

# APA Ohio

Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association

## Annual Report 2012-2013



American Planning Association  
**Ohio Chapter**

*Making Great Communities Happen*



## President's Report

I am pleased to provide this following report of the Chapter's activities during FY 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013).

APA Ohio is a statewide, non-profit association of citizens and professional planners committed to promoting and enhancing planning and the quality of planning for all governmental entities in order to maintain and improve the quality of life for all Ohioans. APA Ohio is a state chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

APA Ohio operates under the guidance of a volunteer Board of Trustees according to an adopted set of Bylaws. Administrative operations are well managed by the Chapter's **Executive Director**, a position filled by D.B. Hartt, Inc. (David Hartt and Christine Dersi) since January 15, 2011. Key responsibilities of the Executive Director include office and organizational administration, fiscal management (in conjunction with the Chapter Treasurer) website and newsletter management, board meeting management, conference coordination, and section support.

The Board adopted a **Strategic Plan** in October 2011 to guide our efforts toward achieving the APA Ohio mission—advancing the art, science and profession of good planning, physical, economic and social, to create vibrant communities that offer better choices for where and how people work and live in order to maintain and improve the quality of life for all Ohioans. Our objectives are to:

- **Inform** - Encourage widespread planning information to and education of public officials, professional citizen planners, the general public and media.
- **Advocate** - Serve in an advocacy role in legislative and policy issues.
- **Promote** - Increase public awareness and support of the planning process and planning profession among the public and members of related professions. Tell the planning story.
- **Serve** - Provide value-added services to both existing and new members.

The information included on the following pages is intended to provide an overview of the services and benefits provided to APA Ohio members during FY 2013. We aim to exceed your expectations, but welcome your feedback for improvement if we do not.

I am proud of our accomplishments over the past year, and look forward to a successful future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann L. Klavara'.

Ann L. Klavara, AICP  
Chapter President



## APA Ohio Board of Directors

The Board is composed of 16 at-large members elected from the general membership plus the Section Directors or their designated representatives. At least four of the at-large trustees shall not be professional planners, but individuals interested in furthering the goals and objectives of APA Ohio. All board members volunteer their time.

APA Ohio has been well-served by its Board. We would like to thank all of the past board members who have created and maintained a great organization, and especially Wendy Moeller, AICP for her excellent service as Chapter President 2009-2012.

### 2012 Elections

*Joyce Braverman, Chair, Nominating & Teller Committee*

Elections for the Board of Trustees took place between August 6 and September 6, 2012. A total of eight (8) seats were up for re-election (2 citizen planner seats and 6 professional planner seats), with a slate of thirteen (13) well-qualified candidates presented. In addition, several bylaw changes were on the ballot. Fifteen percent of our membership voted in the election, with the following results:

#### ***Citizen Planners:***

- David Edelman, FAICP, Professor, School of Planning, University of Cincinnati
- Jordan Yin, AICP, Faculty Member, College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

#### ***Professional Planners:***

- Todd Kinskey, AICP, Director, Hamilton County Planning & Development Department
- Wendy Moeller, AICP, Principal and Owner, Compass Point Planning
- Kristin Hopkins, AICP, Principal Planner, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Chris Ronayne, AICP, President, University Circle Incorporated
- Lavea Brachman, JD, Executive Director, Greater Ohio Policy Center
- Rachel Ray, AICP, Planner, City of Dublin

The bylaw changes were also approved. Per the new bylaws, the new Board took their seats at the December 2012 meeting and officers were elected. Officers took office January 1, 2013.

Patrice Theken resigned from the Board in February 2013. Per the APA Ohio Bylaws, vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board for the balance of the term. The Board appointed Roxyanne Burrus (a former board member that was not re-elected in the 2012 elections) to fill the vacancy.

## APA Ohio 2013-2014 Board of Trustees

### *Executive Committee*

**President: Ann Klavora, AICP**

*Principal Planner, City of Shaker Heights*

**Vice President: Todd Kinskey, AICP**

*Director, Hamilton County Planning & Development Department*

**Treasurer: Rachel Ray, AICP**

*Planner II, City of Dublin*

**Secretary: Nancy Reger, AICP**

*Assistant Director/Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission*

**Professional Development Officer: Kristin Hopkins, AICP**

*Principal Planner, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission*

**Past President: Wendy Moeller, AICP**

*Principal/Owner, Compass Point Planning*

### *At-Large Trustees*

**Lavea Brachman, JD**

*Executive Director, Greater Ohio Policy Center*

**Joyce Braverman**

*Planning Director, City of Shaker Heights*

**Kelly Brooker Scocco**

**(Central Section Director)**

*Planning Manager, CHA*

**Roxyanne Burrus**

*President, Cartier Burrus LLC*

**Tim Davis**

**(Miami Valley Section)**

*Planning & Zoning Manager, City of Troy*

**David Edelman, PhD, FAICP**

*Professor, School of Planning, University of Cincinnati*

**Jerry Egan**

**(Akron Section Director)**

*Owner, Egan Consulting LLC*

**Jennifer Evans Cowley, PhD, AICP**

*Professor, School of Architecture, The Ohio State University*

**Patrick Etchie, AICP**

**(Northwest Section Director)**

*Chief Planner, Mannik & Smith Group*

**Dan Kennedy**

*Citizen Planner*

**Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP**

**(Cincinnati Section Representative)**

*Senior Planner, City of Cincinnati*

**Vince Papsidero, AICP**

*Planning Director, City of Columbus*

**Chris Ronayne, AICP**

*President, University Circle, Inc.*

**Eric Wagner**

*Zoning Administrator, Monclova Township*

**Kimberly Wenger, AICP**

**(Cleveland Section Director)**

*Planning Director, City of North Olmsted*

**Jordan Yin, PhD, AICP**

*Faculty Member, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University*



# 2013 Financial Report

Rachel Ray, AICP, Treasurer

As a non-profit organization, APA Ohio relies on two primary sources for operating income—chapter dues and conference income.

## Income

Dues	\$32,128.93	18%
Ads	\$550.00	0%
Conferences	\$100,746.61	55%
Other	\$846.37	0%
Professional Development	\$9,424.92	5%
Sections	\$38,364.00	21%
Carryover from FY2012	\$ 13,788.00	8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$182,060.83</b>	

## Expenses

National	\$4,710.79	3%
Administrative	\$39,586.36	23%
Insurance/Legal/Accounting	\$1,826.00	1%
Board Meetings	\$643.36	0%
Board Committees	\$2,686.51	2%
Conference Support	\$54,870.00	31%
Section Support	\$23.36	0%
Newsletter	\$8.50	0%
Website	\$7,500.00	4%
Other	\$300.00	0%
Merchant Fees	\$3,251.77	2%
Section Rebates	\$58,866.00	34%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174,272.65</b>	



## APA National Recognition

Ohio was well represented at the 2013 Planning Awards luncheon at the APA National Planning Conference in Chicago. The **APA National Planning Excellence and Achievement Awards** honor the best planning efforts and individuals that create communities of lasting value.

Two Ohio projects/organizations were honored in 2013:

### National Planning Excellence Award: Implementation

#### *Central Riverfront Re-Birth Through Planning* Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

*The Cincinnati Riverfront Plan converted 195 acres of a vast wasteland, between the Ohio River and Cincinnati's Central Business District, into an economically successful and vital, mixed-use development. The plan is a result of a public participation planning process that started in October 1996 with the collaboration of the city and Hamilton County together with Urban Design Associates, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and the OKI Regional Council of Governments to give direction in two public policy areas — two new sports stadiums and an overall urban design framework for the development of the central riverfront.*



*Reconstruction of a freeway that separated the project from the central business district recaptured land enabling two stadiums to be built and construction of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Developing an innovative design enabled lifting the street grid and buildings out of the 100-year floodplain to above the 500-year flood level and tying it to transportation facilities and fronting it with an inviting riverfront park. The first phase is projected to return more than \$276 million in annual economic impact*

*once completed. The first six acres of a planned 45-acre public park, apartments for 300 residents (100 percent leased), and entertainment venues (retail space 89 percent leased), and creation of 900 jobs from both ongoing business operations and construction, now actively contribute to the liveliness of the neighborhood.*

## National Planning Achievement Award: Innovation in Economic Planning and Development

### *Energize Clinton County, Clinton County Regional Planning Clinton County, Ohio*

*The economic crisis took its toll on Clinton County with nearly 9,000 citizens losing their jobs. The Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) collaborated with Energize Clinton County and began to focus on local business, young professionals, local food, energy, and visioning. Taking a holistic approach, the planning commission addressed all five issues as a collaborative effort.*



## AICP Outstanding Student Awards

APA also honored recent planning school graduates. The **AICP Outstanding Student Awards** are awarded annually to recognize outstanding attainment in the study of planning by a student who is being graduated from an accredited program.

Two students from Ohio were recognized in 2013—congratulations to:

- **Gregory S. J. Soltis, Cleveland State University**
- **Shelby Marie Hayden, The Ohio State University**



## Professional Development

*The Education Committee is responsible for identifying appropriate educational programs that may be offered during workshops, conferences, webinars, or other forums. The committee also works with the Sections and the Conference Committee to identify emerging topics or issues that may need to be addressed during educational programming.*

**Chair:** Kristin Hopkins, AICP

The Chapter supports our members through a variety of professional development activities. APA Ohio provides general educational programs for all members and continuing education that qualifies for certification maintenance credits for AICP members.

### Educational Programs, Training & AICP Certification Maintenance Activities

APA Ohio would like to extend special thanks to Professor Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP for her years of service as Professional Development Officer (PDO) for APA Ohio. In late 2008, she organized a loose consortium of APA Chapters to host a monthly webinar that would provide cost effective educational programs for planners seeking additional training and AICP CM credits. Since then, the **Webcast Consortium** has grown to include over 32 Chapters and 13 Divisions nationwide. This highly successful program continues to be a popular source for continuing education credit and as a vehicle for AICP exam preparation.

The Ohio Chapter and its Sections regularly organize education events for members across the state, including state and regional planning conferences, local Planning & Zoning Workshops and individual events. Between January 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013, the Chapter received CM credits for over 175 hours of instruction.

Key events included:

- Northeast Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop (Mentor), June 28, 2012
- Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Planning Conference (Columbus), September 19-21, 2012
- Northwest Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop (Perrysburg), November 8, 2012
- 24th Annual Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop (Cleveland), November 16, 2012
- 26th Annual Miami Valley Planning & Zoning Workshop (Dayton), December 7 2012
- David J. Allor Planning & Zoning Workshop (Cincinnati), February 1, 2013
- Central Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop (Columbus), May 17, 2013



## AICP Exam

The Chapter provides resource materials to assist members in preparing for the AICP exam, including the *Chapter Presidents Council Study Manual*, and also provides reduced rate scholarships for two exam applicants.

**Congratulations to the following APA Ohio members who passed the exam:**

### **May 2012 Exam**

Lori Burchett  
Zachary Duvall  
W. Michael Fleming  
Stephen Lane  
Nathan Leppo  
Eva Vargas

### **November 2012 Exam**

Kimberly Dooley  
Andrew Meyer  
Peter Williams

### **May 2013 Exam**

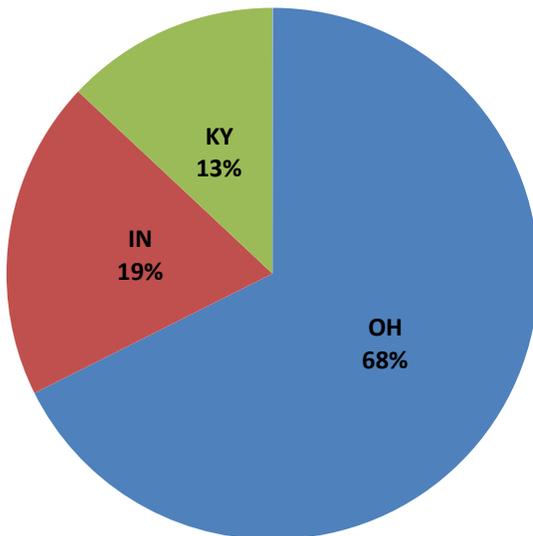
Krista Beniston  
Lynda Bitar  
John Cieszkowski  
Eric Lowry  
Sandra Pereira  
Cameron Ross

## 2012 Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Planning Conference

APA Ohio (previously named the Ohio Planning Conference, or OPC) was founded in Cleveland on October 20, 1919 as the first Ohio State Conference on City Planning. Among the attendees was OPC co-founder Alfred Bettman, the author of the famous amicus brief in support of the *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty* U.S. Supreme Court case of 1926 that legitimized zoning.

The October 1919 conference included the standard program we enjoy today, even a mobile workshop where "...delegates enjoyed an automobile trip to points of city planning interest in Cleveland."

**2012 OKI Conference  
total attendance = 370**



Today, the biennial APA Ohio Planning Conference is conducted in odd-numbered years. Since the 1980s, the chapter has co-produced a three-state regional conference with the Kentucky and Indiana chapters of APA. This Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Conference takes place in even-numbered years and rotates between the three states to provide expanded opportunities for educational and networking exchange.

The 2012 OKI Conference was held September 20-21 at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, with a Professional Development Workshop on September 19. The opening keynote speaker was **Charles Marohn, Strong Towns**. The luncheon keynote speaker was **Peter Kageyama, Creative Cities**.

Conference attendance greatly exceeded expectations. The local host committee set a goal of 350 attendees. A total of 370 individuals attended. Nine registrations from Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Tennessee, and West Virginia were also recorded.



## Awards/FAICP Committee

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*The Awards/FAICP Committee is responsible for running APA Ohio's biennial awards program that corresponds with the Chapter's State Conference. The committee is also responsible for identifying a list of potential Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) nominees.*

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**Co-Chairs:** *Joyce Braverman and Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP*

- Worked closely with 2012 applicants to finalize and submit applications
- Reviewed award categories and materials and solicited nominations through newsletter, web and email; received 29 nominations
- Invited New Jersey chapter to serve as the awards jury
- Awards will be presented at the 2013 APA Ohio Planning Conference
- Reviewed list of members eligible for FAICP and made recommendations to Board and selected two members to prepare FAICP applications

### **Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) 2012 Inductees**

Congratulations to Ohio planners Dr. David Edelman and Suzann Rhodes on their acceptance into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP). Fellowship is granted to planners who have been members of AICP and have achieved excellence in professional practice, teaching and mentoring, research, public and community service, and leadership. These two Ohio professionals are part of a national class of only 42. Their induction is well deserved and took place at the 2012 APA Conference in Los Angeles.

#### ***David Edelman, FAICP***

Dr. Edelman has built an exemplary career in the School of Planning at the University of Cincinnati where, as the director of the School of Planning from 1998 to 2009, he lifted the program to national recognition. Dedicated toward assuring that the students who graduate from the UC program have the opportunity to experience the world of work, he has arranged internships for over 250 students by connecting the university with planning firms, business, and governments. Equally important, he has expanded their minds to consider global impacts by providing overseas classroom opportunities. Dr. Edelman continues to challenge his students at UC through innovative coursework to incite his students to think creatively, independently, and strategically.

#### ***Suzann Rhodes, FAICP***

Ms. Rhodes is nationally recognized for her planning work in the field of transportation. Her career has included both the public and private sectors. She was instrumental in meshing public involvement and broad planning approaches with the specialized and technical area of transportation planning and engineering. She was instrumental in modifying the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) project development policy to include a comprehensive, context sensitive planning content. Most important was her success at weaving public involvement and multi-modal considerations throughout the transportation project development process. Ms. Rhodes was a pioneer in achieving a high position of authority at ODOT as a planner rather than an engineer. Ms. Rhodes is currently a Principal at CDM Smith Engineering in Columbus.



## Membership Committee

*The Membership Committee is responsible for developing activities to expand and serve the membership of the Chapter. The committee is also responsible for implementing the Chapter's goals for increasing diversity in participation amongst the Board and in Chapter activities.*

**Chair:** Kelly Brooker Scocco

### Membership Survey

APA Ohio conducted a **Membership Survey** in April 2013. Almost 250 members responded, which we felt was a good representation of the general statewide membership.

Overall, the survey indicated the most beneficial services that APA Ohio provides are the State/Regional Conference, Local Planning and Zoning Workshops and the APA Ohio Newsletter. On the other hand, improvements that respondents would like to see included more inexpensive ways to receive AICP CM credits and the AICP training courses offered locally. Full day, half day and audio podcast/webcast series were the most preferred ways to get more knowledge, while the members' biggest barriers to pursuing continuing education was lack of time and the expense of the programs.

With the power to change legislation in Ohio, many of the respondents would mandate comprehensive planning as a requirement for zoning and allow more planning authority for townships. The vast majority joined APA Ohio because their national membership made them a member and 38 percent of the respondents have been associated with the planning profession for over 20 years.

The membership survey will be used by the APA Ohio Board to determine priorities and action items to improve the services that the organization provides as well as advance the organization. Additionally, the survey was separated by the respondent's identified local section to assist each Section Director around the state with understanding the membership and types of services that they would like to see provided. We thank everyone who participated in the survey.

### Membership Trends

Overall membership has remained relatively constant, although the impacts of the recession and less ability to pay for membership dues are reflected in the drop in 2011 and 2012. Total membership appears to be on the rise in 2013, with 1,142 members.

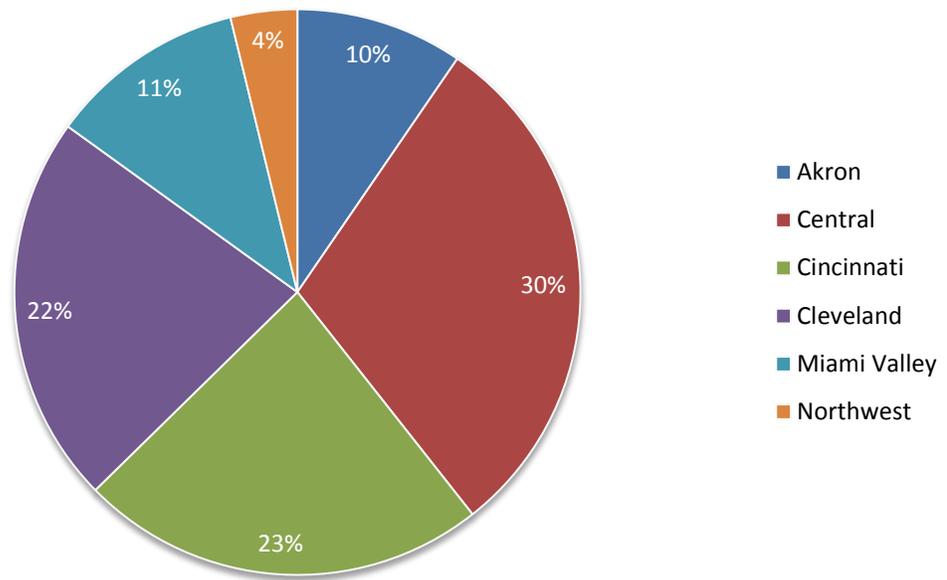
### Section Membership

Akron	108
Central	337
Cincinnati	263
Cleveland	252
Miami Valley	127
Northwest	43

### 2013 APA Ohio Membership



### 2013 APA Ohio Membership by Section





## Governance Committee

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*The Governance Committee reviews the APA Ohio Code of Regulations on an ongoing basis and develops guides, governance plans, or written policies for the operations of the Chapter. The Governance Committee is also responsible for facilitating the drafting of the APA Ohio Strategic Plan.*

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**Chair:** Wendy Moeller, AICP

- Drafted a revised inter-chapter agreement for the OKI Regional Planning Conference based on the APA-Ohio State Conference Manual.
- Drafted a board member agreement that each board member will be asked to sign after they are elected or re-elected. The agreement identifies the basic expectations of each board member. The agreement will be submitted to the APA-Ohio board for the September 2013 board meeting and, if adopted, will be used for the 2014 election cycle.
- Working on a policy document related to our board's sponsorship policies and related use of our chapter logo.

## Legislative Committee

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*The Legislative Committee monitors pending state legislation of interest to the Chapter and its members and participates in APA Legislative matters. The Legislative Committee is a forum for discussing legislative issues related to planning and zoning in Ohio and develops recommendations to the Board.*

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**Chair:** Lavea Brachman, JD

In Spring 2013, the Legislative Committee surveyed APA Ohio members for suggestions and ideas for reforming legislative or administrative rules in Ohio. From those responses, the committee identified that the top legislative priority for the Committee will be to begin exploring opportunities for incenting communities to do comprehensive planning. The Legislative Committee identified its work plan for 2013-2014, which includes:

- informing and educating APA Ohio members of legislative and administrative policy proposals that could impact the profession;
- identifying other individuals, organizations, or coalitions that are working on public policy issues that could benefit APA Ohio members; and
- determining the viability and potential for advancing comprehensive planning legislation.

## Scholarship/Students/Young Professionals Committee

**Chair:** Jordan Yin, PhD, AICP

The committee has successfully initiated an annual scholarship program that will give a total of 12 student and professional planners with demonstrated financial need the opportunity to attend the 2013 APA Ohio Planning Conference in Cleveland. The committee will work on improve mentoring services aimed at students and young professionals, look into additional networking and training events for students and young professional, and build bridges between the student chapters and Ohio APA sections and statewide membership.



## Communications Committee

*The Communications Committee is responsible for production of the Chapter newsletter and for overseeing and updating the chapter's website activities in conjunction with the Executive Director.*

**Chair:** Ann Klavora, AICP

### Website

The APA Ohio website was extensively overhauled and transferred to a new platform and service provider in 2011-2012. Just as we were getting used to that new website, the company was acquired, and we started over with a second new site in early 2013. The changeover was initiated rapidly in order to be reasonably well under way before registration for the 2013 APA Ohio Conference began. This was accomplished, although detail work remains to be completed.

As we strive to more effectively communicate with you, we are working through format changes and content updates on our website. We will be rolling out more member features over the coming months. Visit **[www.ohioplanning.org](http://www.ohioplanning.org)**.

The new **Ohio Planning Forum** is now active—click the Forums tab on the website to see how it works; it will eventually replace our current listserv. You can ask questions and get answers from your fellow colleagues...but with the added benefit of being able to reference past discussions in the archives. You can also post announcements, job openings, etc. While you're on the Forum page, make sure to sign up to receive email updates about postings.



### Electronic Communications

Seven (7) issues of the newsletter were distributed via email during this fiscal year, and all issues will be accessible on the APA Ohio website: May/June 2012, July/August 2012, September/October 2012, January/February 2013, March/April 2013, May/June 2013, July/August 2013.

We have attempted to streamline APA Ohio electronic communications to reduce the email overload on members. Weekly **APA Ohio e-News** blasts are sent every Tuesday to all APA Ohio members with timely news and announcements. For the time being, Chapter e-News blasts are posted to the APA Ohio Listserv on Fridays. This will cease once we transition fully to the Ohio Planning Forum on the website. Section announcements are sent on an as-needed/as-requested basis directly to applicable members.

Another great way to communicate via our Facebook page—“like” us at **[www.facebook.com/APAOhio](http://www.facebook.com/APAOhio)**. All are welcome to post events and share articles or news.



## APA Ohio Sections

The APA Ohio Chapter includes six sections organized geographically: Akron, Central Ohio, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami Valley and Northwest Ohio. Sections typically organize informal luncheons with speakers, and sponsor workshops and social functions to allow members to stay current on local planning issues. Each Section is represented on the APA Ohio Board of Trustees.

Accomplishments and events for each section are summarized below.

### Akron Section

*Director: Jerry Egan*

- 4 luncheon meetings with speaker presentations: September (Children's Hospital expansion and Westlake Bike Plan), November (School Facilities Commission projects), February (Portage Crossing Retail Development-Cuyahoga Falls), April (Outlook for home building), June (METRO Regional Transit).
- Tours of 4 County projects & social hours following: Portage (Downtown Kent), Wayne (Downtown Wooster), Medina (Downtown Medina), Stark (Downtown Canton)
- 26 Bi-monthly distribution of planning-related news to mailing list of 360 from major media outlets in 5 counties: Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Wayne

### Central Ohio Section

*Director: Kelly Brooker Scocco*

- Happy Hour at Columbus Brewing Company, August 9, 2012
- OKI Regional Planning Conference, September 19-21, 2012
- Tactical Urbanism Workshop, November 13, 2012; co-hosted with Ohio State University, featuring Jason Roberts, Build a Better Block
- Pecha Kucha Night, November 8, 2012; co-hosted with Pecha Kucha of Columbus
- Networking Night @ OSU, March 6, 2013; event at OSU Knowlton School of Architecture to present the new and improved planning program to the Section and to encourage networking between the professionals and students.
- The Hamilton Road Clark Hall Story, March 19, 2013; presentation at Clark Hall and then a social hour at the Rusty Bucket in Gahanna.
- Central Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop, May 17, 2013

### Cincinnati Section

*Director: Todd Kinskey, AICP*

- Section Bylaws amended to enable elections by electronic ballot
- Section Officers Election (terms to end in June 2014)
- Program Committee re-established
- Sustainable Speaker Series, September 14, 2012, Housing Trends (CM Credit)

- Welcome Reception, November 7, 2012, for new director of UC-DAAP School of Planning, Danilo Palazzo
- David J. Allor Planning & Zoning Workshop, February 1, 2013 (CM Credit)
- DAAP Scholarship Jury
- Sustainable Speaker Series, June 12, 2013, Transit Workshop (CM Credit)

### **Cleveland Section**

*Director: Kimberly Wenger, AICP*

- 2012 Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop, November 16, 2012
- Fall Networking Event, October 17, 2012; Market Avenue Wine Bar, featuring Eric Wobser of Ohio City, Inc.
- APA Cleveland Welcome Reception, January 24, 2013; social/networking event to welcome the new Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Glenn Coyne
- Spring Networking Event, May 8, 2013; featuring Tony Coyne on Cleveland's Group Plan
- 7th Annual Goodtime III Boat Cruise, June 7, 2013 (*photo, right*)
- 2013 Northeast Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop, June 28, 2012
- Awarded two student scholarships in July 2012: \$2,000 to Tara Sturm, Cleveland State University; and \$750 to Ian McKay, The Ohio State University
- Awarded \$100 APA National Conference Student Stipends in April 2013 to five (5) Cleveland State University students
- Established the Host Committee and planned the 2013 APA Ohio Conference
- Held Section Elections in October 2012
- Developed and adopted Executive Committee position descriptions
- Sponsored the 8th Annual International Public Markets Conference, September 21-23 in Cleveland
- Co-host monthly Design Association Joint Happy Hours with affiliated organizations



## **Miami Valley Section**

*Director: Tim Davis*

The 2012-2013 year was a successful year for the Miami Valley Section. The Miami Valley Section continues to improve upon its objectives by providing professional development while increasing educational opportunities for its members, local jurisdictions, elected officials, and various local planning boards.

The Miami Valley Section successfully hosted the 26th Annual Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop in December. Charles Marohn was the featured guest of the workshop, and provided insight as to why America's cities face enormous financial challenges and how the traditional development pattern creates resilient value. All sessions in the workshop were approved by the American Institute of Certified Planners for AICP CM credits. In addition to the workshop, the Miami Valley Section offers webcasts covering various planning topics throughout the year.

The Miami Valley Section looks forward to providing educational opportunities as well as the 27th Annual Planning and Zoning Workshop during the 2013-2014 year.

## **Northwest Ohio Section**

*Director: Patrick Etchie, AICP*

The Northwest Ohio Section continues to offer dialogue and guidance for professional and community planners in the NW Ohio region. In 2013 our section leadership has conducted the following activities:

- NW Ohio Section Organizational/Social Meetings – These meetings are held approximately every couple of months to allow members as well as other related professionals to attend and find out more about our organization and to potentially recruit membership into APA-OH.
- Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop – The NW Ohio Section held its annual Planning & Zoning Workshop on November 8, 2012 at the Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio.