

APA International Affairs Division- Monthly Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

7:30pm EST

Attendees:

Bill Anderson

Susannah Davidson

Kate Holmquist

Michael Kolber

Joanna Manson

Sean Tapia

Michelle Tullo

Tim Van Epp

Jing Zhang

Bylaws (Michael):

Bylaws are amended by a vote of 16-1. Student rep has been changed from one year to two.

- Sean to remove “draft” from heading

NPC Planning (Everyone):

- Susannah submitted a session on food waste but it doesn't have an international component.
- Jing submitted a session on Planificenos
 - He explained that Planifeconos grew from developing a language glossary of planning terms into Spanish to a website platform and a community.
 - Now it's two purposes are to help planners overcome language and cultural obstacles with the Hispanic/Latinx community
 - Share the benefits of working with the Hispanic/Latinx community
 - Bill recommended that Jing add someone from Tijuana to the session if it gets accepted
- Issues with submitting this year
 - Three-week timeline
 - New structure with APA discouraging panels
 - Tracts are no longer a thing. They are now thematic program areas
 - This has removed the international track/focus area
 - Michael has asked them to ensure there's an appropriate cross-section

- o As such, APA wants a list of priorities from us in the next couple weeks that we want to advocate for as part of international sessions
- Tim's sessions
 - o Pulling in elements of 2/3 projects Bruce summarized
 - o Would be a 60-minute CM session under the sustainability and resilience theme area
 - o There wasn't an option for a combined in-person and virtual session
 - Had to be one or the other so he set it up as in-person
 - o It would be set-up as a gameshow
 - o Three topic areas are:
 - Climate action planning at different scales?
 - How do you balance actions between mitigation and adaptation?
 - Combining climate action planning, social equity, and inclusion?
- Bill's sessions
 - o One on zoning in equity
 - o One on "Temporary Paradise"
 - o However, many local sessions/planners will have submitted sessions on binational planning and collaboration. They will be looking for Division supporters for those.
 - o There's a mobile workshop that will go to Tijuana as well.
 - o San Diego and Tijuana have been designated a "design city". Lead person is a colleague of Bill's at UCSD
- Kate's session
 - o Cross-border mobile workshop.
 - o Kate has been in contact with her colleague in Mexico City who has local planning contacts and national and with the US-Mexican Embassy and are hopeful that we could collaborate on an exciting two day workshop. Kate is submitting a workshop proposal, but it's going to have to be a more general proposal by necessity because she won't be able to count on him as a connection.
 - Bill Anderson said he can be a source of contacts if there's a general proposal, but there may be a specific proposal coming out of San Diego. Kate said maybe they can talk offline to collaborate on connections.
- It was announced that the deadline for submissions was extended until December 6.
- Michael's Session: Ethics of Working Abroad
- Other Possible Sessions:
 - o Vida Pap. Is planning a session on cultural and religious planning at home and abroad
 - o Krishna maybe planning something on Kampala
 - o Michael will write to the Humphrey Fellows since the deadline is extended; one Fellows is submitting a session on international climate change
 - o Lyndsey is submitting one for the Humanitarian Group
- In terms of telling APA our priorities, Michael was thinking about standing division groups (Planifiquemos, Humanitarian, Resiliency/Climate Change).

- The Housing and Community Development Division got in touch to propose a joint session. Michael is going to write back.
- Michael is also going to talk to Teddy. Bill said that Teddy has been involved with cross-border art.

Division Awards (Michael)

- We need to start thinking about which awards we want to apply for, for which initiatives. The deadline for submitting is in January. This can be determined via email.
- Jing said we can do this by email.

World Town Planning Day Re-Cap (Michelle)

Thanks to everyone who supported or attended World Town Planning Day. We had 282 registered attendees, which is double from last year according to Maggie, and had strong attendance throughout the day. We offered six sessions, five of which were for CM Credit, and which featured speakers from five continents. Big thanks to Kate Holmquist for doing so much work putting this together, and to Michael Kolber and Antonella Salmeron for moderating sessions. I've heard back positive feedback from many of the presenters. We hope to soon receive recordings from APA National that we can post.

Michael and Kate said that this was a big success and every session went very smoothly and that we should give Maggie some time but check in every two weeks or so.

Michael said one thing to think about for next year is to consider adding a networking component. Michelle said that having another person to help with coordinating might be helpful in handling the volume of emails, etc.

Communications (Jing)

Jing said he has not moved the next Newsletter along. He has articles ready. He asked for something for WTPD and a Chair Person's article from Michael by end of day on December 15. Michael also said that pictures would be good from Lyndsey's trip in Mongolia. Kate asked if she needs to get articles approved ahead of time and Michael said to just email Jing, he's very flexible.