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Book Your APATX18 Hotel Today!



Register for APATX18 Conference by August 17 for Discounted Rates



Join us 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

Early registration for the APATX18 Annual Texas Chapter Planning Conference and Short Course for Elected and Appointed Officials **will end on August 17th. After this, rates will increase \$50.**

APATX18 Conference Schedule Released!

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!

APATX18 Conference
October 17-19, 2018

View the Conference At A Glance!

St. Luis Resort:
\$189/night + tax

Hilton Resort:
\$169/night + tax

Holiday Inn Resortt:
\$139/night + tax

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Jobs



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APATX18 Keynote Speaker Announced



Janet Woodka, J.D., former Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, was nominated by President Obama to effectuate policies for rebuilding communities impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In this role, she coordinated policy development and solution creation relating to over \$120 billion in federal funding across federal, state, and local agencies. Woodka also served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, where she coordinated strategy and outreach with White House

and Cabinet agencies on legislative issues relating to the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and developed improved relationships between executive and legislative branches, allowing for more creative and comprehensive solutions to disaster recovery. In addition to her time with Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Woodka also served as Senior Advisor and Director of Regional Operations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She represented the Agency on interagency efforts such as the National Oceans Council, the Strong Cities, Strong Communities Council, and the Hurricane Sandy Task Force. The APA-Texas Chapter is proud to have Janet Woodka join us in Galveston!

Early Programs Scheduled for APATX18

Planners - San Antonio**Planning Technician -
Prosper****Senior Planner - Austin****Assistant Director of
Planning and
Development Services -
San Marcos****Development Services
Director - Taylor****Click here** to see a full
listing of jobs.**2018 APA Policy and
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★★★★★★★★★★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.**APA Water and
Planning Connect
Conference**SEPT 11-12, 2018
Kansas City, Missouri[Register](#)Explore new ways to
integrate land useWe're kicking off the APATX18 Conference early this year! Join us on
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 for some special planning programs,
which include:**AICP Exam Prep | 12:30PM-6:30PM | \$60**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.**Flood Safe Texas Workshop | 1PM-5PM | 4.0 CM Available | FREE**This workshop will explore how planners can work with floodplain
managers, public works professionals, and elected officials to prepare
a community to be more resilient in the face of potential flood hazards.**Mobile Workshop | Historic Galveston Boat Tour | 3:30PM-6:30PM
| 3.0CM Available | \$50**Knowledgeable speakers will discuss the history and future of the port,
impact of the cruise industry, benefits of private/public partnerships,
and the wide variety of birds and marine life in Galveston Bay.**5th Annual Leadership Forum | 3:30PM - 5PM | 1.5 CM Available |
FREE**Forum will host a series of state and national leaders who will speak
on their roles in planning and the professional benefits of being involved
with APA. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with guest
speakers and network with other professional leaders.**Regional Workshops - Elected & Appointed
Officials Training**

planning with water management to ensure your community's healthier, more sustainable future.

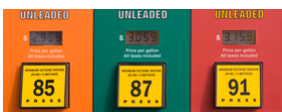
Farm Bill Legislation



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 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



The APATX Chapter and its sections help to provide basic training to elected and appointed officials all across Texas. Below are dates and locations for upcoming training opportunities.

- **EAST TEXAS | TYLER | JULY 31**
[Event Page](#)
- **NORTH TEXAS | DFW AIRPORT HEADQUARTERS | AUGUST 10**
[Event Page](#)
- **SOUTH TEXAS | MISSION | AUGUST 10**
[Event Page](#)
- **FAR WEST TEXAS | EL PASO | AUGUST 14**
[Event Page](#)
- **WEST TEXAS | MIDLAND | NOVEMBER 8**
[Event Page](#)

Last Call - APATX18 Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities



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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!

Planning Webcast Series



Earn over 50 CM credits every year on your computer – at no cost to members of participating APA chapters and divisions that support the Planning Webcast Consortium. Please check back periodically as we develop additional offerings throughout the year.

Upcoming webcasts include:

8/3 - **Creating & Telling Your Sustainability Story through Data & Engagement**

APATX18 Sponsorship, Exhibitor, and Advertisement Packet

Featured Planning Legend Video: Robert (Bob) Wegner, Sr., FAICP



Most people knew Bob for his involvement at UTA in the various different planning programs since 1978 and his impact on hundreds of planners in Texas. He was a mentor to many. Bob was a professional planner from

1952 until 1978, working in cities such as San Antonio, Tulsa and as the Planning Director for the brand new North Texas Council of Governments. He was the go-to person for training Planning and Zoning Commissioners and other elected officials and counted many of them as friends.

Bob Wegner passed on February 13, 2016.

Click here to watch Mr. Wegner'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!**

13 Texas Cities Earn Prominent Scenic City Certification in 2018

On July 10, 2018, 13 Texas cities have been recognized as 2018 Certified Scenic City award recipients through the Scenic City Certification Program, a project of Scenic Texas and its 15 Program Partner organizations. The Scenic City Certification Program recognizes cities for their demonstrated commitment to high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. Four cities have earned certification for the first time and nine are re-certifying or upgrading existing certification status, bringing the total number of certified cities across Texas to 75.



Cities earning first-time certification or recertification in 2018 and their rankings are:

Bee Cave (Ranked Up) – Platinum
Corinth (Ranked Up) – Silver
Duncanville (First-Time) – Bronze
Fort Worth (Re-Certified) – Gold
Little Elm (First-Time) – Silver

8/17 - Sustainable Transportation - What is it? With Examples from a Sustainability Icon, Norway!

Check out APATX's YouTube Channel



Videos of the APATX17 Conference Keynote Speaker, Mayor's Panel, and Plenary Speakers are available on the [Chapter's YouTube](#) page - as well as the 2017 Chapter Award winners.

Manor (First-Time) – Bronze
 McKinney (Re-Certified) – Platinum
 Nacogdoches (First-Time) – Recognized
 Pharr (Ranked Up) – Silver
 Prosper (Ranked Up) – Silver
 Rockwall (Re-Certified) – Platinum
 Seabrook (Re-Certified) – Recognized
 West University Place (Re-Certified) – Silver

Click to see all 75 Texas cities who are recognized as Scenic Cities!

Prepare for the November AICP Exam!

APATX has **many resources** 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.



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!



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