

May 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 is of strong and livable communities guided by informed citizens. Our mission is to help shape a vibrant Washington through effective and informed community planning. We do this by providing an inclusive forum for sharing problems and solutions, developing planning knowledge and putting this knowledge into the hands of the public and their elected officials. Our goals are to 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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## 2015 LAND USE BOOT CAMPS - MAY 8 and MAY 15

PAW has designed 2015 Land Use Boot Camps specifically for professional planners and land use attorneys. The Boot Camps are skills-based courses that focus on timely issues and include land use law and practice updates. This Spring, PAW is proud to offer two camps: one at the City of Sammamish (May 8) and the other at the Yakima Convention Center (May 15). Topics will include Marijuana, Transportation Concurrency, Stormwater Fundamentals and more! Click here for more information about additional topics and featured speakers: [2015 Land Use Boot Camps Agenda](#). Costs are \$80 for PAW members, \$95 for non-members, or groups of 10 for \$500.

Register today by visiting the [Land Use Boot Camps registration page](#).



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## 2015 ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE OCTOBER 6 – 8

The Planning Association of Washington invites you to our 2015 conference to be held October 6-8, 2015, at Campbell's Resort in beautiful Chelan, Washington.

The theme for this year's event is **"Celebrating Our Success; Building Our Future!"** The conference will focus on planning under the Growth Management Act and professional development. Features of the conference include a multitude of provocative sessions, inspiring mobile workshops, unlimited networking opportunities and the not-to-be-missed new Planner Skills Camp!

PAW is seeking session proposals that will be informative and relevant to the planning community and to the conference theme of planning under GMA and professional development. Sessions will be 90 minutes in length. The top 12 session proposals, as selected by the conference committee, will present at the conference.

Please email session proposals to conference coordinator Alex Wenger at: [awenger@cityofblaine.com](mailto:awenger@cityofblaine.com). **The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2015.** See the [PAW website](#) for the full Request for Session Proposals.

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### 2015 PAW BOARD

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### UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Planner Skills Camp Debut at Annual Conference

PAW is excited to announce a new course called the Planner Skills Camp. This program is aimed at newer planners or others wishing to expand or refresh their everyday planning skills. PAW has designed nearly a full day of short sessions on the following topics:

- Current Planning 101
- Long-Range Planning Basics
- Writing Effective Staff Reports
- Legal Pitfalls They Don't Teach in College
- Private Sector vs. Public Sector Planning
- Working with Your Planning Commission and Council – Roles, Procedures and Etiquette in Public Meetings and Hearings

PAW is in the process of assembling a line-up of distinguished presenters to focus on these topics. Stay tuned for an official agenda coming soon!

#### 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! Please support the PAW by renewing your membership today. Visit the [Membership Page](#) on our website for easy online renewal. Your support will help us to continue providing cutting-edge educational services and inclusive forums for connecting with people passionate about Washington State planning. Membership dues are used to provide a variety of educational events, including our annual Planning Conference, Land Use Boot Camps, Planner Skills Camps and other continuing education opportunities.

#### 2015 Joint PAW-APA Planning Awards Program

The Planning Association of Washington is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2015 Joint PAW-APA Planning Awards Program. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday May 29, 2015. Award decisions are expected to be announced in August. The formal presentation of the 2015 awards will take place at the PAW Annual Conference in Chelan, October 6-8. For more information, including the nomination form, please refer to the [2015 Call for Nominations Material](#).

#### Western Planner Journal

The PAW has been a long-standing Sustaining Member of the Western Planner Resources LLC, the publisher of the Western Planner Journal. Due to financial issues experienced over the last decade and the exhaustion of the PAW's rainy day resources, the PAW Board of Directors voted to reduce our status from Sustaining to Affiliate Member. PAW membership dues will now be used exclusively for planning education in Washington State. The Western Planner Journal is still available through our website with reduced Affiliate Member pricing and there is now a digital subscription for only \$15.

The future looks promising despite these financial challenges. The Board of Directors is rejuvenated and energized to cultivate the PAW's resources and bring stability to this long standing educational organization and we appreciate your continued support as a new series of educational events are rolled out in 2015.

**The next 50 years of the PAW has already begun.**

### Employment Opportunities

[PAW's Employment page](#) is a great resource for information on jobs, internships and other planning-related opportunities of interest for PAW members and friends.

### Resources/Links

[WA State Dept. of Commerce](#)

[Municipal Research Services Center](#)

[APA – Washington](#)

[National Assoc. of Regional Councils](#)

[Association of Washington Cities](#)

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