

February 2015 Quarterly Newsletter

Planning Association of Washington

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WHO WE ARE:

The Planning Association of Washington is a grassroots educational organization devoted to helping shape a vibrant Washington through effective and informed community planning. Our members and constituents are planners, planning commissioners, elected officials, tribes, special purpose districts, private sector firms, state agencies, students and interested citizens.



OUR VISION:

Strong and livable communities guided by informed citizens.

OUR MISSION:

Provide an inclusive forum for sharing problems and solutions, developing land use planning knowledge and putting this knowledge into the hands of citizens and their elected officials.

OUR GOALS:

Provide education, develop a sustainable infrastructure that will build organizational capacity and grow awareness of the purpose and value of PAW.

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WHAT WE DO:

SHORT COURSE ON LOCAL PLANNING: Our signature event! It's open to anyone, it's free and it's held every year at nearly two dozen locations around the state. The Short Course is produced collaboratively with the Department of Commerce, WA Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), WA Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-WA) and professionals who volunteer time and expertise as instructors. The Short Course is over 35 years old and has helped educate over 25,000 people on the fundamentals of Washington State planning. See page 2 for 2015 dates and locations.

ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE: A multi-day event where public and private experts share knowledge and leadership in planning and discuss emerging planning topics, issues and solutions.

REGIONAL PLANNERS FORUMS: Co-sponsored by the Department of Commerce and Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Forums are quarterly gatherings where planners, planning commissioners, elected officials and community members talk informally about local issues, share ideas, and hear from leading experts.

LAND USE BOOT CAMPS: Designed for planning professionals, attorneys, elected and appointed local government officials, citizen activists and anyone seeking a comprehensive understanding of the legal fundamentals involved in local land use permitting and planning.

JOINT AWARDS PROGRAM: Recognizes exemplary planning and co-sponsored by PAW and the WA Chapter of the American Planning Association.

WESTERN PLANNER MAGAZINE: Published eight times per year and promotes community and regional planning in the western states.

PAW WEBSITE: www.planningpaw.org - Dedicated to educational and training opportunities.

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2015 PAW BOARD

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- Ryan Harriman, AICP, Vice-Pres.
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PAW Remembers Board Member
Lisa Berntsen, 1965 - 2014



Known for her dedication and leadership, Lisa greatly contributed to PAW by organizing outreach efforts, assisting with annual conference preparations and administering the website. With her guidance, PAW increased its membership and expanded its visibility statewide. Those of us fortunate enough to know her will remember her dedication to this organization and passion for life. Thank you, Lisa!

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2015:

PAW Annual Conference:

Mark your calendar now for this must-attend event at Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan, October 6-8, 2015. Join us for three days of educational seminars, professional networking, mobile tours, distinguished keynote speakers and the debut of our new Planner Skills Camp! Contact our conference co-chairs for more information:
Alex Wenger: awenger@cityofblaine.com or Ryan Harriman: harrimanr@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us.

Land Use Boot Camps:

- Sammamish City Hall, Friday, May 8, 2015
- Yakima Convention Center, Friday, May 15, 2015

Topics for 2015 will include: Updating GMA Plans and Regulations (1 hour), Transportation Concurrency Survey (1 hour), Marijuana (1 hour), Annual Case Law Update (1 hour) and a Mock Hearing (1.5 hours).

Planner Skills Camp:

PAW is developing a new course called the Planner Skills Camp. This program will be aimed at newer planners or others wishing to expand or refresh their everyday planning skills. The Skills Camp will be a half day seminar focusing on Public Meetings and Hearings, How to Write Effective Staff Reports, Working with Your Planning Commission, Resolutions and Ordinances.

Upcoming Short Courses:

- [City of Spokane Valley Short Course](#) - February 25, 2015, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- [City of Othello Short Course](#) - March 11, 2015, 6:15 - 9:15 pm
- City of Lakewood Short Course - April 2, 2015, 6:15 - 9:15 pm
- [City of Stanwood Short Course](#) - April 6, 2015, 6:15 - 9:15 pm
- City of West Richland Short Course - April 23, 2015, 6:15 - 9:15 pm
- City of Chelan Short Course - October 6, 2015

Can't make a short course in person? Check out these new basic short course videos:

- [Introduction to the Short Course](#) 5 minutes
- [Comprehensive Planning Basics](#) 11 minutes
- [Implementing Your Plan](#) 10 minutes
- [Washington's Legal Framework for Land Use Planning](#) 7 minutes
- [Constitutional Issues and Other Protections](#) 8 minutes

Visit the State of Washington [Department of Commerce Website](#) for more information.

Expanded Continuing Education Credits:

Both conferences and the Boot Camps provide excellent continuing education opportunities for professional planners. The Short Course is a great resource for elected and appointed decision makers. PAW is working to broaden our educational offerings to students and new planners. A lot of the practice of planning is learned on the job. Planning students are educated on the theory of planning, but the daily practice of planning is more of a learned art. PAW is developing a new educational offering, Planner Skills Camp, aimed at newer planners or those seeking to learn new skills. PAW will also be visiting planning and planning related programs in Washington State colleges. PAW also partners with other educational organizations to offer continuing education credits to planners attending their events.

Membership Renewal:

Being a member of PAW is a great way to make sure you stay up-to-date on planning issues across Washington State! Don't forget to renew your membership for 2015 by visiting the [Membership Page](#) on our website for easy online renewal.