



Southwest Section Council

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APA PA Southwest Section Meeting

Time/Date: 12-2pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Location: Upper St. Clair Community & Recreation Center
<http://www.twpusc.org/rec/crc/directory.pdf>
(map and directions located on page 3)

Topic: Project Management

CM Credits: 1.5 Approved

RSVP: Attendance ONLY to: Brilhart@twpusc.org
by Monday, September 14

The Township of Upper St. Clair recently celebrated the opening of the region's latest Community & Recreation Center (CRC). The CRC includes a 90,000 sq. ft. fitness, aquatics, recreation and community center located in Upper St. Clair. To minimize energy usage, well-thought-out "green" design elements have been utilized throughout the facility such as thermal-efficient glass, super insulated building shell, and the use of natural light and high-efficiency mechanical units, to name a few. At the meeting, Township officials will discuss their experiences planning the development of the CRC.

APA PA will show a video that covers the five-phased process for managing projects, from initiating to closing. Panelists provide insight into governmental, consulting, and nonprofit project management. Good project management is a key to professional success, as well as effective planning, and this is an opportunity to hone your management skills.

Note: Please bring a brown bag lunch with you! Upper St. Clair Township will provide refreshments and cookies!

Changes to APA PA Southwest Section

New 2009 Section Council

The votes are in—meet your new APA PA Southwest Section Council members! If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact one of the members and we will be happy to help you in any way we can. Also, please let us know of any upcoming events / programs that are planning related and we will be happy to pass the information along to our membership!

Online Polls

In addition to new Council members (see above list), PPA SW is focused on reaching out to involve more Southwest Section Members! We have begun developing polls on www.doodle.com to gather YOUR opinion on a variety of topics, ranging from the day of the week to the time of day that works best for a majority of members for SW Section

meetings. We will continue to use polls like this in the future to gather information on meeting topics, etc. Please watch your email for invitations to participate!

Email Updates

As always, we will continue to provide our members with email updates related to APA PA topics, upcoming events, etc. If you DO NOT receive these emails and would like to be added to the list, please email Amy at asenopole@mackinengineering.com with a valid email address! We will try to keep the emails to no more than once a week unless something is time sensitive.

Please note that APA PA utilizes membership names and email addresses from APA. Please ensure your email address is up to date with APA to guarantee proper delivery. If you would like your name to be removed from the distribution list, please email Amy to let her know.



American Planning Association Pennsylvania Chapter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (excerpt taken from the August 2009 *Vantage Point*)

President Alexander J. Graziani, AICP

NEXT YEAR, 2010, will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association. To help make good strategic decisions in the coming years, the leadership of PA-APA is currently working on a new chapter development plan. Our current development plan covers the years 2006-2010. This fall chapter leadership will begin the process with a day-long retreat to draft the next plan.

I would like to encourage you, our members, to take time to review our current plan and offer a critique of what you think we accomplished and/or failed to achieve.

Help inform us by beginning to share with me (alex@smartgrowthpa.org) your ideas about what direction the chapter needs to take. The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association is a membership organization. Help us better serve you, the planning professional and planning official, by sharing your feedback during the plan development process.



American Planning Association
Pennsylvania Chapter

October 4-6
Dolce Valley Forge

Important Dates to Remember!

September 4: Early Bird Registration Deadline
September 25: Regular Registration Deadline
Registrations received after September 25 will be billed a \$50 administrative fee.

NEW! Room rate reduced to \$109 single/double per night, plus tax

AICP Continuing Education (CM) Credits

The end is near...AICP members must have all 32 CM credits logged by December 31, 2009 in order to maintain certification. How many more credits do you need?

Please let us know if you are having trouble obtaining credits. There are events, webinars, CDs, etc. that we can help promote / share to assist you in maintaining your certification!

Email one of the APA PA SW Section Council members to discuss your certification today!

Counties in SW Section

Allegheny	Fulton
Armstrong	Greene
Beaver	Huntingdon
Bedford	Indiana
Blair	Somerset
Butler	Washington
Cambria	Westmoreland
Fayette	

Upcoming APA PA Southwest Section Meetings

Do you have an idea or a topic for an upcoming APA PA Southwest Section meeting?
Would your municipality / organization be interested in hosting an upcoming meeting?
If so, please email Amy at asenopole@mackinengineering.com