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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.

Message From the President



Welcome to the Fall Planning Association of Washington Newsletter! 2017 has been an outstanding year for the PAW so far, with so much more still ahead of us.

The PAW's annual conference at Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan in May was a great success. Highlights included a mobile historic tour on Chelan Butte, a social gathering at the Stormy Mountain Brewery, and sessions that included the Planner Skills Camp. The keynote address by Western Washington University Professor Jean Melious, and plenary sessions featuring Joe Tovar's Road Map to Washington and Phil Olbrechts annual case law update, gave us all ideas and knowledge to share with our communities. The Land Use Boot Camp Program was held at the City of Lacey in March and the City of Mercer Island in June, with the Mercer Island event selling out in advance.

Attendees rated the Mercer Island Boot Camp as a highly valuable training, with 100-percent of the respondents scoring the event as "Excellent" or "Good". The Sign Code Case Law presentation by Ogden, Murphy, Wallace PLLC received an 87.5-percent "Excellent" rating and the Sign Code Updates presentation by the City of Sammamish received a 75-percent "Excellent" rating. Thank you to our presenters for doing such a wonderful job and to our attendees for this amazing feedback!

If you missed out on a Boot Camp this year, don't worry. You just have to get yourself to the PAW Spokane Convention, October 26th and 27th. Please see the website for more information on this unique two-day event!

Want to get involved in PAW, broaden your horizons and expand your network? Consider joining a fun and motivated team of professionals who are passionate about emerging planning practices and expanding land use knowledge throughout Washington State. The PAW currently has two openings on the Board of Directors. What are the responsibilities?

- Four Board Meetings per year, typically on a Friday at 10am for about 90 minutes via conference call.
- One Board Retreat per year at a select destination for a strategic planning session.
- Active participation helping promote PAW events and activities, sponsorship and web-based marketing.

If serving on the Planning Association of Washington Board of Directors interests you, or is even something you would just like to learn more about, PAW Board members are happy to talk with you.

Just email info@planningpaw.org.

As always, thank you for supporting the PAW!

Alex Wenger, AICP
PAW President

Board Member Spotlight

This is the installment of our featured Board Member Spotlight. Each newsletter will introduce a current member of our Board. We feel that knowing who we are and showing the diversity of our Board will reflect upon the professionalism and diversity of our general membership. Washington State has a lot going on and so do all of you who make up our membership. Let's meet our featured Board member.

Jason Sullivan was elected to the Board in 2017 at the PAW conference. His membership with PAW began when he started working with the City of Bonney Lake in 2012. As a Board Member he serves on the Education Committee and is excited to be working on the development of the Planner Skills Camp. The concept for this program is to provide planners in the Washington with the practical skills needed throughout a planner's career from their first job to being a planning manager.

Jason was originally from the Midwest, but landed in Washington after joining the U.S. Army. After serving for five years, he received her Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies with a Minor in Environmental Science and a certificate in Geographical Information Systems and Spatial Modeling from University of Washington, Tacoma in 2005. He was an intern for the Pierce County while he attended college. After college he worked for the City of Des Moines (2005-2012) and now is the Planning and Building Supervisor for the City of Bonney Lake.

When Jason is not working, he loves spending time with his wife Mona and their two boys Hunter and Gavin.



Notices, Links & Resources

2017 Planning Education Series Spokane Convention: October 26 – 27

Join your colleagues in Spokane at the Downtown Double Tree Hotel on October 26 and 27 for the next installment of our 2017 Planning Education Series! This event will feature sessions on:

- Sign code regulations and updates related to Reed v. Gilbert;
- Housing affordable strategies; and
- Case law updates.

Additionally, the City of Spokane will lead a downtown walking tour highlighting historic preservation and economic development sites. [Click here for the map.](#)

AICP CM credits and WA Bar Association CLE credits available for this event. WCIA members are eligible for one reimbursed registration per member. To register for this event, [CLICK HERE](#)



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 and Links

[WA State Dept. of Commerce](#)

[Municipal Research Services Center](#)

[APA – Washington](#)

[National Assoc. of Regional Councils](#)

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