Dear Members and Friends,

In this last Annual Report letter to you as your Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) Board President, I can’t help beginning by revisiting our mission statement that reached its first anniversary in mid-September:

Relevant Resources, Better Planners, Exceptional Communities

Call me a planning nerd (aren’t we all?), but those six words really hit home for me. They remind me of how OAPA continues to serve our membership and our communities…

… By one measure: in the 2018-19 fiscal year, the Chapter hosted 31 events around the state reaching over 1,600 people, such as the fan-favorite Emerging Planners Group Mentorship Program, the Planners Network Meetings in all corners of the state and in partnership with the Department of Land Conservation and Development, a variety of well-attended mobile workshops and professional development webinars, and the Annual Conference in Bend and Legal Issues Workshop in Portland.

… By another measure: we brought together more than 150 volunteers to creatively work towards OAPA’s vision to promote the art and science of planning in Oregon that fosters social equity, economic viability, and protection and regeneration of the natural environment, with emphasis on creating more resilient and adaptable people and places today and for a more sustainable future.

… By yet another measure: we have one of the more active APA Chapters in the country. Board, Committee, membership, and community participation is fantastic and continues to grow. We’re involved in pivotal planning efforts around the state and nationally and continue to expand our reach in partnership with other APA Chapters and partner organizations.

Peruse this Annual Report for even more insights into this past year at OAPA.

In addition, I’d like to highlight a couple organization-wide efforts currently underway and open for membership involvement.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Group (DEIG)

OAPA’s 2018 grant for “Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Oregon’s Professional Planners” from the APA Chapter Presidents Council fueled our efforts to better understand and reduce barriers to and foster diversity and inclusion among Oregon’s professional planners in their daily practice. OAPA’s DEIG spun out of these efforts. Find out more about the DEIG and how to be involved on the OAPA DEIG webpage, where you can also find the DEIG Charter and the PSU report funded by the grant.

Future of Planning in Oregon

In its capacity as the organization of planners and communities in Oregon, OAPA is considering the future of planning in Oregon through several avenues. In addition to our typical activities, the Chapter is looking to convene a Task Force to explore possible areas for improvement of the State Planning Program and to support a much broader effort looking to help shape the future of Oregon in 2050. Please reach out if interested in supporting these efforts and stay tuned for additional updates as these efforts continue to take shape.

Finally, I’d like to thank each of you for helping make my two years as OAPA Board President (and the year prior as President-Elect) one of the highlights of my career. It’s truly been a pleasure getting to learn from so many dedicated and caring people across the state and nationally through this role. I’ve consciously tried to be available, transparent, and positive throughout the ups and downs and curveballs inherent in the planning profession. If my time here does just one thing, I hope it’s this: to expand the space—however much—for people from all walks (and wheels, etc.) of life to be represented in our organization and, most importantly, in our communities. All. No qualifiers. We have more in common than not and a smile is universally understood.

Cheers to another great year ahead and some fresh faces on the Board starting January 1, 2020! And, in case you were worried (I know you weren’t), I’ll still be around next year as Immediate Past President. You’re not free of me just yet!

Humbly yours,

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2018-19 BOARD MEMBERS

Members Served 1,030, up 5% from ’17-’18

Board Members 17

Committees 10

Volunteers 135+

Staff 2 (part-time)

Revenue $206,339

Expenses $171,333

Events 31

Event Attendees 1,660+

Portland Metro:
10 Board Members
6 Committee Chairs
14 Events (45%)
55% of Membership

Central Oregon:
2 Board Members
3 Committee Chairs
3 Events (10%)
7% of Membership

Eastern Oregon:
1 Board Member
1 Event (3%)
1% of Membership

Southern Oregon:
2 Board Members
1 Event (3%)
5% of Membership

Coast & Lower Columbia:
2% of Membership

40% of membership is outside of Portland Metro. Another 4% live outside Oregon. 10 events (32%) were online, accessible to members statewide, plus one event was held at the 2019 National Conference in San Francisco.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17 Committee members • 12 Events • 4 Webinars • 686 Participants • 13 Event scholarships • 41 hours of AICP CM credit, including 5.5 Law and 4 Ethics • 18 New AICP Members • 7 AICP Candidates • 1 AICP exam fee scholarship

Events included Planners Network Meetings (in cooperation with Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development), with evening Planning Commissioner Trainings; the annual Legal Issues Workshop, December 2018, Portland; a mobile workshop; book group discussions; AICP exam prep offerings; and webinars. OAPA joined the Planning Webcast Consortium, offering 12 free webinars that qualified for CM credits, plus on demand webinars.

**Planners Network Meetings**
Northwest Oregon
September 2018, Fairview
Willamette Valley
January 2019, Corvallis
Southern Oregon
April 2019, Phoenix
Central Oregon
June 2019, Madras

*The Fairview PNM included an Economic and Industrial Development Mobile Session, including Troutdale’s Discovery Block mixed-use redevelopment.*

**Housing Opportunity and Discrimination Bus Tour with Fair Housing Council of Oregon**
June 2019, Portland

*Ed Washington, former Metro councilor, shares lively stories about growing up in Vanport, being displaced by the flood, being and moving to Albina, experiencing discrimination in Portland, and the painful impacts of gentrification.*

**Webinars**
Ethics & Planning
July 2018

Story Maps as a Community Engagement Tool
November 2018

Tribal Planning
February 2019

Untangling Clear & Objective Standards for Housing
April 2019

**Book Group Discussions**
August 2018, January & April 2019, online
October 2018, Bend

**American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)**

*Congratulations to the following new AICP Members and AICP Candidates:*

- Carine Arendes, AICP
- Kaitlin Berger, AICP
- Tabitha Boschetti, AICP
- Tracy Carter, AICP
- Rachel Cotton, AICP
- Ellen Davis, AICP
- Nancy Ferber, AICP
- Geoff Gibson, AICP Candidate
- Taylor Graybehl, AICP Candidate
- Karen Guillen-Chapman, AICP
- Chris Hagerman, AICP
- Dan Handel, AICP Candidate
- Mary Heberling, AICP
- Maureen Jackson, AICP Candidate
- Michael Janusek, AICP
- Scott Jensen, AICP
- Kyle Kearns, AICP
- Ryan Krueger, AICP
- Tracy Carter, AICP
- Mary Heberling, AICP
- Maureen Jackson, AICP Candidate
- Michael Janusek, AICP
- Scott Jensen, AICP
- Kyle Kearns, AICP
- Ryan Krueger, AICP

*AICP Candidates are AICP Candidate Pilot Program participants who passed the AICP Certification Exam and are eligible to apply for AICP Certification after completing the required number of CM credits and years of professional planning experience.*
EMERGING PLANNERS GROUP

11 Committee members • 8 Events • 167 Participants • 24 Mentorship Matches

EPG has kept busy with its popular Mentorship Program, organizing informal events for planners to network, and arranging educational events and tours with public agencies and nonprofits involved with planning.

After-Work Social & Professional Engagement Happy Hour
July 2018

Ugly Sweater EPG Holiday Mixer
December 2018

PCRI Pathway 1000 Tour
January 2019

Dine & Discuss: The New Faces of Engagement in Washington County
May 2019

Eastern Oregon “Fast, Funny & Passionate” Social Hour
May 2019

Mentorship Kick-Off Event
January 2019

Mentorship Mid-Program Event
April 2019

Mentorship Walking Tour Finale
May 2019

2019 Mentorship Program Kick-Off Event

The PCRI Pathway 1000 Tour included new affordable housing developments in North and Northeast Portland developed as part of the Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives’s Pathway 1000 Initiative

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION GROUP

12 Committee members • 1 APA Chapter Presidents Council grant

DEIG, formed in 2019, worked across the organization to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies into OAPA’s offerings, advocacy, and operations. Coming out of the Strategic Plan 2018 Update and building on research and findings supported by a 2018 APA Chapter Presidents Council grant, DEIG includes liaisons from the Board and each of OAPA’s standing committees, plus members at large. Success in 2018-2019 included:

• A Chapter award for Special Achievement: Innovation in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,
• DEI-focused panels at the 2018 Annual Planning Conference and Legal Issues Workshop,
• Embedding DEI elements throughout the 2019 legislative and policy priorities,
• A Tribal Planning 101 webinar, and
• A book group, one day professional development event, and EPG tour focused on housing equity and inclusion.

COMMUNICATING, CONNECTING, PLANNING

OAPA communicates with members and the public through a twice a month email newsletter, webpage and blog, the Oregon Planners Network email listserve, and social media. Follow @OR_APA on Twitter, @APAOregon on Facebook and Instagram, and @OregonAPA on LinkedIn!

Member networking events included a Meet and Greet at Edgefield, January 2019, and a cohosted OAPA/WAPA Meet and Greet at the National APA Conference in San Francisco, April 2019.

At the Annual Business Meeting, during the October 2018 Planning Conference, the Board reported out on the past year and members provided input on priorities and direction to inform the update of the Strategic Plan. At its 2019 Annual Retreat, the Board took an in depth look at the organization’s work to ensure alignment with the Strategic Plan. The biennial Member Survey conducted spring 2019 provided additional information to inform planning for 2019-2020 and beyond.
LEGISLATIVE & POLICY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AND POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

LPAC: 34 Members; Policy Sub-Committee: 19 Members • 1 Retreat • 1 Legislative Agenda • 1 Policy Priorities & Strategies • 110 Legislative bills tracked • 18 Letters • 3 Webinars with 228 participants • 3 hours of AICP CM credit

LPAC and the Policy Sub-Committee meet year round to track legislation and on-going policy discussions. The 2019 Oregon Legislature met for a long session, and LPAC members and staff, including a legislative intern, tracked 100+ bills and submitted written and in-person testimony on bills related to housing, carbon reduction/cap and invest, energy affordability and policy, development readiness funding, historic preservation, and transportation. Testimony to the Governor’s Office supporting transportation and land use greenhouse gas reduction measures was submitted prior to the session.

Policy Sub-Committee members tracked State rule-making activity, with comments on proposed updates to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Rule sent to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. Policy Sub-Committee members also tracked legislative and policy action at the federal level, with a focus on potential impacts to urban and rural Oregon communities.

An LPAC member attended the first annual APA State Legislative Summit in Austin, TX, in December 2018, and OAPA Board members attended the APA 2018 Policy and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC.

Bills tracked, testimony submitted, and the Chapter’s Legislative and Policy Agenda are available on the OAPA website.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

8 Committee members • 6 Awards

**Distinguished Leadership: Lifetime Achievement**
John Anthony Fregonese (August 22, 1951 – June 16, 2018)

**Distinguished Leadership by a Professional Planner**
Debra Nicholson, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Lincoln City

**Public Involvement and Participation**
Wilsonville Town Center Plan, City of Wilsonville

**Special Achievement: Individual Contribution to Public Engagement**
Quinn Keever, City of Bend, Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan

**Student Achievement in Planning**
The Queets Village Relocation Vision, Portland State University School of Urban Studies and Planning; Ripple Planning: Sachi Arakawa, Ayano Healy, Steve Rosen, Thomas Scharff, Victor Tran, and Nate White

**Special Achievement: Innovation in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
Elevating People: Planning for Equitable Travel to Marquam Hill for OHSU, Portland State University School of Urban Studies and Planning; Plan 581: Reed Brodersen, Jen Davidson, Madison Levy, Stephanie Lonsdale, Maria Sipin, Rob Zoeller

The 2019 Legislative and Policy Webinar Series included:
• Climate Change Mitigation–State Policies, Plans, & Strategies
• State Legislative Action to Address Climate Change
• Integrating Adaptation and Resilience Strategies into Local and Regional Plans
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

13 Members • 3 Podcasts with an average of 80 listeners per show • 5 Communities celebrated • 1 Youth Expo

Pints with Planners podcast topics included:
Episode #7 - Planning for Wildfire
Episode #8 - Planning for Smaller Communities in Oregon
Episode #9 - Master Planned Communities (Designing with Nature for Community Well-being)

National Community Planning Month In 2018, OAPA started an initiative to encourage and help communities all across Oregon participate in National Community Planning Month. Held annually in October, and supported by national APA, OAPA provides resources and helps promote communities’ efforts and planning successes.

The annual NW Youth Careers Expo in Portland was a great opportunity to reach out to high schoolers and introduce them to the planning profession. About 7,000 students from 70 high schools across Oregon and Southwest Washington attended to explore careers.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

15 Committee members • 371 Attendees • 33 Sessions • 3 Mobile Workshops • 1 Reception • 1 Pub Crawl • 51.25 Hours of CM Credit

The 2018 Annual Planning Conference was held in Bend, with inspired learning and conversation all around. Keynote Lunch Speaker Cat Goughnour’s topic, “Innovate, Make, Heal: Equitable Development for the 21st Century”, struck a chord (top left); conference sessions engaged and informed (bottom left and right); and the Pub Crawl brought together Board members, seasoned planners, folks just entering the field, and many in between (top right).