

## **International Affairs Division**

**November 3, 2021**

### Attendees:

Michael Kolber

Joanna Manson

Michelle Tullo

Tim Van Epp

Carter Williams

### **World Town Planning Day Update - Michelle**

The agenda is set for World Town Planning Day on Monday, November 8 with sessions spread throughout the day from 10am EST to 7:30pm EST. We have a large variety of speakers from around the world with 4 panel discussions and 2 short fast and fun series. CM Credits are pending. Michelle shared the link for registering and asked everyone to please share. Tim said he was impressed with the day's lineup.

### **Newsletter, Japan Group, et al. Update - Jing**

Not present at meeting

### **Humanitarian Planning Committee Update - Lyndsey**

Not present at meeting

### **Sustainability Committee - Tim**

We have three events prepared:

- a session for WTPD on Monday
- a meeting on Nov. 17 with Antonella to discuss the next webinar (a re-try of the original proposed webinar for the summer) as an intro to take place early January
- build infrastructure for the group (invite lists, etc)

An idea for a third webinar would be to get NGOs and think tanks together and have them present what they do for localities and compare and contrast. Jessica will do the first webinar, Bruce the second, and Tim the third.

Michael asked Tim to add their write-up to the Division website and send to Jing and Sean Tapia (use his current email address seantap88@gmail.com).

Michelle added that waiting until January for the webinar means that it can qualify as Sustainability and Resilience CM credits.

### **Planning Award (Joanna):**

Joanna described the Ocean Clean-Up. It's grown and gotten through significant environmental requirements. Joanna thinks it warrants attention from all international environments. Joanna is suggesting them for an award.

Michael looked at other examples:

- UN Convention on Law of the Sea
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Plan

Michael said we need to do a Call for Proposals to give out several awards in ocean planning. Joanna said she can put together a short paragraph for the Call for Proposals that:

- Gives a broad scope of what ocean planning is and why it's important
- Describe different kinds of planning (i.e. sand management, pollution, access, etc.)

Usually when we give out awards, we give out multiple awards for a region and so there should be some other categories. Last year's awards provide an example of types of categories. The goal is to recognize good planning around the ocean; pollution can be a key component but we want to be consistent in the style. Jing usually puts these together, so if Joanna puts together some thoughts that can get this moving.

#### **Annual Performance Report:**

Michael said most people have responded. Michael asked Joanna if we took out the \$8,000 we still owe. Joanna said that isn't reflected on their side anymore and based on her conversations with National, they haven't acknowledged this.

#### **Other:**

Michael asked everyone if they knew anyone who wants to be a mentor to Humphreys Fellows and Carter said he could be one.