

**APA International Division**  
**October 6, 2022**  
**Monthly Call**

**Attendees:**

Michael Kolber  
Bruce Stiftel  
Michelle Tullo  
Tim Van Epp  
Carter Williams

**National Planning Conference - Bruce Stiftel**

- Bruce shared his spreadsheet with interested presenters. Several are coming from our Division committees and groups (Sustainability Group Proposal; a session about international planning from Jing; some speed shares).
- Graham Copeland was referred to our Division to consider a bike learning lab
- Michael said from Kimberly Jacques from APA from last year: We are not competing against each other. However, APA's concern is whether the international topics can appeal to a mass audience and can be brought back to planner's homes. 5 Minute Sessions are much more easily picked and are a good way to get our message forward.
- Michael will reach out to the SPURS fellows. (5 Minute Sessions might be great).
- We should send Kimberly a list of our priorities for the Division for this year. At the end of the day when they pick sessions, they try to have a holistic view of the sessions.
- We sent one e-blast encouraging people to sign up as proposal reviewers but can send another tomorrow.
- We would like Jing to express at the next Division Council meeting that the priorities for NPC are too rigid, while our profession is very broad. There's also some frustration with how some major APA things have been rolled out, such as dropping the NPC call for proposals without notice or making the Policy Conference remote, except for invitees.

**World Town Planning Day - Kate Holmquist**

- The topic is "Think Global, Act Local" which is about implementing the SDG and new Urban Agenda.
- RFP will be released on Friday.
- Harriet and Isabel Fitzsimmons (new Division liaison) have been involved from National APA. They will help with promoting the event and the technology.
- Michael will send to the other global organizations.

**Communications - Jing Zhang**

- He is preparing for the fall issue of *Interplan*.