OUR MISSION

APA Colorado provides leadership in the development of resilient, inclusive, sustainable and equitable communities by advocating for excellence in planning and public policy, promoting professional development, and providing education and citizen empowerment for those who are working to protect and enhance the natural and built environment.

R.I.S.E. - Resilient. Inclusive. Sustainable. Equitable
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'21 Was a Bit Like a Layer Cake

 Tie in the great resignation, lack of childcare and housing becoming a scarce necessity and you might wonder if this isn't a negative way to start an annual report. Just the opposite. Resiliency is palpable. Kids made it back to school and managing the challenges while reveling in being back together with their cohorts, glimpses of normalcy are present. Federal funding via ARPA and the Build Back Better Act are poised to bring an influx of infrastructure capital to our communities and Planners are at the table to make the most of this unique opportunity for our country and our communities.

Highlights from 2021 include:

1. Two well attended conferences, one in person and one virtual. Over 500 planners took advantage of one or both of our education offerings. Add in the transportation symposium and it's hard to argue with the hard work our Board, volunteers and Shelia put in creating a successful 2021.

2. Fiscal health continues to be on a positive trajectory. A significant part of APA Colorado's fiscal health is tied to our membership. Concerns that many planners may not be able to continue their memberships in early 2020 when Covid first hit and the job market a tad uncertain, the board kept spending to a minimum and weathered 2020 with minimal impact. At this time, we see that our membership numbers are holding steady and we thank all of you for your continued support of APA

President

Joni Marsh, AICP
Colorado.

3. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion took center stage for both our Chapter and APA National. The EDI committee put out a survey which ended up garnering over 750 responses! (See some survey response highlights on page 11)

4. Communication moving into 2022 will see us update our website, continue with online engagement and electronic newsletters and expand into the world of podcasts! Stay tuned for a series to begin which will highlight Colorado communities and planners.

Other hopes for 2022: Keep the momentum the board has on a variety of work plan items while encouraging more volunteers to consider service to APA Colorado. We need more planners to get involved. Collaboration with our partner professions will be key as funding opportunities in housing, transportation and infrastructure spending come to the forefront. Let’s keep focused on the legislative priorities outlined by the Chapter and use our collective voices to continue to advocate for good planning and work to ensure that housing attainability continues to be a focus for Planners around the State as we struggle to house people nation-wide.

And finally, make space to breathe and be kind to yourself and others. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Colorado planning community and look forward to seeing you in Vail in September!

Past President
Michelle Stephens, AICP

Dear APA Colorado Members (and potential members),

The American Planning Association of America Colorado Chapter is one of the best Chapters in the country because of our engaged volunteers, board leadership, and willingness to go beyond the status quo. And we need you, our members, to continue that legacy into 2022 and beyond.

Your involvement – whether it’s your attendance at one of our events, sponsorship of an activity, writing newsletter articles, leading conference sessions, taking and maintaining your AICP, or volunteering for the Board or a committee – are all ways that you can make a positive difference and give back to our community.

As I conclude my service to the APA Colorado Board, I remain committed to being a hype-woman for planners and planning. The work we do is hard, but meaningful. And although change can be slow, you are in the driver’s seat! As we lean into 2022, I hope you will take a moment to remember why you became a planner and how you can take that passion to deliver results that you can be proud of.

Share your story! Let’s get inspired!

Take care, Michelle Stephens, AICP
What's your favorite place?

Glenwood Springs because its relaxing, has a great downtown, and I have fantastic memories with my family!
- Erin Fosdick, PDO

Downtown Main Ave in Durango, where I can walk to my favorite restaurants, stores and always see people I know.
- Mark Williams, Southwest Area Rep

West Cliff, CO. The unobstructed views, rural charm, and obviously the endless recreational opportunities.
- Sarah Kohles, APAS President

Nominate your Great Place in 2022

39th Avenue Greenway Project - Denver
Las Colonias River Park - Grand Junction
2021 CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HONOR AWARDS

• Building Bridges: The Renovation of St. Charles Place Park - Community Engagement
• East Central and East Area Plans - General Planning Project
• Gunnison 2030: Live. Learn. Earn. - General Planning Project
• The Daily Does 719 Video Series - Journalism
• Estes Valley Open Space Plan - Sustainability

MERIT AWARDS

• 2020 Gilpin County Comprehensive Plan – General Planning Project
• 2020 Together Chaffee County Comprehensive Plan – Community Engagement
• Lower Risk: The Fort Collins Water Shortage Action Plan and 1010 Water Restrictions – Growing Water Smart
The Treasurer position involves close coordination with the Chapter Administrator and President on the day-to-day operations of the Chapter. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial wellbeing of the organization through careful review of the monthly expenses in relation to the annual budget prepared by the Budget Committee, which the Treasurer helps to oversee along with the President and Chapter Administrator. This position works closely with all Chapter Board positions, committees and staff to evaluate funding requests against the annual budget to ensure we are providing our members and communities with the resources they need to elevate the profession.

As with any volunteer board, members may decide how active they want to be involved, which directly impacts the progress of the organization or position. The Treasurer position is a more active role that assists other Board members, the President and staff on various initiatives and activities. It is important that the Treasurer be well prepared for the monthly meetings by working closely with staff to finalize the Monthly Report and to review all aspects of the packet to understand any funding requests and how they relate to the annual budget. For the Treasurer to be effective in their role, it is important to allocate time every month to complete the responsibilities, which fluctuate around the conference and end-of-year annual budget preparation and review. At APA Colorado, we are very fortunate to have a Chapter Administrator that assists the Board members and our members throughout the year.

As Treasurer, I have the opportunity to be a member on the Conference Planning Committee where we discuss all aspects of the Colorado Planning Conference, including the conference theme. When we discussed the theme for 2021, the idea of Planning at a Crossroads came to mind given the challenges we face in our profession. The Covid pandemic along with the ever changing social and political dynamics are creating opportunities for us as planners to change the way we think and how we function. We can challenge the status quo of reactionary planning and assert ourselves into conversations and decisions to help guide positive change for our communities. Planners have a unique and diverse skillset that our communities and residents need as we navigate these opportunities and push forward.

- Established a comprehensive budget for 2021, despite the uncertainty surrounding the 2021 Colorado Planning Conference and other events due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.
- Worked closely with the Conference Planning Committee, PDO (Professional Development Officer) and the Professional Development Committee to think of new and engaging session formats for our members at the annual conference.
- Worked closely with the Conference Planning Committee and staff to put together a great in-person and virtual conference for our members.
- Served alongside the PDO to answer mentorship requests and served as a mentor to many planners throughout the The APA.
## 2021 Financials

### INCOME

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### ASSETS

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Income $189,837.37

Expenses $165,183.41

Chapter Assets

Profit $24,653.96
We ended the year with a profit - exceeding budget expectations.

Note: 2022 numbers are based on the approved budget and projections.
In 2021, the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee conducted an EDI survey. The Committee is currently analyzing the data and will provide a full report in 2022. Below are a few interesting highlights from the report.

**Is there unfair treatment of employees in your workplace?**

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(Note: % shown where statistically significant at ≤0.1%)

**Feeling of Belonging at Workplace**

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**Treatment of Employees at Workplace**

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The Legislative Committee is different from many other committees because we are focused on working during the legislative session (January through May) for the most part. We meet frequently during that time so we can respond to legislation, be proactive to support important policies, and provide expertise to legislators. We’ve been working more directly with legislators recently, which allows us to build our political capital, expand our reach, and be even more of a resource to policy makers.

We supported important legislation and participated in the stakeholder process for the development of SB21-260 Sustainability of the Transportation System (the Transportation Bill). We had more one-on-one conversations with legislators and continued to build the presence of planning and develop long-standing relationships. We have begun working with our US Senators and Representatives too, working with APA and other state chapters on influencing federal policy. We also began developing a story bank that will, in the future, help us identify needs, issues, successes, and challenges from across the state to communicate better with our elected officials. The story bank will help us personalize messaging and pair it with data so that we can be more effective with legislators. As you engage with the community, help us record their stories so we can link local needs with data to encourage good planning policies.

We will be working hard to get legislation passed that supports affordable housing, climate change, water planning and conservation, transportation, and infrastructure development. We will also be continuing to build our relationships with legislators. One way we are planning to do that is to conduct local tours that highlight needs or success in communities across Colorado. The tours could be based on affordable housing, conservation, transportation, or more! If you have ideas or would like to participate in a tour, let us know.

The legislative committee meets every other week through the legislative session. Come when you can, but you are not obligated to attend every meeting. Get on the list-serve to stay up to date with our committee meetings. Also, come to Planner’s Day at the Capitol or testify with us at the capitol. The more legislators see and hear from us, the more it reinforces the importance and value of planning. We are an important resource for policy makers, but we have to be in front of them and the issues to continue to build our reputation and influence.

Congressman Joe Neguse cosponsored the Housing Supply and Affordability Act thanks to the efforts of the Legislative Committee this year!
Representation

The APA Colorado Board is composed of nine elected, seven appointed and thirteen committee representatives who provide geographical, topical and interest areas a voice in the Chapter.

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
Julia Pueste, AICP  (VPExternalAffairs@APAColorado.org)

The VP of External Affairs acts as a coordinator and liaison between the Board and all Chapter activities in the area of public relations. In part to execute the duties of this position, the VP also CO-Chairs the APA CO Outreach and Communications Committee and Co-Chairs the APA CO Awards Committee.

Through the Outreach and Communications Committee I assisted in improving the effectiveness of the Chapter’s tools (website, email, newsletter, and future podcast topic planning). In the Awards Committee, we reviewed 17 Chapter Awards submissions which resulted in 5 honors awards and 3 merit awards given at the State conference. Further, I assisted with communication to the award winners and those that did not receive an award as well as help coordinate awards winners video presentations for the conference.

During my second term, I will seek to enhance our planning profession’s relationships with those outside of our field. I would like to provide more opportunities that encourage and support planners to reach outside of their comfort zone and engage outside organizations and people such as social and environmental non-profits, other professional organizations and our future planning youth.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS
Mike Tylka, AICP  (VPCommunications@APAColorado.org)

This position gets to speak to those involved in planning and planning adjacent roles in every capacity all over the state. Throughout 2021, I kept up newsletters and planned for new communication and outreach methods - it was a building for the future kind of year.

In 2022, ideally we can get an informative podcast up and running!

Want to help out, contact me! We are looking for new ideas and can always use the help. It is also a great networking tool.
DENVER METRO AREA REPRESENTATIVES
Britt Palmberg, AICP & Hadley Peterson  (DenverMetro@APAColorado.org)

This position provides an opportunity to interact with the very diverse range of members across the Denver Metro area, representing the bigger cities, the various suburbs, and surrounding small towns. The Denver area is at the crossroads of many planning issues and it is an exciting area to represent.

In 2021 we tried getting events going, as communities began opening up, including bike rides around the region. We also held virtual thematic talks in spring 2021 and collaborated with APA Urban Design and Preservation Division in Center, CO in Fall 2021. We are looking forward to a lot more events, speaker series, and other ways to be involved and interact with members, as we continue to pull out of the pandemic and move toward the “new normal”.

If you want to help us plan events or offer suggestions, shoot us an email.

CENTRAL MOUNTAIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE
Mark Truckey, AICP  (CentralMountain@APAColorado.org)

The Central Mountain area is the Heart of the Rockies! In 2021 I assisted the planning efforts for the Fall Colorado Planning Conference in Keystone. Later, I held a Breckenridge Housing Tour in October, which attracted about 20 planners where we were able to provide an overview of Breckenridge’s extensive efforts regarding workforce housing and provided a tour of a number of the Town’s recent housing developments.

What should you look forward to in 2022? Free beer—for everyone that attends the 2022 Fall conference in Vail! We’ll also provide great educational opportunities along the way!

SOUTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVE
Mark Williams  (Southwest@APAColorado.org)

The Southwest Area is the remotest outpost of planners in Colorado, so it’s really nice when we can get together in professional gatherings and remind ourselves there’s more than just mountains, clean air and wild rivers.

This was a year to get back to socializing in person. We hosted a happy hour for design professionals in Durango in the fall. For the first time since 2019 we will also have a holiday party for planners.

In 2022 I will continue to connect members with each other, with social events and with opportunities for professional advancement.

I encourage anyone with specific a request to learn about a particular topic to contact me or APA. We can always help set up webinars or even in-person events.
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE
Katelynn Wintz, AICP  (SouthCentral@APACOLORADO.org)

In 2022, South Central Area planners can expect happy hours and in-person events to bring our community of planners together for networking and resource sharing!

Any members interested in being involved with APA Colorado are welcomed with open arms! The South Central area is particularly interested in any members who have an interest in assisting with brainstorming new event ideas and event coordination. This is a rewarding opportunity to meet new planners out of your usual network and give back. Members can get involved by reaching out to APA Colorado or southcentral@apacolorado.org.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES
North Central Area Representative (NorthCentral@APACOLORADO.org)
Northwest Area Representative (Northwest@APACOLORADO.org)
EPP Representative (EPP@APACOLORADO.org)
Public Official Representative (PublicOfficial@APACOLORADO.org)
Allied Organization Representative (AlliedOrg@APACOLORADO.org)

Community Engagement for Quick-Delivery Transportation Innovations in Boulder
APA Healthy Communities Committee
November 15, 2021
12-1:30 PM via online platform
RSVP on Eventbrite
Email healthy@apacolorado.org for info
CMI for AICP pending

Zoom Happy Hour
March 23rd
HH: 5-6 pm
EPP Board Meeting: 6-7 pm
Join the Emerging Planning Professionals and WTS Young Professionals for a virtual happy hour! Let’s chat about all things job hunting during the pandemic.
Social Media

Get a quick fix for your Chapter and planning news. Follow us on

Social Media Manager
Jena Skinner, AICP
(Social@APACOLORADO.org)
2021 COLORADO PLANNING CONFERENCES

Planning at a Crossroads

What does that mean to you?

For the first time in 22 years I am not a working planner but an administrator who happens to be a planner. I think I am not the only one who found themselves changing and evolving with the pandemic and at times, feeling unsure about the next steps for our communities and ourselves in light of all the current struggles presenting themselves.

- Joni Marsh, President

Crossroads are where inertia meets change. Planning has more knowledge, tools and engagement than ever before, and as a profession we have the ability to find the best way forward.

- Mark Williams, Southwest Area Representative

We've clearly had a paradigm shift regarding public engagement as a result of the pandemic and it will never be the same again. Planners need to adjust and take advantage of new technologies to be more inclusive in the planning process.

- Mark Truckey, Central Mountain Area Representative

Our profession helps shape the future and our professional knowledge needs to be used at the forefront to shape it.

- Mike Tylka, VP Communications
We as planners make choices every day that will impact our communities immediately, and into the future. It is imperative that we consider long-term impacts vs. short-term gains to ensure we maintain healthy, thriving communities. We need to make investments in our communities and to consider equity, equality, inclusivity, and sustainability in all aspects of planning. That is NOT an easy task. But let’s keep working toward those goals, and we are sure to continue creating amazing places that everyone can enjoy!

- Renae Stavros, Great Places Committee Chair

The planning profession continues to evolve. In order to remain relevant, the profession needs to continue to adapt in the way we approach our work - the topics we address, how we address them, and how we work with our diverse stakeholders.

- Erin Fosdick, Professional Development Officer

Planning is more important now than ever. As technology, society, community needs, and the pandemic continue to evolve, planning is playing a critical role in solving current issues and preparing our communities for the future.

- Shaida Libhart, Legislative Affairs Representative

The Covid pandemic along with the ever changing social and political dynamics are creating opportunities for us as planners to change the way we think and how we function. We can challenge the status quo of reactionary planning and assert ourselves into conversations and decisions to help guide positive change for our communities. Planners have a unique and diverse skillset that our communities and residents need as we navigate these opportunities and push forward.

- Josh Olhava, Treasurer

Crossroads can also be viewed as an opportunity for change, and planning is always operating where change occurs. Planning helps inform and guide our decisions of what we want our community to be in the future and what we want to preserve (i.e. not change).

- Daniel Murray, Awards Committee Co-Chair
Committee Crumbs

APAS COMMITTEE
President: Sara Kohles and Student Representative: Lauren Platman

The APA Student Chapter facilitates connections between emerging planners and practicing professionals. This Chapter is a two-way street. It offers opportunities to broaden students’ understanding of the planning profession and allows practitioners to give back and assist the next generation of planners.

Through hard work and budgeting, we were able to bring almost four dozen planning students from the state’s largest planning program to the APA state conference, giving them the opportunity to experience an academic conference, learn about exciting new directions in research and practice, and network with professionals in the field.

This past spring, the previous board hosted panel discussions covering a wide variety of topics including on the intersection of race and planning and planning for people with disabilities.

In 2022, we are offering opportunities for members to engage with each other, their communities, and the planning profession within the Denver region. Upcoming events include visits to planning firms, a tour of the History Colorado museum, and a workshop with the Mile High Flood District’s Stream Academy.

Members can get involved by signing up for our events, interacting with our social media accounts, and attending our monthly meetings. They should get involved because we provide opportunities to learn, network, and have fun with fellow planners! The more students engage, the more diverse and enriching the experiences.

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Daniel Murray, AICP & Julia Pueste

The Awards Committee has the honor of recognizing excellent planning projects in Colorado. We get to celebrate the success of a communities plan or creative solution to a challenge.

The Awards Committee reviewed 17 award submissions and selected 3 Merit and 5 Honor awards, which were recognized at the state conference.

We will be revising the award categories to align with the APA National categories. Beyond that, we will continue our role to recognize planning excellence.

It is a great way to learn about the challenges and solutions that communities are facing in Colorado. It is about a 8 hour commitment each spring and then we get to celebrate at the fall conference.
EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Ignacio Correa-Ortiz, AICP & Hadley Peterson, AICP-C

The EDI Committee is the best place for fighting racism within the association. We have met the enemy. The enemy is us.

The path to achieve our goal is long and has many twists, but we are doing it one step at a time. In 2021 we took a significant step with the release of the EDI survey which is already providing insight at how equity, diversity and inclusion look in our profession. Apart from planners not looking like the communities we serve; we are also not a homogeneous group. The Results and analysis will be presented in 2022.

After two years serving as Co-chair, Ignacio Correa-Ortiz will turn the reins over to Manish Shigaokar and Jennifer Woods. They will carry on our goal of achieving “a planning profession that is representative of the communities that planners serve.”

Ignacio and the Committee exhort you to become aware of your personal biases. One tool you may use is the Harvard Implicit Association Test; be the change that you want to see around you.

Thanks to our current and former members: Hadley Peterson Co-chair, Lauren Platman, Manish Shigaokar, Brandon Cammarata, Jennifer Woods, Rocio Ramirez, Jenny Steffel Johnson, Lynn Coppedge, Edson Ibáñez, Andrew Williams, Sara Dusenberry, Max Morgan and Layla Bajalan.

FAICP COMMITTEE
Chairs: Maureen Paz de Araujo, FAICP CTP CEP

The FAICP Committee is made up of all current Colorado AICP Fellows. During 2021 the committee completed support for the four APA Colorado Chapter FAICP candidates for the 2022 Class of the College of Fellows. All committee members took part in applications review, selection of potential nominees, and review and editing of nomination packages. Four committee members, Julie Ann Woods, Peter Pollock, Susan Wood and Maureen Paz de Araujo acted as mentor guides for the nominees. All four nomination packages were completed and submitted in August. Over 100 nominations were submitted this cycle and the Chapter will be notified if our nominees were successful in early February 2022. Members of the 2022 FAICP Class will be inducted into the FAICP College of Fellows in a formal ceremony at NPC2022.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Conor Merrigan, & Karl Barton, AICP

The Sustainability Committee works to put on events that link sustainability to other aspects of planning practice for the benefit of our members and their communities and clients.

The Sustainability Committee put on the Designing a Street for Recovery virtual charrette to examine the possibilities for converting a stretch of Larimer St in Five Points into a permanent shared street. Following the charrette we hosted a happy hour at Ratio Beer Works.

In 2022, the Sustainability Committee will be focusing on the Symposium for Sustainable Infrastructure - 4.

Members can get involved by emailing Sustainability@apacolorado.org and coming to our meetings which are the third Tuesdays of the month from 8:30 to 9:30 am. They should get involved because the Sustainability Committee is filled with fun and committed people who are doing good work, but could use some help.
GREAT PLACES COMMITTEE
Chair: Renae Stavros, AICP
The Great Places in Colorado program showcases some of Colorado’s best assets - the places that make people love this State! I love seeing the variety of projects that are submitted to our program each year. They represent amazing planning efforts in communities throughout the State of Colorado. Our planners and community leaders strive for excellence, and we do an amazing job!

This year the Great Places program added equity and inclusivity markers to our checklist for what makes a Great Place in Colorado. Many of these markers were already part of our review, but this year we wanted to ensure our review included specific qualities and characteristics of places that are both equitable and inclusive.

In 2022, our hope for the Great Places Committee is to increase awareness of our program. We need a new and improved marketing and outreach strategy to gain momentum and encourage diversity of applicant project types and location!

Please email greatplaces@apacolorado.org if you are interested in being part of the Great Places in Colorado Committee. It is minimal commitment and you are sure to find out about the great work planners are doing throughout the state. You will also be able to participate in the review of applications for the Great Places nomination in 2022!

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Bradyn Nicheson & Liz Young Winne
The Healthy Communities Committee is proud to provide a variety of opportunities for professionals across Colorado. By keeping the committee broad and inclusive to professionals interested in healthy community planning, the group has been able to be flexible and well-received by members.

The Healthy Communities Committee conducts an annual survey to solicit information about group interests for the year’s meetings. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the Healthy Community Committee finished the Health and Housing position statement (Board approved in November 2021), hosted a presentation at the Colorado Planning Conference, and supported a Colorado School of Public Health capstone student to work on the Colorado Code Project.

The Healthy Communities Committee is looking forward to supporting a new CU-Denver Masters of Urban and Regional Planning student who will take another step toward finalizing the Colorado Code Project. The committee looks forward to finalizing this project in 2022 or 2023, depending on the progress made by student participation.

Interested planners, planning-adjacent professionals, and public health professionals are welcome to get in touch with the Healthy Community Committee by emailing healthy@apacolorado.org and can learn more by visiting our website.
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Shaida Libhart, AICP & Scott Bressler, AICP

Our committee is special because we bring a large group of similar focused members who have a wide range of expertise to look at legislation that affects all of us as planners. We have members throughout the state that bring different views based on their geography and their employment sector, but all focused on good planning.

We tracked a total of 56 planning related bills this year. We also were heavily involved in working with legislators on the major Transportation funding bill that was passed this year: SB21-260 Sustainability Of The Transportation System.

Hopefully we will be doing more of the same in 2022! We will track planning related bills that come up and take a position on bills that really matter to us as planners. We are working closely with folks on an Affordable Housing bill that may be run this year as well. If you have an interest in Affordable Housing, this is a great time to get involved in the legislative committee. Just call in to our Meetings that occur every other Friday throughout the legislative session. You do not need to have an in depth knowledge of the legislative process (we are all learning all the time). You do not have to testify on behalf of APA (but you can if you’d like). You don't need a full understanding about every topic area that planning covers (none of us do). Anyone is welcome if you want to learn about the process and get involved in the legislation that affects all of us as planners every day!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Chair: Maureen Paz de Araujo, FAICP CTP CEP

This committee is the backbone of the organization, in that it identifies the value in your APA Colorado membership and helps ensure that value is given, year-round. We had planned to conduct a new member survey in 2021 but postponed it to allow the EDI Committee to conduct their own important survey. Look to see the membership survey in your inbox in 2022. Be prepared to provide input on what you think the Chapter is doing well and things we can improve upon. Let us know how we can improve upon the value of being a member of APA Colorado and again, how we can best serve you.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Chair: Erin Fosdick, AICP

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) provides support for members throughout the year. The PDC assists with conference session selection, creating themes for the year, and reviewing requests for certification maintenance. In addition, the PDC hosts two AICP prep workshops annually, helping planners prepare to take the AICP exam.

The PDC hosted two virtual AICP prep workshops and provided support for prospective test takers. The group participated in creating the call for sessions and session selection for the annual conference. In addition, the group brainstormed educational themes for consideration by the Board. The PDO also assisted in approving CM credits for several trainings throughout the year.

AICP exam prep workshops in the Spring and Fall. Support for professional development and training. Conference session planning and sessions that fulfill AICP requirements, including opportunities for earning required credits in the new subject areas. Potentially new opportunities for mentoring, in conjunction with other committees and Board members. Website updates for professional development resources

Participate in the PDC; submitting sessions for the annual conference, delivering and/or hosting trainings with CM opportunities, informal mentorship. Members should get involved to ensure planners throughout the state have access to relevant training opportunities.
The Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Colorado) is a non-profit organization of professionals and citizen planners providing vision and leadership for the future development of Colorado communities. We are the state affiliate of the American Planning Association and have over 1,500 APA members Statewide. In Colorado, as well as nationally, we have a membership that is diverse in expertise and focus. APA Colorado members work both in the public and private sector; for Federal, state, and local government; for firms both large and small; in long-range planning and development review; in master planning, as well as site planning; in transportation planning, land use planning, environmental planning, design, and in many other capacities.

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