



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to spring – anything to shed the boots and gloves! Fortunately, a bright sunny spot was the February 27 one-day conference at Catholic University, where about 175 chapter members and colleagues came together. Big thank you's to: Catholic University, and particularly Hazel Edwards, Director of the Master in Community and Regional Planning program, for hosting the event; to the student and Chapter volunteers; to our speakers; and to Shannon Yadsco and the Chapter Board members that organized the event. Our goal in these one-day events was to meet the CM needs of many of our chapter members with AICP certification, quickly and cost effectively. We really want feedback from our members as to how we can make future events even better, and provide something for all of our members.

One of the conference speakers, James Corless, the executive director of Transportation from America, provided some thought-provoking national survey data on what the public does-and doesn't-support in transportation policy. I found this to be a timely reminder of the continuing need we have to build strong narratives for our planning work to gain support from elected leaders and the public.

Speaking of successful efforts, congratulations to the many people from around the region that pulled together the successful US Department of Transportation TIGER grant – a great example of a working together collaboratively and creating a compelling proposal. While it looks like transportation reauthorization is moving more slowly, there continues to be federal programs and legislation moving forward that will support planning efforts in the region, and nationally. The livable communities partnership between HUD, EPA and DOT, with the notice for the Sustainable Communities grant program out on the streets right now.

One issue the Board was been discussing is how the Chapter can play a more active role in advocating good planning practices in the region. Many chapters have very active legislative programs, with hired lobbyists and active committees. These chapters, however, generally operate in a different environment: they have many jurisdictions and are often responding to state legislation. Our chapter's unique boundaries and limited number of jurisdictions can pose conflicts of interests for many of our chapter members in how we provide support. And, there are a number of opportunities for chapter representatives to be stakeholders through appointments to task forces and committees that shape planning efforts. I'm interested in hearing your thoughts on this important issue. There is also a sizable contingent of chapter members heading to the national conference in New Orleans in April, where post-Katrina recovery efforts will be a major topic. With the tragic earthquakes in Haiti



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## UPCOMING NCAC-APA CHAPTER EVENTS

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Stay informed about **local** events, Certification Maintenance (**CM**) and **employment** opportunities in the region by visiting the Chapter website at <http://www.ncac-apa.org/index.php>

**Did you know?** Attending a **CM** event does not automatically register the credits for that session. You must go to <http://www.planning.org/cm/log/> to log your credits after attending a CM event.

and Chile as a recent reminder, I hope the conference will provide renewed dedication to what we can do to help build resilient communities that are both prepared for and recover successfully from disasters - and particularly, address the needs of the most vulnerable.

Cheers,

Julia

Julia Koster, AICP

## ADVANCED SPECIALITY CERTIFICATION (ASC)

Starting this year, the AICP will be offering two new advanced examinations for the Certified Transportation Planner (CTP) and Certified Environmental Planner (CEP) credentials provide qualifying planners with a way to distinguish themselves. These credentials also recognize how the planning profession has evolved during the past several decades into various sub-specialties, much like the medical profession's division into specializations as medical knowledge and expertise expanded over time. AICP's advanced credentials underscore the profession's comprehensive perspective and point of view.

The rigorous advanced certification examination has been developed by experts in the transportation and environmental planning fields. For transportation and environmental planners who have the knowledge, experience, and commitment to be leaders in their chosen specializations, advanced certification will acknowledge your career achievements and advanced knowledge and expertise. The CTP and CEP designations can assist you in preparing for new job responsibilities, a new position, or other opportunities that can lead to higher income. They also show your commitment to continuous learning through AICP's Certification Maintenance requirements.\*

*\* Information provided from [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)*

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## MEET THE BOARD

### Get to Know Your NCAC- Board of Directors

As a repeating feature in the next several quarterly newsletters, we'll be helping you to get to know your local Board members.

#### Student Representative: Lily Shoup

Lilly Shoup is the Research Director at Transportation for America focusing on federal transportation policy. She recently completed "Dangerous by Design" an analysis of pedestrian safety trends nationwide, and "Stranded at the Station" documenting the impact of transit service cuts and fare increases on vulnerable populations. Lilly is also a full-time graduate student at the University of Maryland at College Park working toward a Master in Community Planning.

Prior to joining the Transportation for America Campaign, Lilly consulted on a affordable housing, transportation, and economic development projects at ICF International. She received Bachelor's Degrees in Economics and Public Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



#### Director at Large: Malaika Abernathy

Malaika Abernathy is currently the DC Office of Planning's neighborhood planner for Ward 4. She joined the Office of Planning in June 2007, and has since lead various revitalization and planning initiatives in the Ward. She has held planning positions at the Montgomery County Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Metropolitan Council of Governments. Ms. Abernathy holds an undergraduate degree from the Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and a master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati. She has been a member of the American Planning Association for over 10 years. This is her second term on the NCAC Board.



#### Secretary: Carol Truppi

Carol Truppi has served on the National Capital Area Chapter Board since 2002, and has served as the Board's Treasurer since 2000. Ms. Truppi, AICP, LEED AP brings over 25 years of professional experience in urban and regional planning, urban design and landscape architecture. Currently, she is working on several corridor management plans with an emphasis on smart growth, farmland preservation and ecotourism.



## FEBRUARY CM CONFERENCE

Over a hundred local planners attended and participated in the February 27th DC Planning Conference at Catholic University. Our thanks to the many volunteers that helped to make the conference run smoothly, especially Hazel Edwards the Director of the City and Regional Planning program.

Did you know you can receive **free** sample copies of printed planning publications such as **JAPA, PEL, The Commissioner, or Zoning Practice?**

Find out more at [www.planning.org/publications/](http://www.planning.org/publications/)

### 32 Credits

If you are a member of **AICP**, you need to log 32 credits **by the end of 2009** to maintain your certification. For a calendar of DC-area CM events, visit <http://www.ncac-apa.org/education.php>.



**DC Planning Conference**

**February 27, 2010 from 9 AM - 4 PM**  
at The Catholic University of America,  
School of Architecture and Planning

Earn 7 certification maintenance credits, including mandatory ethics and law credits, at the American Planning Association, National Capital Area Chapter's DC Planning Conference.

For more information see [www.ncac-apa.org](http://www.ncac-apa.org)



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## CM PARTNERSHIPS

The National Capital Area Chapter is a certified CM provider, which means that our co-sponsorship of an event can make it eligible for CM credits. If you know of an agency or organization that is putting together a planning-related speech or event that is open to the public, we can co-sponsor it so that attendees can earn CM credits. If you're interested in co-sponsorship opportunities, e-mail Professional Development Officer Shannon Yadsko at [yadsko@pbworld.com](mailto:yadsko@pbworld.com).

## EDITORIAL INFORMATION

Articles, announcements, letters, and advertising from readers are welcome. Material should be submitted via email, in an MS Word or rich text format. The submittal must include a name and telephone number. Materials submitted may be edited to conform to space or other requirements. Submit the newsletter material to Alan Hachey at [alan.hachey@hdrinc.com](mailto:alan.hachey@hdrinc.com)

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**to our chapter members who passed  
the AICP exam in May!**

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