# Policy and Advocacy Activities

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# FY19 Goals

* Planner’s Day/Great Places at Capitol
* Spin off Planning Matters
* Implement Legislative Program
  + Information to members
  + Information on website

# APATX 2017-2022 Action Plan Relevant Actions

* See Following Pages

# 4A Action: Continue the development of a planning education and advocacy network.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: Ongoing

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Update from Advocacy Network Liaison at BOD Meeting. A meeting with responsible parties will be scheduled in August to discuss advocacy and legislative priorities.

October ’18 Target

* Adopt Legislative Program
* Report action to APATX BOD.

October ’18 Status Notes

Legislative program in draft form, reported to BOD at October meeting. Approved and to be posted online.

May ’19 Target

Evaluate efforts of advocacy, speaker testimony and contacts with legislators in relation to bills of planning importance passed or not passed (depending on impact and position APATX) takes.

Evaluate involvement by members.

October ’19 Target

# 4B Action: Develop a Legislative Program. APA Texas members would like to increase communication with Texas legislators on planning issues. A Legislative Program would help the Chapter set priorities and communicate effectively.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: 3-5 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Update from Advocacy Network Liaison at BOD Meeting. A meeting with responsible parties will be scheduled in August to discuss the legislative program, including a Planners Day at the Capital.

October ’18 Target

* Report to be provided at APA BOD meeting.
* A date and location for Planners Day at the Capitol event should be secured.
* Adopt Legislative Program

October ’18 Status Notes

* Legislative Program Adopted.
* Travel funds for Chapter Advocacy Liaison approved by Board for travel during the Session

May ’19 Target

* Defeat of bills during the 86th legislature that would be harmful to cities
* Better communication to members regarding bills and ways to provide testimony
* Planners Day at the Capitol Event—Held with APA

October ’19 Target

# 4C Action: Make the 'Texas Planning Roundtable' operational.

Status: Pending

Implementation Timeline: 3-5 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Planning Matters, Inc. incorporated with the State of Texas.

October ’18 Target

* APATX BOD should discuss how to make progress towards this action.

October ’18 Status Notes

* Initial meeting set for January, 2019.
* Establish BoD to develop ongoing future plans.
* Separate bank account has been set up.
* By-laws drafted.

May ’19 Target

Set up 501c3

BOD to conduct further business

No further action required by APATX.

October ’19 Target

None

# 4D Action: Build a Texas planning information base. It should make available information about how planning is used in Texas communities, what results are achieved, what the best practices in Texas planning are and which communities are taking innovative approaches to particular issues.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: 1-2 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Update from Advocacy Network Liaison at BOD Meeting. A meeting with responsible parties will be scheduled in August to discuss building a Texas planning information base.

October ’18 Target

* Report action to APATX BOD.

October ’18 Status Notes

In development. Coordinate with COGs, universities to draw on and assist with research and database.

May ’19 Target

Have report to BoD on status, projects or queries to start with

October ’19 Target

# 4E Action: Put in place a mechanism to get information about planning and planning issues to cities' legislative staffs.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: 1-2 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Update from Advocacy Network Liaison at BOD Meeting. A meeting with responsible parties will be scheduled in August to discuss information sharing.

October ’18 Target

* Report action to APATX BOD
* Adopt Legislative Program

October ’18 Status Notes

Evaluate how best to accomplish with TML, APATX updates.

May ’19 Target

Update Board, evaluate efforts.

October ’19 Target

# 4F Action: Develop guidelines and policies for advocacy.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: 1-2 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Update from Advocacy Network Liaison at BOD Meeting. A meeting with responsible parties will be scheduled in August to discuss priorities.

October ’18 Target

* Report to be provided at APA BOD meeting.

October ’18 Status Notes

No update. Meeting not concluded yet.

May ’19 Target

Hold meeting to discuss with responsible members, report back to Board in May.

October ’19 Target

# 4G Action: Continue making advocacy training available to individual APA Texas members.

Status: In Progress

Implementation Timeline: 1-2 Years

Responsibility: President; President-Elect, Past President; Advocacy Network Liaison; TML Rep

May ’18 Status Notes

* Plan to have an advocacy training session at Chapter Conference.

October ’18 Target

* Advocacy session at Conference
* Encourage individuals to attend APA Advocacy Conference.

October ’18 Status Notes

Three Advocacy sessions on agenda (2 were also CM Law).

May ’19 Target

Incorporate advocacy training/issues into regional workshops, conference sessions on an ongoing basis.

October ’19 Target

Expand on advocacy sessions (not necessarily more in number) but in interactive nature of sessions.