

**APA County Planning Division  
Annual Meeting  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 14, 2013**

**1. Welcome, Call to Order, Sponsor Recognition**

Incoming Chair Tim Brown opened the Annual Meeting at 10:32 AM (CST) and welcomed the members of the APA County Planning Division, NACo Affiliate - National Association of County Planners (NACP) and the guests in attendance. He recognized ESRI (Platinum) and First Transit (Bronze) who generously sponsored the Annual Meeting. He indicated that due to recent job changes there are upcoming vacancies in the Board leadership for Chair-Elect and Secretary. He also indicated the Division is seeking members to serve as Social Media Coordinator, Web Master and Newsletter Editor.

**2. Roll Call**

The 25 attendees did self-introductions (signup sheet attached). Executive Committee Members present were Tim Brown, Royce Maniko, Mike Kayes, Megan Nelms, Dennis Sandquist, Charles Compton, James Davenport, Robert Hill and Joe Scorcio.

**3. Minutes of March 7, 2013 Meeting**

Hill moved, Davenport seconded a motion to approve of the March 7, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**4. Finance Report**

The most recent financial reports from APA were not available and will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**5. Presentation of County Planning Awards**

There were 10 outstanding applications submitted that resulted in 6 awards. Brown thanked the awards committee for its hard work. He described the selection process and categories. Each award winner was summarized and presented with the recognition trophy. All the award winners will be highlighted in the upcoming newsletters, and on the Division website.

Award of Merit for Best Practices: McHenry County Illinois' Green Infrastructure Plan which incorporated a detailed inventory of natural resources using the latest technology and information, created a green infrastructure map, identified additional green infrastructure opportunities, and developed policies and implementation recommendations.

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Award of Merit for a Planning Project: Sarasota County Florida's Nathan Benderson Park, which transformed a former Interstate Highway shell excavation area into a large mixed use development. The 600 acre regional park includes a world class rowing venue in an Aquatic and Nature Center.

Award of Merit for Grass Roots Initiative: Richland County South Carolina's 8th Annual Neighborhood Planning Conference which brings neighborhood leaders together with professional planners, local administrators and industry professionals to address the struggling nature of urban communities and rural neighborhoods through their Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Award of Excellence for Best Practices: Hillsborough County Florida's City-County Planning Commission for their Guide to Creating and Updating Community Plans in Unincorporated Hillsborough County. The Guide provides consistency to the community plan format and content, and provides guidance to ensure that plans are developed in a manner consistent with the County's overarching planning framework.

Award of Excellence for Small Area/Special Planning: Howard County Maryland's Downtown Columbia Plan, a 30-year master plan for evolving Columbia's suburban-oriented Town Center into a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable urban community. The result is a vibrant city center where people live, work, shop and play within an enriched natural setting that is connected and pedestrian friendly.

Award of Excellence for Special Focus Planning Initiative - Senior Living: Clark County Washington's Aging Readiness Plan. The Plan explores five main elements, identifies challenges and provides 91 strategies. The Aging Readiness Plan is a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and needs identified by the local community, service providers and academic experts through a collaborative approach that created a document that was an accurate and informative assessment of the community and its capacity to support the County's "silver tsunami".

## **6. Other Business**

Executive Committee members were introduced. Upcoming vacancies for Chair-Elect, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Social Media Coordinator and Web Master were again noted.

Chair Brown indicated that outgoing Chair Judy Francis has been provided a plaque in recognition of, and thanks for her years of service to the County Planning Division and NACP.

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Other County Planning Sessions and activities were highlighted, including award winner McHenry County's Facilitated Discussion and General Session on green infrastructure, and the County Division's session on protecting coastal counties and the Digital Coast Project with NOAA and NACo. The division's new brochure was presented by Meghan Nelms. Brown indicated that the Division can co-sponsor sessions at state level conferences.

**7. Next Meeting Date**

The next Executive Committee teleconference meeting will be May 9, 2013 at 2:00 PM (EST).

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:29 AM (CST).

**APA County Planning Division &  
National Association of County Planners  
Annual Joint Meeting  
Sign Up Sheet  
April 14, 2013**

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