

December 2015 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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MESSAGE FROM THE PAW PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Celebrating the New Year is always a good time to look ahead to what's on the horizon and 2016 is filled with promise and a whole new series of PAW educational offerings. Highlighting these events is the annual conference April 20 – 22 in Everett.

The conference theme is "Planning in an Age of Turbulence: Charting a Course for Success," which will feature inspiring sessions, stimulating mobile tours and fascinating & fun evening social events.



The Boot Camp program is ready for takeoff in 2016, with events scheduled in Lacey, Mercer Island and Spokane Valley, with a new Public Administrators Boot Camp set for Sammamish. These refreshed land use boot camps will focus on the First Amendment, Gilbert vs. Reed and much, much more. You won't want to miss these engaging and informative full day trainings.

You can save money by registering for these events though our revised membership program. With the new professional membership, organizations can sign up an unlimited number of members. Also, be sure to check out our new program for elected and appointed officials! Sign up your entire Planning Commission and Council for \$100. It is hard to beat this deal with significant registration savings at all our events.

I'm pleased to announce that the PAW is rolling out a new land use and planning forum early this spring that will be exclusive to our membership. Post questions and get advice from our collective membership and Board of Directors. We'll also have a new boot camp video series available this spring for streaming directly from our website along with a number of example staff reports that you can download. Being a PAW member has never been more beneficial!

In closing, I wanted to say thank you for all the support shown to the PAW in 2015. From the Boot Camp speakers, to the Conference presenters, and to our Board of Directors, all of whom volunteer their time. Also a big thank you to our conference sponsors, the Washington State Departments of Commerce and Ecology, and of course to all our members who showed us support throughout the year.

Have a safe and festive holiday season and we hope to see you again soon!

Sincerely,

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2015 PAW BOARD

Executive Board Members:

- Alex Wenger, AICP, President
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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](#)
[WA State Association of Counties](#)

2016 REVISED MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

We have revised our membership program for a variety of reasons, but the primary factor is that we wanted to give everyone an opportunity to become involved with fostering Washington State planning practices and land use knowledge.

In an effort to reach more planning commissioners and elected officials, PAW is rolling out a new special reduced rate for these dedicated individuals. The PAW Board of Directors believes that by revising our membership program our ability to provide pioneering educational trainings and forums to exchange knowledge will be enhanced. The PAW looks forward to continuing to deliver top quality education in 2016 and beyond. We hope that you can show your support and sign up today!

Renewed Fee Structure for PAW Membership

Professional - \$450

Our new professional membership provides for the opportunity to get everyone involved. This membership option allows for an unlimited number of individuals to become a PAW member for one flat rate. Full benefits are provided to each member that is part of the professional membership organization.

Individual - \$75

Part of a smaller planning department or only interested in signing up a couple of PAW members? We still offer an individual membership for an affordable rate with full benefits.

Elected and Appointed Officials - \$100

Sign up your entire planning commission and/or city council for one flat rate. All elected and appointed officials in your organization can be signed up at this amazingly affordable rate, and they will all receive full membership benefits.

Student - \$20

Currently enrolled in school? Sign up for the PAW today at a special student rate!

Improved Benefits for PAW Members

- Discounts on all events, including the annual conference and PAW boot camps
- Access to new website forum dedicated to land use issues (coming soon)
- Access to our new website for boot camp video series (coming soon)
- Access to our new website for example staff reports (coming soon)
- You get on our mailing list of all our education events and announcements
- You will be able to post job announcements at no cost
- You will be supporting a local not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering planning and land use knowledge.
- 25% savings on printed subscription to the Western Planner Journal

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SPRING 2016 PAW CONFERENCE

2016 Conference Registration

PAW would love to see you for the 2016 conference to be held April 20-22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Everett, Washington.

The [Holiday Inn Downtown-Everett](#) is located just 30 minutes from downtown Seattle. Conference group rate is \$107.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Call 425-339-2000 to reserve your room.

Early bird registration is now open! Do not hesitate to [register today!](#)

2016 Conference Theme

The theme for the event is "*Planning in an Age of Turbulence: Charting A Course to Success.*" The conference will feature a multitude of provocative sessions, inspiring mobile workshops, and unlimited networking opportunities.

The Conference Committee is working hard to finalize the schedule and mobile workshops. Click here to see a current copy of the [Conference Schedule](#).



2016 Conference Sponsorship

We are expecting over 120 attendees at the 2016 Conference in Everett!

PAW is happy to announce that private and agency sponsorships are available.

[Click here](#) to see our sponsorship flyer and to learn more about the benefits of sponsorship.



DIGITAL SHORT COURSES

The Washington State Department of Commerce has organized about a thousand short courses since the program began in 1977, supported every year by PAW.

In 2015, Commerce made the Short Course program available on the web! Check out the Short Course [You-Tube Playlist](#) to watch the short course from home or with your planning commission!

You can also download the short [Video Study Guide](#) to follow along or the longer [Resource Guide](#) for more depth.

<http://bit.ly/SCLocalPlanning>

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from the PAW Board!



Thank you to our Boot Camp Hosts!



WHAT IS A BOOT CAMP?

Land Use Boot Camps were created by the Planning Association of Washington out of our focus on education.

The Boot Camps are skills-based courses designed for planning professionals, attorneys, public administrators, citizen activists and anyone else seeking a comprehensive understanding of the legal fundamentals involved in local land use permitting and planning.

See our Land Use Boot Camps registration page for more information about specific topics, featured speakers and costs. Special group rates are available!

2016 SCHEDULE

Land Use Boot Camp

Friday, March 18, 2016

Lacey Community Center

Public Administrator Boot Camp

Friday, March 25

Sammamish City Hall

Land Use Boot Camp

Friday, June 10

Mercer Island Community Center

Land Use Boot Camp

Friday, October 14

Spokane area – TBD