

September 2015 Newsletter

Planning Association of Washington

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WHO WE ARE

The Planning Association of Washington is a grassroots educational organization devoted to helping shape a vibrant Washington through effective and informed community planning. Our members and constituents are planners, planning commissioners, elected officials, tribes, special purpose districts, private sector firms, state agencies, students and interested citizens.

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.



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2015 ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE OCTOBER 6 – 8

The theme for this year's event at Campbell's Resort on beautiful Lake Chelan is: **"Celebrating Our Success; Building Our Future!"**

The conference features two primary tracks:

Track One: Focus on professional development with tailored sessions designed to sharpen your skill set.

Track Two: Successful permitting and development case studies fostered under the influence of the Growth Management Act.

Registration is Now Open!

Visit the [PAW Conference Registration Page](#). Save more money by becoming a member or renewing your membership [here](#). Being a member of PAW is a great way to make sure you stay up-to-date on planning issues across Washington State!

Planner Skills Camp

PAW is excited to announce a new course called the Planners Skills Camp to be unveiled at 1:00 pm on the first day of the Conference. This program is aimed at newer planners or others wishing to expand or refresh their everyday planning skills. PAW has designed a special 4-hour session with the following focus:

How to Write & Present an Effective Staff Report – Emily Terrell, AICP (45 min.)

- Learn how to create effective staff reports that can withstand legal scrutiny
- Get tips on providing decision makers with the information they need

Working with Your Planning Commission & Elected Officials – Andy Lane (45 min.)

- Explore the specific roles of the planning staff
- Develop strategies for dealing with the various personalities
- Learn when to advocate, when to advise, and when and how to maintain neutrality in the context of quasi-judicial and legislative proceedings

Private Sector vs. Public Sector Planning – Sharese Graham (45 min.)

- Learn about the many similarities between private and public sector planning
- Hear from seasoned pros from the "other side" of the lines
- Find out how best to interact with private sector planners

Ethics Do's and Don'ts – Kristina Cerise, AICP (45 min.)

- Learn about how important ethics are in a fun environment
- Hear an award-winning humorist and freelance writer's take on the Principles to Which We Aspire and other stories

AICP Exam Advice and Tips – Alex Wegner, AICP (20 min.)

- Hear a success story from a recent AICP exam applicant
- Pick up some test-taking tips from a panel of speakers
- Get advice on specific study materials
- Find out what you need to know to pass your exam

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2015 PAW BOARD

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Employment Opportunities

[PAW's Employment page](#) is a great resource for information on jobs, internships and other planning-related opportunities of interest for PAW members and friends.

Resources/Links

- [WA State Dept. of Commerce](#)
- [Municipal Research Services Center](#)
- [APA – Washington](#)
- [National Assoc. of Regional Councils](#)
- [Association of Washington Cities](#)
- [WA State Association of Counties](#)

2015 Joint PAW-APA Planning Awards Program

For almost 30 years, the [Planning Association of Washington](#) and the [Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association](#) have jointly honored outstanding contributions to the field of planning in Washington State. This annual awards program is designed to bring public attention and deserved recognition to public and private sector planning efforts, as well as to student projects in university planning programs.

PAW is pleased to present the winners of the 2015 awards, which will take place at the Annual Conference Award Banquet at **6pm on October 7th**. In this year, during which we mark the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Growth Management Act, PAW extends special congratulations to recipients of the 2015 PAW/WA-APA Joint Planning Awards. Award recipients include:

- City of Lacey
- City of Mukilteo
- City of Tacoma
- City of Seattle
- City of Shoreline
- Yakima County
- City of Bellevue (honorable mention)

The awards dinner is open to anyone wishing to attend. Registration for the awards dinner is included in your conference registration or may be purchased separately for \$40 by visiting our [PAW registration page](#). To ensure everyone gets a seat and a plate, please register in advance.

Short Course Video Series

Short Course on Local Planning now on YouTube!

PAW is a proud partner in the production of a new video series of the Short Course on Local Planning. Ten short videos crystalize the core information participants would get at an evening Short Course. The videos are 7-10 minutes long and can be viewed at home, or as part of a planning commission meeting. The video series includes a longer 27-minute segment on the Open Public Meetings Act, required training since 2014 for any member of a local government board or commission, with a downloadable certificate of completion. While these videos can be viewed at the Dept. of Commerce [Short Course Web page](#), you are also encouraged to attend an in-person Short Course to get your questions answered and to meet your peers from other communities.

Introduction to the Short Course	Comprehensive Planning Basics
Implementing Your Plan	Updating Your Plan
Washington's Legal Framework for Land Use Planning	Constitutional Issues & Other Protections
Open Public Meetings Act	Appearance of Fairness Doctrine
Roles and Responsibilities in the Planning Process	Public Participation & Effective Meetings

Conference Session Spotlight: Recreational Marijuana

This session will take a look at how the City of Tacoma has coped with the legalization of recreational marijuana production through various permitting tools and code adjustments. Discussion will include how the city has adapted to the high demand for office, warehousing, and manufacturing building conversions. This session will also explore key issues ranging from power and water to the permitting and licensing of an evolving state-regulated system.