angus Jennings, AICP, Stephanie Pollack, Esq., and Assistant Attorney General Bob Ritchie for their work on this workshop and publication.
- Citizen and Planner Leaders for Local Sustainability Eco-Municipality Leadership Training June 1-6, 2007 at Tufts University was sponsored by the chapter and we handled the administrative chores as well.
- July 17th the chapter held its first annual golf outing. Thanks to Steve Costello for organizing this successful venture that raised over \$2000 for the chapter.

Finally, I want to thank the chapter board (please take the time and familiarize yourself with the folks who have selflessly dedicated time for advancing our profession) and the many volunteers who have participated in and supported chapter events throughout the year. Thank you. This Annual Report provides an overview of the Chapter activities during the past year. Please feel free to discuss anything in the report in more detail with any Chapter Officer.

Respectfully submitted by Peter C. Lowitt, AICP.

Chapter Awards:

Thomas Bott, AICP and his band of volunteers did another excellent job separating the wheat from the chaff in awarding the 2006 Chapter Awards. I know many of us appreciate the excellent work and humor that Tom brings to this occasion. Thanks, Tom and team. The 2006 Chapter Awards presented at the Annual Holiday Luncheon December 2006 were as follows: Outstanding Planning Award for Comprehensive Planning to the City of Cambridge for the “Concord-Alewife Plan”, Planning Award for a Planning Project went to “Advancing Downtown Attleboro” with the “Fairmount/Indigo Line CDC Collaborative receiving an honorable mention, the Outstanding Planning Media Award went to Heather Brandon and her Urban Compass blog; the student planning award went to UMASS-Amherst’s Studio Class for “Holyoke Canalwalk: the Branding of Place” and “The Integration Project.” Kathy Joubert was recognized by MAPD for her long service to the association.

On the national scene, MIT Planning Students received a national planning award for their work and the Massachusetts Office of Commonwealth Development received a national award from EPA for Smart Growth Achievement. Member Sarah James won the 2007 Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning for her work in Planning and Sustainability. The Devens Enterprise Commission was winner of the 2007 Better Government Competition for its “Unified Permitting System for the Redevelopment of Fort Devens.”



CPTC Key Accomplishments 2006-07

Fall 2006 Workshops

CPTC coordinated the presentation of 28 workshops that took place across the Commonwealth between October and December of 2006. Over 270 people attended the sessions, which were sponsored by 15 different Regional Planning Agencies from the Berkshires to Martha’s Vineyard.

Our surveys indicate that half of the Fall Workshop attendees are members of Planning Boards or Zoning Boards of Appeals. The other half represent city and town staff, and other interested citizens.

Planning is already underway for Fall 2007 workshops. Elaine Wijnja of the Department of Housing and Community Development is currently working with the state’s Regional Planning Agencies to coordinate topics, locations and speakers.

Spring 2007 Conference

The 2007 Spring Conference continues to grow and has become a popular event that participants tell us they look forward to each year. Over 150 intrepid travelers ventured out to Worcester after one the season’s worst snowstorms.

This year’s sessions included two core modules: “Writing Reasonable & Defensible Decisions” and “Roles and Responsibilities”. Each of these sessions attracted over 50 people. Other popular sessions included “Leadership Among Neighbors” and “Energy Conservation at the Local Level”.

A highlight of the conference for many was the luncheon presentation. Robert Ritchie, Massachusetts’ Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Municipal Law Unit gave a heartfelt (and humorous) tribute to Don Schmidt from the state’s Department of Housing and Community Development.

For many years, Don Schmidt has generously shared his considerable knowledge of housing and community development with cities and towns across the Commonwealth. He continues to be a valuable resource for the CPTC and is one of our most steadfast supporters.

On-Demand Trainings

This past year, CPTC provided “on demand” training to the towns of Lee (Variances and Special Permits with Robert Hoogs) and Willamsburg (Roles and Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards with Robert Ritchie). A training is scheduled for Lenox (How to Hold a Perfect Public Meeting) in June 2007. Together these workshops will have provided

training to over 50 members of Planning and Zoning Boards of Appeals.

New Initiatives

Evaluation Project

A grant from the American Planning Association has helped CPTC begin an in-depth study of how our trainings are used at the local level. This research will go well beyond previous CPTC surveys by conducting individual interviews with workshop participants.

Information gathered through the interviews will then be correlated with recent land use decision making to determine if CPTC trainings have impacted these decisions.

Distance Learning Pilot project

Many of our users have inquired about the possibility of accessing our trainings from their homes (especially when no training is scheduled nearby). The Fall 2007 workshop schedule will include a CPTC “webinar” produced with the help of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association and Wentworth Institute of Technology. The “webinar”, an interactive way of conducting a session over the internet (including a live speaker capable of answering questions), will serve as a pilot project that can help the CPTC determine a successful approach to distance learning.

Please visit our website for additional information: www.umass.edu/masscptc

Respectfully submitted by Sean Bender

AICP:

Lynn Duncan, AICP, coordinated with Tufts University's Urban Environmental Policy and Planning Program to offer the AICP Exam Prep course for the second consecutive year, which produced an 80% chapter pass rate compared to a 67% national average. Trainers included APA members, as well as Tufts University professors. The course was held for four weeks prior to the spring exam. The goal is to continue the course on a yearly basis. Good work Lynn and thanks to Tufts! Additionally the PDO's work included:

• PDO report submitted to National detailing activities of the past year.

• Sessions on AICP exam preparation and Ethics given at the Southern New England Regional Conference last fall .

As Chapter PDO, Lynn coordinates with the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors to offer continuing education credits for workshop sessions at their annual conference.

- Assistance to planners to become certified, including study recommendations and reduced fee scholarship awards for the exam.
- With the introduction of Certification Maintenance in April, 2007, the position of Professional Development Officer increased in importance. The Board voted to establish a committee to work with the PDO in grappling with the issues which will come up as CM rolls out. To facilitate this effort the Board voted to allocate a portion of the savings which will accrue to the chapter from the move to an electronic newsletter format to support professional development programs for the entire chapter.

Please join with the Board in congratulating the planners who passed the AICP exam this spring: Michelle Apigian; Jason Bachand; Hwee Hwa Chan; Julie Conroy; Iram Farooq; David Gamble; Tyler Patrick; Laurie Pessah; Shiona Sommerville; David Soule; Judy Tymon; Michelle Waldon; Aaron Weieneth; Steven Wilson; Darlene Wynne.



FAICP:

The Chapter nominated the following chapter members to become Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, class of 2008:

Wayne Feiden AICP, Northampton Planning Director,

Francois Vigier AICP, Harvard University School of Design,

Ronald Lee Fleming AICP, Townscape Institute in Cambridge

Membership:

- The Chapter saw membership surge to over 1100 members from the mid 800s after APA national instituted its new membership campaign. First year planning students at accredited planning schools (UMASS Amherst, Tufts, Harvard and MIT) are offered their first year of membership free by APA, and this is followed by a new planner rate which maintains a low cost of membership for the first few years of membership. We have undertaken an initiative to increase chapter membership by approaching citizen planners, housing activists and others with offer of free one year chapter only membership to increase the scope and reach of the chapter and planners. Our intention is that these planners will see the value of membership and join after one year. We offer a chapter only rate of \$15 which we think will be attractive to these target audiences. So far over ninety new members have taken advantage of this offer. Additionally, the chapter board has voted to begin a program to recognize long time chapter members with a twenty five year member pin. The board is here to serve its members and we want to recognize your commitment to your chosen profession. The pins have been ordered and distribution began at last year's holiday awards luncheon. Kathy Bartolini, Joanne Harcz, Allan Hodges, Larry Koff, Kenneth Kreutziger, Robert Mitchell, Karen Nelson and Carol Thomas have received their pins. If you have been an APA member for twenty-five years and are a chapter member in good standing, we have your pin waiting for you.

Newsletter:

- The Newsletter continued to be the primary benefit for our chapter-only members, who have been receiving an electronic version of the newsletter over the past year as part of our membership drive. Also, with the September 2007 issue, we will be transitioning from paper and PDF format to HTML, delivered via e-mail to all members. This version will give members flexibility to click on links to articles of interest to them, as well as more choices for advertisers, more graphics, and more unlimited content. The major focus of the Chapter newsletter remains providing information to our members. With our continuing efforts to attract citizen planner membership, the newsletter will be including more articles addressing the needs of this target audience. The calendar section and job ads continue to expand; lead topics include legislative issues, affordable housing, land court justice articles, and zoning reform. Co-editors Sabine Prather and Joyce Moss continued to alternate editing of monthly issues of the newsletter throughout the year. Great job to both of you for publishing ten issues for the chapter, more than the 4-6 issues typical of other chapters.



Web Page:

Wow, what a difference a year makes. Last year we asked our membership what should be included in our new web site. This year you can visit www.massapa.org and see the progress. We benefited greatly from our association with Wentworth Institute of Technology who signed an agreement with the chapter to use students to design our new web site and to support it with faculty supervision. Austin Lauria was the student design team leader who spearheaded the web site revisions and he served under the direction of chapter board member Sean Bender. The web site is still a bit of a work in progress, but it stands head and shoulders above what we had in the past and will provide service for membership well into the future. At this year's annual conference the chapter sponsored a training for members on how to better utilize this resource for participating in blogs, posting RFPs, jobs, and calendar events.

Committees:

Jef Faser, from BSC took over the **Economic Development committee** from Shaun Suhoski, Ayer Town Administrator.

They intend to consider more joint programming in the future and are working with MEDA on a joint workshop this fall.

A committee charge was officially created for the **Housing and Community Development Committee** at the winter Board Retreat. Chaired by Jennifer Raitt, the committee carried out the following activities: prepared comments from the Chapter regarding the Pioneer Institute's report *Regulation and the Rise in Housing Prices in Greater Boston*; reviewed case material and prepared a letter regarding Middleborough v. HAC.; assisted in the creation of the Massachusetts Housing Institute, a two-day conference in June spearheaded by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership with over 50 community leaders in attendance (six MA-APA members received subsidies from the Chapter); initiated co-sponsorship of the Urban Land Institute's 40R in the Commonwealth: Opportunities and Lessons in Policy, Politics and Development, a meeting to be held in September; and assisted in developing the SNEAPA Conference session, "Community Planning for the Baby Boomer Retirement."

Robert Mitchell, FAICP reports that the **Sustainable Development Committee** will be co-sponsoring and organizing a workshop with the New England Chapter of the Congress for New Urbanism on the new pilot LEED-ND program. Thirteen projects in New England were selected for this program and six of them are in Massachusetts. The workshop will be scheduled for a date in January.

Simon Van Leeuwen reports that the primary focus of the **Transportation Committee** for 2007 has been the Governor's 20-Year Transportation Plan. The committee has been intimately involved with the molding of the plan. Our activities have included: submitting a comment letter on the original draft plan; membership on the plan advisory committee; and helping to form a coalition of advisory committee members to voice concern over the direction of the plan in relation to local land use coordination with transportation projects.



The **Amicus Committee** recently reviewed the case of Town of Middleborough vs. HAC. Ralph Willmer, AICP (Vaness Hangen Brustlin), Peter Lowitt, AICP (Devens Enterprise Commission), Tom Broadrick, AICP (Town of Barnstable), and Edith Netter, Esq. (Edith Netter & Associates) comprise the Amicus Committee. The committee recommended supporting HAC but after a long discussion the chapter board decided to remain neutral on this case. In the summer of 2007 the Amicus Committee recommended and the board approved filing an Amicus brief in support of Bjorklund vs. ZBA of Norwell, a mansionization case. The brief supports the right of the ZBA to limit the size of a nonconforming rebuild.

Legislation:

Update Report on Community Planning Act

The Community Planning Act (CPA-2) and the issue of zoning reform in Massachusetts are receiving heightened attention at the State House. On July 12, 2007 the Patrick Administration kicked off a Task Force on Planning and Zoning Reform. Greg Bialecki, Assistant Secretary and General Counsel at the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development is serving as the chair of the Task Force, which includes the Legislature's co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, Joint Committee on Housing, and the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. The sectors of Housing, Environmental, Municipal and Planning, Economic Development and Research and Advocacy are all represented on the Task Force.

The expectation for the Task Force is to draft legislation that will reform



Chapter 40A to help increase housing development, economic development, and environmental protection across the Commonwealth, while providing the necessary resources to municipalities to plan for growth. An aggressive timeframe of the end of calendar year 2007 has been set.

The end of 2007 will be a very busy time in land use reform as the Zoning Reform Working Group continues to advance the Community Planning Act and the Task Force on Planning and Zoning Reform continues to work on its concepts. The Chapter Board is involved in both of these initiatives through Peter Lowitt and Steve Sadwick and a number of Chapter members are participating in various capacities.

The goal of the state Task Force is to draft legislation that will reform Chapter 40A, the Zoning Act, to help increase housing development, economic development, and environmental protection across the Commonwealth, while providing the necessary resources to municipalities to plan for growth.

Interest in creating the state's Task Force on Planning and Zoning Reform grew out of a working group that was formed last winter by the Citizens Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA) and the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance. That group included many of the same interests represented on the new state task force. Under chair Aaron Gornstein, of CHAPA, that group concluded that existing zoning and planning laws are inadequate to foster sound planning and economic development, increase affordable housing, protect land, water, and historic resources, and insure that municipalities do not suffer adverse fiscal impacts from new growth. CHAPA and the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance advocated for a state task force that could create a definitive legislative package by involving state officials, legislative leaders, and issue stakeholders.

What the Zoning Reform Working Group Is Doing

From the point of view of the Zoning Reform Working Group, which has been working to promote zoning and planning reform for the past eight years, it is gratifying that the state government has recognized the importance of these issues by convening the Task Force. It is our position that the Community Planning Act provides a well developed framework for comprehensive planning reform, which stakeholders are discussing.

It is clear that some members of the state's Task Force are seeking provisions that would further encourage affordable housing and "smart growth" housing densities and locational criteria. This is an issue that the Zoning Reform Working Group is taking seriously, and we are working on developing housing policies that fit with the basic framework of the Community Planning Act.



In order to strengthen the case for CPA-2, the Zoning Reform Working Group has engaged the services of Glenn Garber and Ph.D. candidate Annalise Fonza, of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, to undertake a survey of zoning and planning enabling statutes in other states. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, this survey, the results of which will be presented to the state's Task Force, will provide updated information about how Massachusetts zoning laws compare with other states. The research is expected to shed light on planning laws that have been successful elsewhere. We see these as positive developments concerning the Community Planning Act.

No legislative hearing date has yet been set for the Community Planning Act. You will be informed of the date and time. It is unlikely to be scheduled before October. During the coming months, as the discussion heats up, supporters of zoning reform across the state are encouraged to provide their thoughts and to speak with their state legislators about supporting zoning and planning reform.

James O'Connell, Chair

Zoning Reform Working Group

From the Chapter Board perspective, Peter Lowitt and Steve Sadwick have been most actively engaged this year in the effort to have the Community Planning Act (revised version of the Land Use Reform Act) passed. Efforts are underway to continue to pursue zoning reform in the next session.

If you are interested in these issues, other legislative areas, a short term project or would like to serve on the Legislative Committee please contact the vice president for legislation.

Elections:

The 2006-2007 Chapter Board term expire this year. An elections committee comprised of past president Thomas Broadrick, AICP and Jenny Raitt, AICP has pulled together a slate of candidates for your consideration and vote.

The Regions:

Cape and Islands: Tom Broadrick, AICP

This year marked the creation of a new Region furthering the Chapter's goal of addressing local planners' needs. The Southeast Region was split to allow creation of the Cape & Islands Region to encourage Chapter participation and better direct resources to these unique areas. Plans are in the works to have Chapter sponsored events not only in the Southeastern Region but also in each of the Upper-Cape, Mid-Cape, and Lower-Cape areas and on each Island.

Boston Region: Joe Cosgrove

The region cosponsored events that included planners' brownbag lunch talk on transit oriented development; former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's talk on sustainable development; planners' workshop on Growth Management Planning; and outreach to area graduate school programs.

Central Region: Kathy Joubert

In May 2006, central Massachusetts planners were invited to the Hopkinton Town Hall to hear a presentation on development options for Weston Nurseries from Eran Ben Joseph, MIT planning professor. The proposals were a result of his graduate students analyzing the development potentials for this 920 acre site that is for sale. Judi Barrett of Community Opportunities Group Inc also spoke regarding a fiscal analysis she performed for the Hopkinton Land use Study Committee.

Western Region: Richard Werbiskis, AICP

The western region continues to hold bi-monthly luncheon workshops featuring speakers on current topics and free food. Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers located in Westfield sponsor the workshops by providing meeting space and a deli lunch. Relevant planning and legislative information is distributed to western region planners via a listserv having over 100 members. The UMASS LARP graduate program is actively represented by two students who participate in the Board's monthly meetings and they work to foster interaction between up-and-coming planners and professionals within the western region through socials and guest speakers.

Northeast Region: Felipe Schwarz, AICP is organizing a smart growth workshop with realtors in the northeast region for later this fall.



Southeast Region: Thomas Bott, AICP has held a number of get togethers with area planners to share information and ideas.

Treasurer's Report:

MAPA Treasurer's Report

The past Fiscal year (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007) included the following milestones:

- ❖ Doubling of the amount of funds going through the organization, due to fiscal management of the Smart Growth conference and the Eco-Municipal conference.
- ❖ Continued management of the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative bank accounts;
- ❖ Establishing a new conference account, to better track and separate funds related to conferences;
- ❖ Work with Administrative Assistant Chris Skelly to handle receipts, payments and reporting related to the following events:
 - 2006 CPTC Fall Training Workshops
 - 2006 Smart Growth Conference
 - 2007 Spring CPTC Training
 - 2007 Eco-Muni conference at Tufts
 - 2007 MAPD Golf Tournament
 - 2007 Southern New England Planning Conference in Hyannis
- ❖ Establish a PayPal Account to assist registrations for certain events
- ❖ Filed tax returns
- ❖ Manage day to day finances, track and report the ongoing expenses and receipts of the chapter including payments to Mass Audubon's Zoning Reform Fund and Administrative Assistant, Chris Skelly.

The financial summary for the Chapter's fiscal year is attached at the end of this report. Over the next year, I hope to clarify the procedures for administering conferences with other organizations, promptly report the financial details related to the Hyannis Conference. The treasurer also hopes to improve the annual budgeting process, its follow up and reporting to the board based on the approved budget prepared at the annual Board retreat.

Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Chris Kluchman, AICP

Secretary's Report: Heidi Samokar, AICP

In addition to preparing meeting agendas and taking meeting minutes, the Secretary provides meeting minutes to the web master for posting on the chapter's website. The Secretary has maintained up-to-date versions of the Board Members and By-laws and has ensured that National APA has the most recent by-laws

Looking Ahead:

Priority one remains planning and zoning statute reform. We expect another active year for planners and planning in the Commonwealth. We will be working with the State to support the Smart Growth conference on December 7th at the DCU Center in Worcester. The chapter will continue to work to provide a wide array of services to our membership. This year we will continue to focus on our citizen planning board and zoning board of appeals members by continuing our offer of

one year of free chapter only membership with e-mail delivery of our chapter newsletter. Certification Maintenance will remain a focus of the chapter. The board has done magnificent work to cushion the blow of CM by timing the switch from paper to digital delivery of our newsletter this has freed up resources the chapter can deploy to make the transition period less bumpy than it otherwise might be. Please stay patient as we grapple with the bugs that are inherent in the roll out of any new program. It remains a privilege to have represented the planners of the Commonwealth. I encourage you to participate in chapter affairs. We always need good people who are willing to pitch in and work on the issues of planning. Legislation, certification maintenance, the newsletter always needs articles, submit that plan you were working on for a chapter award, attend the MAPD luncheon and network with your colleagues, take advantage of the updated web site. Keep on planning!



Respectfully submitted:

Peter C. Lowitt, AICP

Chapter President

Many of the pictures included in this variety of publicly available internet personal collection.



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Profit and Loss Statement fiscal year 2006 to 2007
7/1/2006 through 6/30/2007 (Cash Basis)

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Category Description	7/1/2006- 6/30/2007
INCOME	
AICP CD ROM	50.00
APA Dues	25,209.98
eco muni conf AR	26,000.00
Event registration	4,960.00
NE Planning Ads	5,145.00
Other Inc	11,591.00
SG Conf Income Other	1,000.00
SG Conference Registration Income	32,156.00
_DivInc	733.35
_IntInc	147.66
TOTAL INCOME	106,992.99
EXPENSES	
2007 NE Conf exp	
Conf facility exp	500.00
TOTAL 2007 NE Conf exp	500.00
Ads	100.00
Bank Charge	21.73
Computer	
Web design and hosting	373.57
TOTAL Computer	373.57
Dues and Subscriptions	250.00
Eco Muni Conf AP	12,382.00
Entertainment	975.00
Event Expenses	4,284.70
Legal-Prof Fees	5,573.96
MA 25 Years	810.00
MA Chapter Pins	2,578.55
Meals & Entertn	3,137.82
Misc	2,442.06
Postage and Delivery	630.59
President Budget Item	3,040.20
Printing and Reproduction	
MAPA Awards	146.40
Other Printing and Reproduction	17,711.00
TOTAL Printing and Reproduction	17,857.40
Refund	35.00
special projects funded MLURA work	4,500.00
Stipend -Newsletter editor	1,089.20
Supplies, Bus	33.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,615.74
OVERALL TOTAL	46,377.25

MAPA Balance Sheet - As of 6/30/2007
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 6/30/2007 (Cash Basis)

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Account	6/30/2007 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking at Citizens Bank	34,438.89
MAPA Conf Acct	2,192.26
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	36,630.95
Investments	
American Funds	18,625.24
Ameriprise Brokerage	2,094.85
TOTAL Investments	20,720.09
TOTAL ASSETS	57,351.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	57,351.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	57,351.04

Profit and Loss Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006
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Category Description	7/1/2005- 6/30/2006
INCOME	
AICP CD ROM	40.00
AICP PDO Conference refund	120.00
APA Dues	21,010.30
Event registration	13,250.00
Katrina Charity collected	545.00
NE Planning Ads	3,075.00
Other Inc	1,658.85
Other Inc, Bus	1,100.00
Reimbursement	-235.30
Services	2,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	42,763.85
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	18.56
Charity	1,045.00
Computer	
Software	249.44
Web design and hosting	1,144.00
TOTAL Computer	1,393.44
Dues and Subscriptions	360.00
Education	3,516.06
Gifts Given	70.22
Legal-Prof Fees	1,343.57
MA non-profit annual report fee	15.00
Meals & Entertn	3,961.01
Misc	78.74
Postage and Delivery	103.85
Printing and Reproduction	
Other Printing and Reproduction	23,802.52
TOTAL Printing and Reproduction	23,802.52
Refund	685.00
Regional Planner Events	27.21
special projects funded MLURA work	18,000.00
Travel, Bus	3,080.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	57,500.40
OVERALL TOTAL	-14,736.55