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## APA is now looking for volunteers for Recovery Planning Assistance Teams (RPATs)

APA is seeking volunteers with experience in hazard mitigation, post-disaster recovery, or climate-change adaptation to participate in capacity building and recovery efforts in communities affected by last year's natural disasters. The deadline to **apply online** is extended to **September 30**.



## APATX18: 400+ Are Registered - Are You?



**Online Registration Closes Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:59pm**

#### Jobs



Click links below to learn more!

**City Planner - Corpus Christi**

Join over 400 planners, elected and appointed officials, and other related professionals in the Gulf Coast on **October 17-19, 2018**, at the Galveston Island Convention Center. Texas' signature planning event will feature exciting sessions, mobile workshops, plenary and luncheon speakers, and networking events. The Short Course offers training for Planning commissioners and elected officials. AICP members have the opportunity to receive up to 16 hours of Certification Maintenance credits during the conference.

## APATX18 Registration

**Director of Planning  
Services - Flower Mound**

**Development Services  
Director- Kaufman**

**Director of Planning -  
McKinney**

**Click here** to see a full listing of jobs.

### **Additional APATX18 Rooms Added!**



APATX18 Conference  
October 17-19, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton:

\$155/\$170 + tax

Holiday Inn Resort:  
\$139/night + tax

**Book your hotel room!**

Book by 09/25 for  
discounted rates!

**Tweet, Like, and  
Follow...your Digital  
Engagement Toolkit  
for #APATX18**



**New Planner  
Resource Center**

## **Student Opportunities to Engage at APATX18**



Urban Planning students can accelerate their studies and career potential by volunteering their time at APATX18! Membership in APA is free for students, so sign up for APA before registering for the conference to save some money. Here are some of the

opportunities for students at APATX18:

- **Professional Development** – Conference program includes 9 tracks with over 60 technical sessions, offering training and education for students and for practicing planning professionals alike. Choose among 6 mobile workshops to get outside the conference center and really get to know Galveston Island and nearby communities.
- **Employment and Internship Opportunities** – Job Mart for employers to post job notices for communities, agencies and consultant employment and internship opportunities.
- **Career Enhancement** – Attend the Leadership Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm, to learn career building skills and strategies, taught by APA national and Texas Chapter leaders. Recognize the benefits of APA involvement for developing your professional profile.
- **AICP Exam Prep (\$60 Course Fee)**- This session is an overview of what to expect when taking the AICP certification exam. Learn helpful study tips and test-taking strategies for the exam, review major topic areas covered, and identify important study aids and resources.
- **Expand your network of Texas Planners** – Upwards of 600 practicing planners and planning officials are expected to attend the 2.5-day Texas State Planning Conference and Short Course for Appointed and Elected Officials. Social events allow opportunities for networking with your peers and colleagues.
- **Student Volunteers receive refund of their student registration fee** – Students who volunteer to work a 4-hour shift during the conference will receive a refund of their \$50 Student Early Registration fee. Job include session monitors, ticket takers at luncheons and receptions, and registration helpers. To volunteer, check the student volunteer box on your conference registration form. Student ID required.

## **APA Learn Nearing Launch**



Check out the **New Planner Resource Center** to learn how to get involved with APA and grow professionally!

### APATX at TML Conference - Oct 10-12



As a TML Affiliate, the APA-Texas Chapter is excited to be a part of the Annual TML Conference in Fort Worth, October 10-12. Come check out the APATX Booth at the TML Exhibition and hear our session about flood mitigation on October 11th!

### TML Conference and Registration

### Planning Webcast Series



Earn over 50 CM credits every year on your computer – at no cost to members of participating APA chapters and



Get ready for the next generation of online planning education!

Next month, APA will take a big step forward in offering planners the highest quality professional education by launching APA Learn, a one-stop shop for online instruction at any point in a planning career. APA members and other lifelong learners will find APA Learn unequalled for quality and convenience.

APA Learn will feature:

- Almost 400 courses, offering 500+ AICP Certification Maintenance credits
- Seamless integration with CM logging
- New, affordable pricing
- Mobile-friendly bookmarking capabilities

Find out more about **APA Learn!**

## APATX18 Mobile Workshops Filling Up Quickly!



**Touring Galveston by Bike Mobile Workshop is sold out! And others are filling up quickly.** Don't miss out on this year's dynamic, planning-packed Mobile Workshops at APATX18. Even if you have already registered for the conference you can still add a Mobile Workshop to your schedule. While the mobile workshops cost an additional \$50 with registration, they are well-worth the trip! Read through the descriptions below and book your favorite workshop!

### View Mobile Workshops

## APATX18 Conference Schedule Released!



divisions that support the Planning Webcast Consortium. Please check back periodically as we develop additional offerings throughout the year.

**Upcoming webcasts include:**

9/7 - **Foreign-Trade Zones and Trump Tariffs: Options for Local Economic Developers**

9/28 - **Let's Talk About Privilege**

**Planning Home - American Planning Association Housing Initiative**



APA conceived Planning Home, an organization-wide initiative, to reshape the way planning is used to address America's housing affordability crisis. We challenge planners, developers, policy makers, and advocates to think bigger — to change state laws, improve local practices, convene to address pressing problems, and reimagine ways to engage with communities and reach solutions together. [Learn More](#)

**2018 APA Policy and Advocacy Conference**



Want the scoop on what will be going on at the APATX18 Conference? Check out the session lineup, mobile workshops, evening events, conference hotels, and a pre-conference timeline to get you ready for everything APATX18 will have to offer. Oh, and don't forget your sunblock and beach towel!

**View the Conference At A Glance!**



## Featured Planning Legend Video: James Duncan, FAICP



Jim is one of the nation's leading planning practitioners. He has spent half of his 50-year career as a public agency planner and half as a consultant to public agencies. As an agency planner he has served cities and counties in

Florida, Texas and California (Dade County, Broward County, Hollywood, Austin and Camarillo). As a zoning and impact fee consultant, his clients have included over 350 cities and counties in 42 states. Jim is a charter member and Fellow of AICP, past president of National APA and two-term president of the Florida APA chapter. He co-authored the APA publication, "Principles and Practices of Growth Management." Jim has a bachelor of journalism and government from the University of Texas (1961) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). He also received an "Outstanding Alumni Award" and "Regents Alumni Award" from OU.

**Click here** to watch Mr. Duncan's interview for the Texas Oral History Project! The APA Texas Oral History Project currently has over 40 interviews with planning leaders and legends. **Subscribe to the Channel now!**

**Get ready to 'Snap your Planning Story'**

SEPT 23-25, 2018  
Washington, D.C.  
[Register](#)

Connect with planners and officials on important planning policy issues and expand your network.

Advocate for stronger communities by speaking out on legislative issues that affect planning.

Learn how to address planning policy issues at both the federal and local levels.



**SNAP Your PLANNING STORY**

October is National Community Planning Month and the APA-Texas Chapter wants to celebrate by showcasing your community's planning story! Follow these 2 easy steps to participate:

- 1 Snap a photo of you in your community at a place that illustrates **why planning matters**. You can bring your selfie stick or bring your entire department with you!
- 2 Upload the photo on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram and **tag @txplanning** with the hashtag **#PLANNING MONTH** and a short description of the place.

The APATX Chapter will share your planning story to help celebrate National Planning Month and our state's great planning successes.

**#PLANNINGMONTH**

WACO: Magnolia Silos  
FORT WORTH: Downtown  
MCALLEN: Oval Park  
HOUSTON: Hermann Park  
TYLER: Rose Garden

APA National Community Planning Month

### APA Water and Planning Connect Conference



SEPT 11-12, 2018  
Kansas City, Missouri  
[Register](#)

Explore new ways to integrate land use planning with water management to ensure your community's healthier, more sustainable future.

### Farm Bill Legislation



From the APA

With the current Farm Bill set to expire on September 30, Congress continues movement toward new legislation that will set the direction for a broad swath of policy on farming, land conservation, nutrition programs, planning, and rural development. [Learn](#)

October is National Community Planning Month and the APA-Texas Chapter encouraging planners to **SNAP** your planning story! Modeled after ELGL's #CityHallSelfie campaign, this will be a one-month feature to showcase the planning success stories across the state. Start planning your creative ideas today!

### Snap Your Planning Story

### Prepare for the November AICP Exam!

APATX has **many resources** including "Top Ten Tips for Passing the AICP" to help you prepare for the AICP exam. Stay tuned for information regarding workshops and exam scholarships!

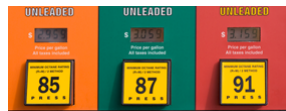
An AICP Exam Workshop will take place on October 17 in Galveston prior to the APATX18 Conference from 12:30 to 6:30pm. [Register here](#) for the workshop! Registration is \$60.



### Events Calendar

[more about the Farm Bill](#)  
and what you can do to  
advocate for critical  
conservation and local  
food systems programs!

### House Transportation Chair's Infrastructure Plan Includes Gas Tax Increase



From the APA

Retiring House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) has released an ambitious federal infrastructure plan. The "discussion draft" addresses transportation and water infrastructure, project delivery, and funding.

Unlike the proposal made earlier this year by the Trump administration, the Shuster plan specifically addresses the thorniest issue for infrastructure policy: how to pay for it. [Learn more about the infrastructure plan and the proposed gas tax increase.](#)

### Join the APATX Facebook Group



Make sure you join the **membership group** for collaboration and community with the 2,000+ planners in Texas!



## SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2018

- [9/5-9/7: Living Heritage Symposium](#) | San Antonio
- [9/8: Midwest Service Project: Tarrant Area Food Bank](#) | Fort Worth
- [9/19-9/20: Alamo Area GIS 2nd Annual Professional GIS Conference](#) | San Antonio
- [9/19: Planning for Resilient Communities Part 3: Urban Wildfires](#) | Arlington

Keep up to date with the **APATX Events Calendar!**

## Stay engaged and win!

Be sure to stay engaged with your fellow Texas planners and watch out for opportunities to earn entries into monthly drawings for a gift card!



### Log your eligible actions

**here!** The list of eligible actions per month will be updated on the first of the month and shared frequently throughout the month on the Chapter's **social media platforms!**

# MEMBERSHIP SHOUT OUTS!



**8/29: Rebecca Pacini, AICP hired as the new Chief Planning Officer for the City of Kerrville**

**8/13: Amber Rojas-Varona hired as the new Main Street Director for City of Tyler**

**Send us** your news about promotions, appointments, awards, etc. so we can share it with the rest of APATX

## Thank You Sponsors!

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