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Comments from the Chair

In writing this Comments page I feel as if I need to say "Welcome back!" It has been some time since the Federal Planning Division has published a newsletter, and it has taken considerable effort to renew the process. But I think the newsletter is important and I'm hoping that this will be the start of ongoing communication with the membership of FPD.

David Ziegman, AICP, has agreed to serve as the Division's Director of Publications. As past editors will attest, publishing a newsletter can be a daunting task. But David has accepted the challenge. Any help, ideas, or assistance that any of you have for the newsletter is welcomed.

This newsletter, along with the new Web site, is one of several changes that have occurred in FPD. As I'm sure all of you have experienced, the Web site has a new look and feel. We've also changed the structure and format of the Web site to communicate information more clearly. We hope you are able to navigate around the Web site more easily and find that the location of information is more intuitive. We have also given the Web site a true URL address:

www.federalplanning.org. We will continue to add to and modify the Web site as needed, and as with the newsletter, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. The goal is to make both of these methods of communication effective and valuable to the members.

The FPD of APA has existed now for 20 years. Over the years, the division has grown and changed, and has achieved a stature in APA as one of the leading divisions in this organization. Ours is a division that is highly respected and emulated by others.

The 2007 FPD Workshop, to be held in Philadelphia, is now in its 13th year. As with the division itself, the workshop has grown and changed. What started out as a two-day event has grown into a four-day event. We have greater involvement from a wider range of federal agencies, and offer more technical programs from federal supporting organizations. Over the past five years, the workshop has evolved into a true training event.

This year's workshop will offer insightful technical and professional presentations, hands-on training opportunities, excellent speakers at general sessions, and as always the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other planners who focus on federal facilities. I hope that each and every one of you can take advantage of the opportunity to attend and participate in this year's workshop. For information on the 2007 FPD Workshop and how to register, please go to the FPD Web site at www.federalplanning.org.

Jim Maguire, AICP
Chairman

Are you looking to publish your federal planning article?

Now's your chance by submitting an article for consideration to be published in an upcoming issue of *Network*!

All articles are to be:

- Geared for the federal planning reader
- Non-marketing and informational in nature
- No longer than 1000 words
- Provided with graphics of 72 dpi jpgs or higher

The deadline for article submissions for the next issue is June 1, 2007. If you have questions, please contact Marci Snyder at marci.snyder@woolpert.com or at 937.531.1342.



2007 FPD Workshop Update

Just a quick note to let you all know the workshop is coming along splendidly. We have a record number of exhibitors this year, all of whom will have great things to exhibit. The Opening Plenary Session looks to be an exciting affair. Our Welcome Speaker will be the Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and our Keynote Speaker will be a board member of the US Green Building Council who is also on the LEED-ND Core Committee. Thanks to Jerry Zekert and Jim Maguire, we are also extremely pleased to offer some free training this year. Both Google/Sketch-Up and ESRI have agreed to offer two 4-hour training sessions on Tuesday, April 10. An email went out about these activities recently and we already have more than half the spaces filled. If you would like to sign up for either of these free training events, please email me at smael@hbaa.com. I will let everyone know when the spaces are filled.



The workshop will also feature 28 breakout sessions covering four basic tracks. We have an interesting lineup of speakers, including some veterans as well as some fresh faces. I'm sure you will all benefit greatly from each of the presentations. Our awards program received 36 nominations in six award categories. You will have an opportunity to hear what the judges had to say about the quality of federal planning during our Awards Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, April 13. Our guests will include the two co-chairs of the awards program this year, one from the City and Regional Planning Department, and another from the University of Pennsylvania School of Design.

As usual, multiple agencies will hold sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11. Come hear what the agency representatives have to say about the future of federal planning in their respective areas. And last but not least, this is perhaps the most interesting networking event we've ever had. After all the hoopla of four full days of meetings, we will embark on a guided tour via a bus excursion around the City of Philadelphia (with costumed guide), followed by a magnificent dinner aboard the Moshulu Restaurant (the largest four-masted sailing ship in the world, which is anchored in the harbor on the Delaware River). If you miss this one, don't blame me!

Register early at http://www.federalplanning.org/annual_workshop_2007_registration.htm. We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia!

Planner's Handbook

By Robert Rushing, AICP
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The Air Force Center of Environmental Excellence (AFCEE) has developed an Air Force Planner's Handbook to help new and established Air Force planners, and other Air Force personnel charged with performing planning, to understand the basics of Air Force installation planning.

The Planner's Handbook provides a general overview of the installation planning processes, describing fundamental activities associated with installation planning. By design, it is a general introduction to installation planning to assist planners in understanding the processes and requirements of those activities typically associated with their role and responsibilities. Additional information regarding specific program areas can be acquired by consulting original sources (Air Force documents, Air Force web sites, and other technical resources) that are referenced throughout the Handbook and compiled in the References section at the end of the Handbook.

To access the Commander's Summary Template, visit http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/ec/planning/plannershandbook/Planners_Handbook_060317.pdf.

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- Make available all of the appropriate contact information.
- Send the job posting to Marci Snyder at marci.snyder@woolpert.com for posting in the next newsletter.
- The deadline to have jobs posted in the next newsletter is June 1, 2007.

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- Business card size (specifications below)
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