


**Pennsylvania Planning Association  
Southwest Section Meeting  
Friday, December 7, 2007  
Meeting Summary**

Attendance:

Ray Reaves, AICP	Brandi Rosselli, AICP	Joy Wilhelm, AICP
Joe Romano, AICP	Amy Senopole, AICP	Jim Pashek, AICP
Mike Coonley, AICP	Tracy Zinn, AICP	Tracy Frampton, AICP
		
Denny Puko	Jeff Leithauser	Peggy Drake
Ben Kelley	Dave Ginns	Dave Montz
Dave Johnston	John Martin	Jesse Hines
Stacy Mackin	Doniele Andrus	Andrew Dash
Royce Lorentz	Joel MacKay	Chip Uhl

**Opening:**

The Southwest Section quarterly meeting was convened at 2:30 PM at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building. Joy Wilhelm opened the meeting with introductions and a section update. The Section will be supporting the accreditation efforts Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Joy has met with the Chair of the Department of Geography and Regional Planning to discuss this goal. Joy reported that the Southwest Section is accepting offers from municipalities and counties to host the quarterly meetings for 2008 (the next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2008).

**Treasurer's Report:**

Brandi Rosselli gave the treasurer's report: the December balance is \$1,904.57. Brandi asked the section members to think about educational or sponsorship opportunities for the 2008 budget.

**Continuing Education Units:**

Ray Reaves gave an update on the AICP Continuing Education requirements. Beginning in 2008, AICP members will be required to maintain these credits through activities approved for Certification Maintenance (CM). APA oversees the CM process and will begin charging \$50 per

credit (i.e. if the section is applying for 2 credits per meeting, each meeting will cost \$100). The Section will need to decide how the credits will be paid for (this could be one of the items that comes out of the 2008 budget).

**Presentation:**

Denny Puko, Planning Program Manager, Governor's Center for Local Government Services, PA Department of Community and Economic Development gave a presentation on the status of Comprehensive Planning in Pennsylvania. Through his presentation Denny asked the following questions, which were then debated and discussed by the group:

- Are Comprehensive Plans having an impact?
- Are you satisfied with the results?
- Are the results worth \$15 million+ (the amount DCED has invested in the plans over the past six years)?
- Should plans be a motivator or a guide?
- Is the goal of a comprehensive plan to prepare a book?
- Should comprehensive plans be limiting or empowering?
- Does innovation mean "doing things better" or "doing better things"?
- How can we innovate comprehensive plans?

**Future Meetings/Other Announcements:**

- Friday, March 28, 2008 TBD
- Pittsburgh will host the 2008 PPA Conference. A committee has been formed and volunteers are needed.

No additional business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Submitted by:



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Joy M. Wilhelm, AICP