

International Division Meeting

August 3, 2022 7:30 pm EST

Attendees:

William Anderson
Ron Bednar
Stephanie Firestone
Michael Kolber
Gitta Pap
Krishna Shrivastava
Antonella Salmeron
Michelle Tullo
Carter Williams
Jing Zhang

World Town Planning Day - Kate Holmquist

- Big thanks to all those who applied! Final WTPD 2022 team will be notified by next Monday.
- Topic short-list will be announced next week and finalized with the Team for Division/APA approval.
- First meeting will be week of August 15.

Europe Division Networking- Kate Holmquist

- Kate is just getting started and had a first call with a group of active Europe-based Division members on some virtual networking and webinar events. She sent out a survey this week to our 30 Division members in Europe to gauge interest, and we will tailor our efforts to what we learn!
- Troy Hayes will also take a look at the survey results to determine whether a regional networking event of some kind makes sense.

Fall Business Meeting - Michael Kolber

- This is a virtual plan to approve and discuss next year's Workplan and budget. This will be held at the end of September.
- Michael will send a Doodle poll to find some dates. He asked people's preferences and three people said US workday times are preferable, which is also better for European members.

Annual Workplan- Michael Kolber

- Michael sent the Fall 2022 Workplan as a rough draft for 2023.
- Some people have ownership over specific items, but anyone has the ability to comment for any section so add comments in the Google Doc and we can work things out in the Fall Business meeting. However, everyone can be a reviewer prior to that.
- Outgoing Executive Board will be in charge of their current sections.
- Michael will work with Joanna on the Financial Plan.

- This will lead to our **Performance Report**. Jing is running unopposed for Chair, so Michael and Jing will partner on overseeing this but Jing will be the lead. Michael will get in touch with APA to get their questions for this year's report.

Ukraine/Humanitarian Planning Committee - Lyndsey Deaton

- **Humanitarian Committee:**
 - Michael mentioned the Global Crisis Alliance looks active again.
 - Lyndsey has speakers lined up for September and November and would like to incorporate the Ukraine work and create opportunities for the Division members to get engaged.
 - Michael can help Lyndsey set up with the Division Zoom if she can send meeting invites.
- **Ukraine Update:**
 - *Activity Updates:* There's a lot of potential and energy but some disorder on how to move forward. Tim has interviewed people at USAID, State, etc. and developing his own notes. Lindsay has been interviewing engineers and others. They're developing a white paper on post-war reconstruction suggestions. They're trying to use their voice as APA to include pre-planning activities that include local people at the forefront of programs by IMF, World Bank, etc. ahead of a winterization program. At the past NPC we held a big session and will also be on a panel with USAID in November.
 - Organization of Ukraine Activities: After discussing, the group decided to make the Ukraine group a sub-committee under the Humanitarian Planning Committee with the leader (potentially Tim), reporting to Lyndsey.
 - Discussion: This was an initiative that began as a response in solidarity and support to the people of Ukraine with its own website, etc. At some point the decision was made to place this under the Humanitarian Planning Committee, but it's still operating as its own committee. If this is under the HPC, we need to include other areas in crisis but there's still a lot of desire to still keep a lot of focus on Ukraine
 - Lyndsey will be sharing the white paper soon. She had received a lot of comprehensive feedback and will incorporate.

Vietnam Update (If time) - Tim Van Epp

- Climate Group will be meeting September 14 to plan fall webinars
- Had a great Vietnam meeting (several hours long but very useful)
- work on Ukraine is moving forward and more updates will come

Consolidated Elections are Ongoing- please vote before the deadline

Other

- Michael asked that people send calendar invites when they plan and lead meetings.
- Gitta asked about members. We have over 300 paying members and about 700 students.

AARP Updates- Stephanie Firestone

- AARP has produced a disaster response toolkit that she will share.
- Stephanie is working in Puerto Rico to help train planners to work with the mayors on disaster response and is looking for any planners in Puerto Rico.
- PAHO (regional arm of WHO) is working on age-friendly communities and capacity building in that space and so she'd like to hear from planners in Latin America.
- They created a toolkit for low-cost community interventions to start to improve the built environment for people as they age in communities and will share that link.
- To respond, email Stephanie: sfirestone@aarp.org
- <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/tool-kits-resources/>
- <https://www.aarpinternational.org/resources/age-friendly-communities>
- Bill asked if her work is looking at heat islands, which is relevant to his work in San Diego County. Stephanie said it's a pretty basic toolkit but she will pass on the idea.

Other

- The NPC call for proposals was very late last year and they're hoping to do it earlier this year but it has not been discussed yet.
- Rob (Philadelphia City Planning Commission and 2007 Co-Chair NPC) gave the update that right now the host city is setting up committees for planning. He would like to do something with Penn and with the International Division.
- Krishna said he was contacted by API (African Planners Institute with members in 34 countries) from Kampala but they would like to go to the chapter conference and provided other updates from their delegation. API would like to expand their services and want to come as a delegation. There's a conference in Toronto and one in Europe. This year they're meeting jointly in Toronto and it might be good to set up some joint programs with them. There are events in Utah and Chicago and Krishna wants to set up some programs in-between.
 - Michael responded that he can only think of hosting a regional meet-up in one of the cities they might be if we have a critical mass of members in that place.
 - We have been hearing about API and have had Vietnamese planning discussions and so we could have an introductory call with API to hear their thoughts.
 - Gitta said she will be at ACSB and will get in touch with Krishna.