

Planning Association of Washington

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Vision

Our vision is of strong and livable communities guided by informed citizens. Our mission is to help shape a vibrant Washington through effective and informed community planning. We do this by providing an inclusive forum for sharing problems and solutions, developing planning knowledge and putting this knowledge into the hands of the public and their elected officials. Our goals are to provide education, develop a sustainable infrastructure that will build organizational capacity and grow awareness of the purpose and value of PAW.

PAW is a grassroots, educational organization serving the needs of planning commissioners, elected officials, tribes, special purpose districts, private sector firms, state agencies, students and interested citizens. Unbiased planning education is the reason PAW was formed more than 50 years ago, and it is still the mission of PAW today.



History



Though PAW was formed in 1963, its history began in the 1950s when regional planning associations were formed throughout the state. In the 1970s, PAW began to sponsor statewide conferences and developed the **Short Course on Local Planning**, administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce. The 1980s and 1990s brought an affiliation with **The Western Planner** and development of the **Joint Planning Awards** program with the Washington Chapter of the APA. **Regional Planning Forums** were established in the early 2000s as a problem-solving roundtable open to all land-use decision makers.

Education and training for planners and concerned citizens continue to be driving forces underlying PAW programming as we move through the 2010s.

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To join PAW, please return this form and payment to the address on the back. Membership is valid until December 31 of each year. Please print clearly.

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NOTE: PAW is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

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Education

- **www.planningpaw.org.** Find the latest news and notices, information on upcoming PAW events, important links, employment opportunities, contact information and an online registration form.
- **The Western Planner.** The magazine-based platform to share unique, timely information to communities of the Western United States is free with every membership.
- **Conferences.** The Annual PAW Conference takes place in April. Topics covered include Comprehensive Plan formulation strategies, planning for economic growth, environmental planning and accomplishing periodic planning updates. The conference also includes mobile workshops and the Short Course on Local Planning.
- **Land-Use Boot Camps.** These one-day conferences focus on the legal aspects of planning, including mock land-use hearings and speakers from across the State.
- **Planner's Forums.** Regional planner's forums are held each quarter as a place to discuss locally important planning topics and coordinate regionally. They are primarily for planner, planning commissioners and local government elected officials. Agendas are posted at www.commerce.wa.gov/growth.
- **Short Course on Local Planning.** PAW partners with the state Department of Commerce and other organizations to bring the Short Course to communities throughout Washington state. This 3-hour training includes a review of the legal framework for planning in Washington, comprehensive plan basics and the roles in planning. Short courses are always free and open to all, presented by volunteer experts. Specialized Short Courses can be arranged on request.

Benefits

- Wide variety of educational opportunities
- Conferences with partnering organizations
- Courses providing AICP credits
- Networking with an active membership
- News, training and employment opportunities
- Subscription to The Western Planner
- PAW/APA Joint Planning Awards Program
- PAW is politically neutral in its pursuits



Individual Membership	\$55.00	\$ _____
Student Membership	\$20.00	\$ _____
Organizational Membership	\$150.00 for 3	\$ _____
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Please list your organization's individual names and emails below

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