



American Planning Association  
**Kansas Chapter**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference Call, January 29, 2009 Minutes, KS APA Executive Committee**

Attending: Sara Copeland, Lisa Koch, Annie Driver, Steve Zilkie, Eldon Miller, Bart Rudolph

Introductions of new appointed Board members: Bart Rudolph, Lawrence Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Department

- I. New Potential Board members- would like to have a representative from the Wichita area: Scott Wadle, Wichita Metropolitan Planning Department mentioned as a possibility to consider
- II. Discussed how to provide support to KU and K-State students to attend National and Chapter conferences as done in past  
~decided on a flat rate per student and to see how the amount was determined for previous conferences- previously given set amount and split among students attending
- III. Work with APA to update bylaws for KS Chapter and KC Metro Chapter and establish consistency in bylaws
- IV. 2009 Conference Planning:  
~Issue of budgets discussed and that the conference may not be financially feasible in Wichita for many planning departments to send people to. Decided to send out survey to municipal Planning Directors to determine what their budget constraints and if they would be able to send planners to the conference if it involved staying overnight in a hotel? Survey to be sent in the next 2-3 weeks  
~Discussed conference theme: Decided it was ultimately better and would attract a better cross section of people if there is 2 or 3 tracks as opposed to an overall theme.  
~Eldon Miller mentioned the possibility of having 2 one-day conferences (1 in Spring and 1 in Fall) in the future- maybe for 2010 or 2011? Still would require 15% of membership to have a quorum and hold required annual meeting.  
~Assigned appointed board members the task of planning a gathering outside of the annual chapter conference  
~Ideas for Key note speakers: Paul Zucker, San Diego, CA- wrote The ABC's of Planning Management suggested by Steve Zilkie  
~Conference timetable: Feb- Location, date, and themes; June- Call for speakers, sessions  
~Decided to have an AICP prep session at conference as would probably enable more people to attend.
- V. Treasurer's Report: See attached
- VI. Secretary's Report: Website update  
~Working with APA to set up new website through APA hosting  
~Primary contact for updates on website will be Annie Driver-APA will maintain site at no cost; Annie will get them updates as needed and check weblinks

- VII. Newsletter Report: Next addition planned for March  
~Include information on one of Great Places that KU students are preparing for  
October Planning Month  
~included upcoming CM opportunities  
~Meet a member section: Current President  
~Conference update
- VIII. Other business:  
~Received grant from APA for Planning Commissioners training- will revisit after  
conference planning gets underway  
~Executive committee will have conference call in next 2-3 weeks to discuss  
conference location again after survey sent out to planning agencies regarding  
feasibility of attending conference in Wichita.