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## Highlights! 2011 Annual Conference

The conference kicks off with workshops Sunday afternoon, followed by the **Welcome Reception at the Historic Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel**. After the reception, grab a bite to eat at one of Scranton's many restaurants, including those within walking distance of the hotel.



Monday it's on to the **Opening Keynote Session which will feature Secretary Richard J. Allan, Secretary for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. Allan has long been involved in environmental interests. He was a founding member of Back Mountain Recreation, Inc., a recreation and environmental facility in Luzerne County. He was also a founding member of the North Branch Land Trust, which provides management to more than 10,000 acres of land in North-eastern Pennsylvania. He has also worked with the LACAWAC Sanctuary Founda-

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## My One City

*Philadelphia, PA*

**Discovering new cities** and places is something planners' embrace. The APA Urban Design & Preservation Division recently published selected entries from their 2011 'My One City' competition. The competition challenges Division members to write about their favorite city and what makes it special in less than 300 words. **Jillian Penrod-Krause's** entry for Philadelphia was among those selected for publication and we'd like to share it with you.

**IN 1683, WILLIAM PENN** found himself designing a city of firsts. Philadelphia is the first city in America to have been designed in a gridiron pattern; the first city to plot public gardens in each neighborhood; and the first city to have been designed to spatially feature the primacy of its City Hall.

In 2009, Mayor Nutter declared Philadelphia's next mission: to become the Greenest City in America. From retrofitting its classic rowhomes for energy conservation, to planting 100,000 trees for air quality, to successful and innovative bike- and car-sharing programs, this urban area is making another mark in history as an urban area saturated in sustainable living. A pending design incorporates an homage to Penn

in which neighborhoods will have access to green space through an archipelago of parks dotting the Delaware River.

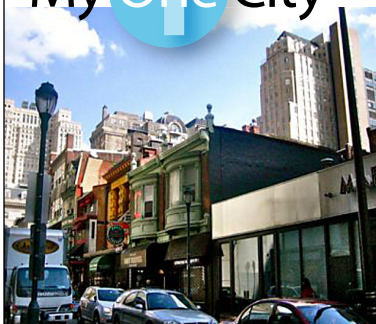
Philadelphia has taken advantage of the luxury of historical development and adaptability, and the result is not only diversity among the neighborhoods, but the temporal generation of spatial boundaries. Old City, Queen's Village, Fish-

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## My One City



### Quick Facts:

Population: 1,547,297 (2009)

#### What Makes It the "One":

- "A city of firsts"—from the first planned city in America with a gridiron pattern, to the first city to feature the importance of its City Hall in its design
- Current mission to become the Greenest City in America
- Incorporation of historical development resulting in diversity among neighborhoods and "the temporal generation of spatial boundaries"
- Friendly people in the City of Brotherly Love!

town, Rittenhouse, New Kensington, University City, Passyunk Square, Northern Liberties are in constant revival and planners can find comfort in knowing neighborhood longevity, at least in Philadelphia, is not determined by the character of its architecture but by the character of its people.

Every time I show guests around Philadelphia, they seem amazed at how personable everyone is. Servers ask your name, people at the park ask you to watch their dog for a second as they grab a quick coffee from the cart. After witnessing a jay-walker almost get caught by the wrong side of a taxi, my brother and I had a two-block conversation with a complete stranger about how much better Philadelphia is than New York. The seasoned Philadelphia pedestrian said, "In New York, they'd hit you and keep going." Welcome to the City of Brotherly Love. ♦

# Highlights! PA Chapter of APA Annual Conference October 16-18, 2011

tion. Since 2005, he has been a consultant to energy producers in the electric, wind, solar and coal sectors. Secretary Allan has served on the boards of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and Pennsylvania Resources Council since 2000. He was also a member of the energy and environmental committees for Governor Corbett's transition team.

Attendees will also gather **Monday for the Pitkin Lecture and Luncheon.** This year we are pleased to bring you **Roberta Brandes Gratz, award-winning journalist and urban critic, lecturer and author** of "The Living City: Thinking Small in a Big Way," and "Cities Back from the Edge: New Life for Downtown." She is an international lecturer on urban development issues and former award-winning reporter for the New York Post. Her newest book, "The Battle For Gotham: New York in the Shadow of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs" was published in 2010. Ms. Gratz was appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission in 2003 and recently left that position for an appointment to the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee. In 2005, in collaboration with Jane Jacobs, Ms. Gratz and a small group of accomplished urbanists founded The Center For the Living City to advance Jacobs' work.

**Monday concludes with a reception at the Electric City Trolley Museum.** Following the reception, attendees are encouraged to enjoy dinner at one of the many Scranton restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

**Tuesday we gather for a Plenary Session that will focus on an issue that is key to most Pennsylvania communities – Marcellus Shale.** Teri Ooms, Executive Director of The Institute for

Public Policy & Economic Development will speak with attendees on this important topic that continues to impact much of Pennsylvania on many levels. The Institute is a think tank that has been established to provide essential research, analysis, and consultation to entities looking for revitalization and long-term sustainability. The principal purpose of The Institute is to increase the capacity of organizations to solve their own problems and become thriving entities.

#### Workshops and Mobile Tours

In addition to these outstanding main sessions the conference committee has carefully selected a program that features 46 work-

#### Support the Conference!

Sponsorship by companies and organizations help to make the conference possible and contribute to the advancement of planning in Pennsylvania. Openings are still available to sponsor, advertise and exhibit at this important annual state-wide planning event. For more details, visit [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org) and click on Annual Conference.

#### Commitments by July 8, 2011

will ensure inclusion in the Conference Announcement that will reach 5,000 planners in the state.

#### Full Conference Information Available Later July

The Conference Announcement will be released in later July. Watch your mailbox and the Chapter's website for this impor-

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### PA Chapter of APA Annual Conference October 16-18, 2011

The 2011 PA Chapter of APA Annual Conference will be held October 16 to 18 at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center in Scranton, PA. The Conference Announcement, including descriptions of all workshops, registration and hotel details, will be available in late July 2011. For additional information, visit the Chapter website, [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org) and click on "Annual Conference."

shops and up to seven mobile workshops. The topic range is broad and the full program will be announced in late July.

#### CM Credits

AICP planners who are seeking CM credits can earn almost 50% of their requirement by attending the full conference. See below for the scheduled CM credit availability for each day at the conference.

**Sunday – 2.5**  
**Monday – 6.25**  
**Tuesday – 3.75**

tant publication which will share the following details with you:

- **Full Conference Schedule including Workshop Descriptions**
- **Conference Rates**
- **Hotel Accommodations and Group Rates**
- **Details for How to Register**
- **Deadlines**

**WE LOOK FORWARD** to seeing many of you at this year's annual conference. The conference announcement, containing full program details, will be released in mid to late July. Please check the website at [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org) for ongoing updates. ♦



The Irving Hand Award is available to support professional planners in furthering their education. The award can be used for such activities as:

- Conferences
- Foreign study trips
- Continuing Education
- Masters and Doctoral Degrees

## 2011 Irving Hand Award Supports

# COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF PLANNING

by Joseph A. Russo, Planner, Delaware County Planning  
Department, Community Assistance

**As a young** community assistance planner, I must admit I feel rather fortunate to be in my position at my age. I currently work with the municipalities of Delaware County to develop comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, redevelopment plans and strategic municipal initiatives.

**SINCE FINISHING** my undergraduate degree and beginning my career with the Community Assistance Section, I've always sought to better myself in the field of planning. I've learned strategic ways to incorporate new ideas into my work and increase outreach to municipalities countywide. However, after a few years in the working world, I decided to seek a Masters degree to further improve my planning skills. I researched the best program suited for my goals, applied for, and was subsequently accepted into the MPA program at

West Chester University, with a concentration in Urban and Regional Planning.

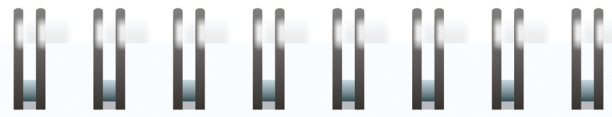
To support the pursuit of this degree, I applied for the Irving Hand Excellence in Planning and Professional Development Award. The award has helped me in ways I could never have imagined before. It paid for my course in Urban and Regional Planning and aided with the purchase of the books and supplies I needed to accomplish the course. This course in turn has given me a broader knowledge in planning. The class taught the history of planning in great detail. I found it useful to know the background of planning practices to understand the principles I utilize in the field today. In addition to the history lesson, our professor expanded our knowledge of regional planning initiatives by taking us on multiple site visits and engaging our intellect in all facets of regional planning and government involvement. We examined the State's Municipalities Planning Code, visited planning commissions, and wrote several reports regarding the commissions' roles and their impact on our everyday

lives. We listened to accomplished planners in the field, which instilled in me a higher level of pride and understanding for the valuable purpose planners serve in our communities. I find myself more confident and knowledgeable in my work for the County since the completion of the course. I believe the coursework reinforced my background in planning and I hope to continue my coursework and earn my MPA in Urban and Regional Planning in 2012.

I'd like to sincerely thank all those affiliated with the Irving Hand Award. Receiving the award filled me with a stronger purpose and reminded me that what I am doing doesn't just affect me but

everyone I hope to help in the future as it relates to planning. In a sense, it reminds me that an award like the Irving Hand can affect all of us, just like the spirit of planning. The people behind the Irving Hand Award help keep planning strong and allow planners, like myself to continue to enhance our quality of life.

**The PA Chapter of APA is currently accepting applications for the 2012 award. The deadline to apply is August 26, 2011. For application details, please visit [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org). See "Professional Development Scholarships" under the Education heading.** ♦



## Planner notes...

### Ruff Joins Marcellus Shale Coalition

The Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC) recently announced the hiring of **Joy Ruff, AICP** as a Community Outreach Manager for the organization. Together with other staff, Joy will advance the organization's community outreach, education and public engagement efforts. Joy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has over 15 years of community development experience in both the private and public sectors. Her work in the public sector includes serving as a Local Government Policy Specialist for the Pa. Dept. of Community and Economic Development, where she assisted local governments with strategic and economic planning.

### Walls Receives 2011 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

For his dedicated service in local government **Jerry S. Walls, AICP**, was honored on April 15, 2011 at the 15th annual Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. In total, eight local government leaders and 10 communities across the state received awards that were presented at the Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. The Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence are presented annually to communities and individuals by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, an office within the Department of Community and Economic Development that works to assist Pennsylvania's 2,562 local governments. ♦



## "Pressing the Flesh"

"Alex you need to go to Harrisburg from time to time and 'press the flesh,'" said Tom Graney, as he firmly shook my hand.

**THOSE WERE THE WORDS** of advice my original boss and mentor imparted in my early days in the field on the necessity of making the trek to our capitol. Long before our current crises, he understood the value and importance of meeting with members of the Legislature, Governor's staff and state agen-

cies to educate them on the value of planning, and, equally important – to learn about their legislative priorities and interests.

Over time, I have become more convinced of the veracity of his statement. You can no longer have a meaningful planning career in Pennsylvania without going to Harrisburg to, "press the flesh".

Planning has taken a back seat in Commonwealth-wide decision making. Some planners in our midst remember the day when planners like **Francis Pitkin** and **Irv Hand** played critical roles in statewide policy.

In the last several years, we have witnessed the over 90% cuts to local government planning grants and the slashing of professional technical support from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services.

Moreover, shortly after taking office Governor Corbett created the **Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission** and the **Transportation Funding Advisory Commission** and did not (in as far as I could tell reading the list of commission appointees), appoint any community planners. With all of the knowledgeable county planners, planners who work for our regional planning organizations and many other talented and experienced professional planners in government and the private sector; we should have at least one or two who could serve. According to the Governor's press releases:

**The purpose of the (Marcellus Shale Advisory) commission, Corbett said, is "to oversee how we can build around this new industry and how we can make certain we do this while protecting our lands, our drinking water, our air – all the time growing our workforce."**

And

**"Pennsylvanians expect and deserve to have a transportation system that improves not just their safety, but their overall quality of life. The time has come to put a financial plan in place that not only addresses our transportation needs but also takes into account our nation's energy objectives and realities."**

**IT SEEMS TO ME** that for both of these commissions community planning has some very important perspectives to add to the dialog.

The fault of this oversight does not lie entirely with Governor Corbett. The fault lies with our profession for not advocating that planning is essential and the talents and skills of planners are critical to good long-term decision making. We have not been willing to go to Harrisburg to, "press the flesh," or take the time to get to know our legislators, their staffs, and involve them in the good planning that is occurring in their districts.

**ON MAY 23, 2011** seven members of our association made the trip to Harrisburg and participated in our Chapter sponsored **Planners Day on the Hill**. The day was ably organized by **Shannon Debes**, Chair of our Chapter Legislative Committee; **GSP Consulting** and **Shermer & Associates**.

In that one day some of us were able to have up to twelve meetings. However, when we made visits to key members of the House and Senate and their staffs often we were at a disadvantage when not one of our group could say that they were from their district. With 253 members of the PA House and Senate we need to have more than seven members take the day to visit our state capital.

With pending legislation in Harrisburg looking to enact statewide model zoning code language to handle Marcellus Shale time is of the essence to reverse the trajectory of ignoring the voice of planning.

The top priority of our recently adopted Chapter Development Plan (2011-2014), "Promoting a Culture of Planning," is that we will, "Promote good planning practice and the 'Culture of Planning' throughout the Commonwealth." One of the best ways we can do this as individuals is to take time to meet with our legislators to educate them on the value of planning for economic prosperity and the quality of life in our communities.

**AS ALWAYS THANKS** for taking the time to read this article and if you ever have an issue that you feel needs my attention please email me at [alex@smartgrowthpa.org](mailto:alex@smartgrowthpa.org). ♦



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Here are two direct ways  
you can make a difference starting today.

1. **Make appointments** to meet with your state senator(s) and representative(s).
2. **Invite your state senator(s)** and representative(s) to participate in a local planning project and actively seek their advice and input into the plan.



# LEGISLATIVE

## affairs update

by *Shannon Debes, Chair, Legislative Committee*

ON MAY 23, 2011 seven members of the PA Chapter of APA gathered in Harrisburg to both introduce and acquaint members of the Legislature with our organization and its role in the essential function of planning. Lawmakers and their staff were debriefed on issues we consider to be critical both legislatively and programmatically. The mutually beneficial discussions yielded opportunities for our organization to serve as an information resource to several legislators and their staff.

The day was organized by Legislative Chair **Shannon Debes** and Legislative Services provider **Stacy Gromlich**. President **Alex Graziani** was in attendance along with **Richard Stahl** of Huntingdon County, Professor **George Pomeroy** of Shippensburg University and recent Temple University Graduate **Kyle Guie**, **Matthew Popek**, and **Matthew Wice**.

Due to the small size of the group, the entire cohort was admitted to nearly every high-level appointment of the day, including meetings with:

- Representative **Tom Creighton** (R), Lancaster County, Chair of the House Local Government Committee
- **Matthew Maciorski**, Executive Director, House and Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, Representative **Camille "Bud" George** (D-Clearfield), Chair
- **Colleen DeFrank**, Legislative Director, Senator **Jay Costa** (D-Allegheny), Senate Minority Leader
- **Richard Fox**, Executive Director of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, Senator **John Yudichak** (D-Luzerne), Minority Chair
- **Luc Mirion**, Chief of Staff, Senator **John Blake** (D-Lackawanna), Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee and Senate Inter-Governmental Oper-



**Attendees for Inaugural Planners Day on the Hill Event, May 23, 2011. Front Row (left to right) George Pomeroy, Richard Stahl, Shannon Debes. Back Row (left to right) Matthew Weiss, Matthew Popek, Kyle Guie and Alex Graziani**

ations Committee

- **Adam Pankake**, Executive Director of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, Senator **Mary Jo White** (R-Venango), Chair
- **Peggy Montgomery**, Economic Development Specialist, Representative **Frank Dermody** (D-Allegheny), House Minority Leader
- Representative **Bob Freeman** (D-Northampton), Chair of the House Local Government Committee

**AS A RESULT** of the highly productive conversations that constituted these meetings, several legislators and staff requested that we submit our expert and balanced opinions on pending legislation on a continuing basis. One such item that members have been requested to comment on is SB 1100. A collaborative meeting is being held between our Legislative Committee and the County Commis-

sioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) on June 8 to form a joint position on this legislation, which withholds the disbursement of any natural gas impact fees to municipalities who do not adhere to a statewide model zoning ordinance. We will apprise you of the developments of this collective effort.

**OUR PRESIDENT Alex Graziani** would like to ensure that we maintain a steady presence in Harrisburg, especially in consideration of the fact that we are new to the advocacy circuit and it will take some time for us to become familiar faces at the Capitol. As such, we do plan to hold another Planners Day on the Hill this year, most likely in September. At that time we will work to further the message that planning our communities' futures requires greater support from the legislature and the technical assistance required to execute that essential work cannot be ignored. ♦

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## 2011 Webcasts Offer Convenient, Free Option to Earn CM Credits!

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### Schedule of Webcasts:

The most current schedule is hosted by the Utah Chapter of APA at their website, [www.utah-apa.org/webcasts](http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts). New webcasts are added regularly – check the schedule often. You can also view the next few months of webcasts at the PA Chapter of APA events calendar online – [www.planningpa.org/events.shtml](http://www.planningpa.org/events.shtml).

### How to Register:

Attendees are strongly encouraged to register early. Schedule subject to change. Where to register? At [www.utah-apa.org/webcasts](http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts). You can also link to the Utah APA website from [www.planningpa.org/events.shtml](http://www.planningpa.org/events.shtml). ♦

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#### August 12

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# PDO corner

by Susan Elks, AICP, Professional Development Officer

**I RECENTLY** had the pleasure of attending the American Planning Association (APA) National Conference in Boston. As the Professional Development Officer (PDO) for the PA Chapter, this conference enables me to meet with many of my colleagues from other chapters, a rare event indeed. While APA provides general direction on the responsibilities of a PDO—promote professional development and continuing education—it is up to the individual chapter and PDO to carry out specific tasks, which results in quite a range of how chapters handle professional development.

The range is astonishing, even given the understanding that PDOs are volunteers. Some chapters have no staff or committee support for the PDO, who is then solely responsible for logging all of their chapter's CM training into the APA system for approval. Without staff or committee support, these PDOs are able to do little other than this task. Some chapters have two PDOs, one responsible for AICP exam preparation and one responsible for CM and professional development training. Some chapters have staff support; some have a PDO for each of their sections in regards to CM events.

In Pennsylvania, the PDO is supported by the Chapter's staff, who handle many logistics for training events and for APA

approval of CM events, as well as by a very active volunteer committee (Professional Development Committee—PDC), which helps with logistics for training, presents at AICP exam preparation sessions, and provides feedback. With this strong support of professional development, the PA Chapter is able to offer its members many services and events that other chapters are unable to do—including a full-day AICP exam prep session each spring, an AICP exam prep session at the conference, participation in the free CM webcast series, in-person training around the state (such as the transportation and zoning series), nomination of members to the AICP Fellows, and support to members with CM issues or AICP exam questions.

PA Chapter members also benefit from the many volunteers within each section, who conduct training and connect members to professional development opportunities. It is also critical to remember that current volunteers are building on the work of previous volunteers. The PDC and the PDO position have certainly benefited from a history of active volunteers.

The APA conference reinforced for me that the PA Chapter, its staff, and many volunteers are working hard to advance professional development across the state. As a volunteer driven organization, there are absolutely going to be times when things fall through the cracks and things don't go quite right. However, from a view across APA, and the many different chapters that make up APA, I am happy to report that thanks to the efforts of many individuals the PA Chapter is providing quality professional development services to its members. If you are now, or have been, a PA Chapter volunteer or staff member—thanks for your efforts. If you have not volunteered yet—more help is always welcome. The PA

Chapter has many activities, and certainly there's one you would be interested in helping out. For more information please contact me or the main office. Contact information is available at [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org).

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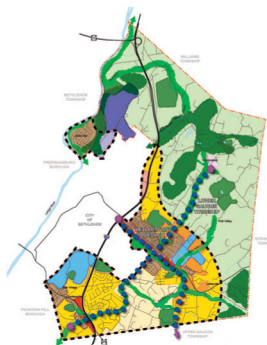
APA will be accepting nominations for the Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) in the fall of 2011. Election to the College of Fellows is one of the highest honors that the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), the professional institute of the American Planning Association (APA), bestows upon a member. The PA Chapter is currently considering potential nominees, who must be AICP members in good standing with 15 years of membership as a minimum. Planners can be nominated under one of four categories: Professional Practice, Teaching and Mentoring, Research, and Community Service and Leadership. A nomination must document the following for the applicant: exceptional and sustained leadership; innovation and excellence; a legacy for his/her profession; community and society; and exceptional accomplishments in planning over an extended period of time. In 2009, the PA Chapter was pleased to nominate Richard Bickel, who was inducted into FAICP in 2010 at APA's annual conference. If you would like the Chapter to consider someone for nomination, please contact the Susan Elks, PDO, or the Chapter office.

## AICP Exam Updates

November AICP Exam Testing Window – The next AICP Exam testing window will be in November 2011. The application deadline is July 13, 2011. Please see the AICP Exam webpage of the PA Chapter's website for additional information and study resources. ♦

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