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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President's Report for the 2012-13 Year will chronologically review general activities of the Chapter, but highlight four key areas:



- The Chapter's response to Superstorm Sandy
- Issuance of testimony/position statements
- Amendment of the Chapter By-Laws
- Success and greater exposure of the Chapter's Youth in Planning program

2012-2013 Year in Review

The 2012-13 year began with the Annual Meeting at Scandinavia House in Midtown, where we honored our annual awardees and hosted five certification maintenance sessions.

On October 3rd, APA designated two Chapter Streets, Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and Wall Street in Kingston, as one of APA's Great Streets. Ceremonies for Fifth Avenue and Wall Street were held on October 3rd and November 10th respectively.

On October 29, 2012, APA-NYM and APA-NJ were devastated by Superstorm Sandy. While other states and Chapters were affected, most notably Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island, the loss of lives, livelihoods and tens of billions of dollars in damages crippled the two Chapters. The Chapter responded proactively by developing a plan of action that included short-term referral services for our members looking to participate in immediate cleanup activities, but also positioned the Chapter to engage medium and long-term recovery and resiliency efforts, which best-suited the role of planners. The most noteworthy activity was the partnership with Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation (RDRC) to develop an economic development framework that would assist RDRC and partner organizations in addressing the needs of the 90 percent of the 1,100 businesses on the peninsula closed, damaged or destroyed as a result of the storm. The Chapter, led by the Economic Development Committee, with participation of the Transportation, Housing and Community Development, Urban Design and Waterfront Committees, held regular meetings with RDRC, FEMA and local agencies, conducted interviews with affected businesses to assess the devastation, and researched resiliency strategies that resulted in "Getting Back to Business: Addressing the Needs of Rockaways Businesses Affected by Superstorm Sandy", a 17-page report presented to RDRC. The initiative received significant press from NY1, Metro daily newspaper, PBS-13, BronxNet, City Limits, APA Recovery Blog, Commercial District Advisor Blog, and Recovery Diva Blog. A joint editorial co-written by APA-NYM President James Rausse, AICP and APA-NJ President Chuck Latini, AICP was also printed in the Newark Star Ledger/nj.com.

Other activities included hosting series of five resiliency workshops in partnership with APA National and APA-NJ, throughout affected areas. The workshops featured expertise from Jim Schwab, AICP from APA's Hazards Planning Research Center, Laurie Johnson from Laurie Johnson Consulting, Barry Hokanson, who contracts with FEMA, Link Walther from CSA Ocean Sciences, and Ken Topping from Cal Poly. Additionally, Jim Schwab and Sasaki Associates of Boston, partnered with the Chapter to

conduct “Train the Trainer” sessions for Staten Island AIA and Hunter College, who planned to host four charrettes in affected areas of Staten Island. We also advised Occupy Sandy for their efforts in Coney Island, worked with our planning schools conducting studios in affected areas, and participated in events with partner organizations, such as New York AIA’s Post-Sandy Initiative Report and symposium and boat tour of affected areas with ASLA-NY.

From a government standpoint, the Chapter worked closely with all levels of government. Towards the end of 2012, the New York State Department of State asked for the Chapter’s input in the Governor’s report on Superstorm Sandy. On January 17, 2013, the Chapter submitted testimony on impact of the storm and how to move forward at the request of the New York State Senate. Additionally, letters were sent to Senators Skelos and Klein on Consideration of Future Climate Risk. The Chapter maintained relationships and communication, and attended meetings with FEMA, HUD, the Dutch government (who provided experiential resources on storm recovery), New York State Departments of State and Housing & Community Renewal, Suffolk County Planning Federation, New York City’s Special Initiative on Rebuilding and Resiliency and Housing Recovery Unit.

The Chapter was also very active in releasing position statements and testimony on key planning policy issues. Below is a list of statements made during the 2012-13 Year:

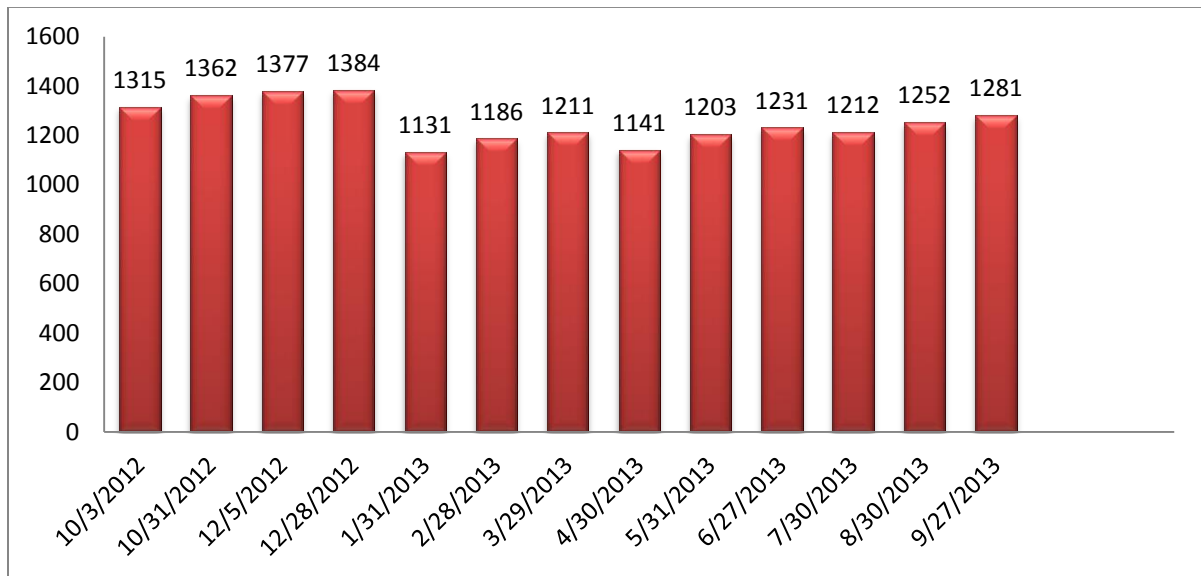
- Post-Sandy Testimony to New York State Senate
- Letter of Support for Manhattan Core Parking Amendment
- Position Statement on the Proposed Neighborhood Improvement District for Hudson River Park
- Position Statement Regarding the New Penn Station Alliance
- Letters to Senators Skelos and Klein for Consideration of Future Climate Risk
- New Yorkers for Parks Platform 2013 Endorsement and White Paper
- Position Statement Regarding the East Midtown Zoning Amendments

In the winter of 2013, a sub-committee, chaired by APA-NYM Immediate Past President, Donald Burns, AICP, was convened to amend the Chapter’s By-Laws, which had not been done since 2008. The sub-committee consisted of me, Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs Michael Levine, AICP, Vice President of Programs Kovid Saxena, AICP, Treasurer Ryan Harris, AICP, Hudson Valley West Section Director David Gilmour, AICP and Student Representative Paul Lozito. A draft was completed in June 2013 and sent to Chapter membership for comments in July. The comment period reaped no commentary and was adopted by the Executive Committee on September 9, 2013.

There was continued success of the Chapter’s Youth in Planning Program under the auspices of the Young Planners Group. Already a national model for APA, Hilary Papineau, AICP and Nathan Tinclair presented a session at the APA National Conference in Chicago in April.

Membership

The table below shows the chapter membership over the last year where our membership fluctuated from a low of 1,131 in January 2013 to a high of 1,384 in December 2012. Possible reasons for the fluctuation could be the impact of Superstorm Sandy and the still trickling economy. As the chart below shows, membership remained in the high 1,300's until the end of 2012. There was a drop of 253 members going into 2013, which is one of the points most membership cycles start (the other being June). While annual renewal can start any month, it is usually set to January or June). Since the initial significant drop, we were back up to a healthy figure of 1,281, near the 1,300 range we have been accustomed to the previous few years.



Source: APA Metro Chapter Rosters

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs

Kovid Saxena, AICP, was re-elected Vice President for Programs in October 2012, and is responsible for organizing the Chapter's Biennial Conference and Annual Meeting.

The 2012 Annual Meeting was an all-day event held on October 19 at Scandinavia House, and featured five panels with participants from organizations including: New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, New York City Department of City Planning, New York City Department of Transportation, The Trust for Governor's Island, Hudson River Park, Brooklyn Bridge Park, The Battery Conservancy, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, Delaware River Basin Commission, SUNY Albany, Robinson & Cole LLP, Sam Schwartz Engineering, and Cornell University. Plenary sessions were followed by a cocktail reception and networking event. Volunteers from graduate planning programs at Hunter College and New York University contributed to the event.

Planning for the 2013 Biennial Conference on November 8 at Columbia University has been underway for more than a year. This collaborative effort has involved Executive Committee members, committee chairs, past chapter presidents, and, most importantly, chapter members who enthusiastically responded to the call for session proposals—thank you!

Chapter members are reminded that ideas for programs, recommendations for speakers, and discussion topics are always welcome and should be either submitted to the Vice President for Programs, Committee Chairs, Section Directors, or the Executive Committee. Contact information is available at www.nyplanning.org. Volunteering to serve your professional organization is an excellent way to meet new people, learn about new topics, and know the inner workings of the organization—please get involved and volunteer.

Professional Development

Superstorm Sandy had a massive impact on the standard operations of the Professional Development Officer (PDO) position as residents, members, organizations and businesses threw themselves into the recovery effort. This affected the CM program, as requests for only 77.75 CM credit hours of education were entered—one third of the number entered in 2011-2012. While fewer in number, our programs have maintained a high level of quality, as determined by an average reviewer rating of 4 stars.

Despite notably higher pass rates for AICP preparation course attendees, classes in the past year were attended by only 11 students in two sessions. More and more students prefer free online materials to paid in-person interaction. In response to this, we have made the decision to stop providing this service unless there is substantial demand. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time and efforts for these sessions over my tenure: Sarah Yackel, Graham Trelstad, Phil Plotch, Bill Milczarski and Frank Fish. In particular, I would like to acknowledge and thank John

Kirkpatrick, who served the chapter by preparing AICP candidates for the law section for 11 years. The chapter will continue to assist candidates in forming study groups.

In other news, I took part in the PDO meeting at the National Conference. As anticipated last year, we have expanded our cooperation with the planning schools, taking part in information sessions on non-traditional paths to planning as well as the importance of and preparation for AICP. I also assisted NYU in becoming a credit provider. The Chapter has partnered with other Sections as well as National Divisions for programs and forums, including NJ, Upstate New York, the Transportation Division and GALIP. Our Chapter Facebook page is well established, with membership that grows every week. (feel free to LIKE us!).

Intergovernmental Affairs

Michael A. Levine, AICP, the Chapter's VP for Intergovernmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison, spoke at the annual Delegate's Assembly at the national conference in Chicago on the topic of storm resiliency and hazard mitigation. Following the conference, he was appointed to the APA Legislative and Policy Committee where he is on a task force that is composing a white paper on Planning for an Aging Population for presentation at the Atlanta conference. At the annual Federal Program & Policy briefing in Washington, D.C., Mr. Levine moderated a session on tax reform and (despite the government "shutdown") conducted meetings with the staffs of Senator Schumer and Congressmen Nadler and Israel to discuss pending bills for funding housing, infrastructure, transportation projects and environmental protection.

Back at home, the Chapter had a very busy year on the policy front. After starting the year by testifying to a NYS Senate committee on the topic of Sandy recovery, the Chapter issued position statements on such varied topics as the creation of a Neighborhood Improvement District for the Hudson River Park, the extension of the Special use Permit for Madison Square Garden and the comprehensive rezoning of the area around Grand Central Station known as East Midtown. We can expect the coming year to be equally active.

Secretary

Gregory Holisko, AICP, served as chapter secretary and has attended monthly Executive Committee meetings to record minutes. He has also prepared and edited this report and conducted other administrative duties.

Treasurer

Ryan Harris, AICP, served as chapter treasurer, and has prepared the chapter's fiscal year 2013-2014 budget, presented below.

FY13-14 OPENING BALANCE			\$97,365
	Checking	\$34,232	
	Savings	\$63,134	

REVENUE		\$60,500
Membership Reimbursement	\$35,000	
2013 Chapter Conference/Income & Sponsors	\$20,000	
Holiday Party	\$5,000	
Website Advertiser	\$0	
Other Sponsorships	\$0	
Other Income	\$0	
Grants	\$0	
AICP Course Registrations	\$500	

EXPENSES		\$76,185
Contracted Services		\$12,900
Webmaster	\$2,400	
Administraton	\$5,500	
Accountant*	\$5,000	
Administrative		\$4,740
Supplies	\$1,500	
Insurance	\$1,500	
Phone/Fax/Voicemail	\$250	
Email (Smartmail)	\$200	
Website (Crystaltech)	\$200	
Accuconference (Conference Call)	\$500	
Constant Contact (eBlast and Event)	\$390	
SurveyMonkey	\$200	
Travel Reimbursements		\$6,900
2014 APA National Conference	\$2,500	
2014 APA National Conference (Student)	\$400	
2013 Fall Leadership Meeting	\$2,000	
2013-2014 Chapter Retreat	\$2,000	
Chapter Programs		\$33,000
2014 Chapter Holiday Party	\$7,500	
2014 Bi-ennial Conference	\$25,000	
2014 National Conference Social	\$500	
AICP Training		\$3,645
Professional Training	\$500	
Utah Webinar Program	\$150	
AICP Training Sessions	\$2,000	
Register AICP CM Credits	\$995	
Sections/Committees		\$15,000
Hudson Valley East	\$2,500	
Hudson Valley West	\$1,500	
Long Island	\$2,500	
New York City	\$4,500	
Committees	\$1,500	
Young Planners Group	\$1,500	
Students	\$1,000	

FY13-14 EXPECTED CLOSING BALANCE		\$81,680
Checking	\$18,547	
Savings	\$63,134	

Committees

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee solicited nominees for the six categories of awards for which it is responsible. These are the Lawrence Orton, the Paul Davidoff, the Meritorious Service and Achievement, the William H. Whyte, the Journalism and the Andrew Haswell Green Award (*formerly known as the Distinguished Service Award*). In addition, the Ponte Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the prestigious Ponte Award, named after Robert Ponte, which is bestowed on a professional whose focus is on economics and urbanism. The Awards Committee considered a broad array of distinguished nominees from across the Chapter's twelve counties for the six categories and sought to recognize the best projects, initiatives, organizations and individuals in the field of planning.

This year's awards, bestowed at the Chapter's November 8th Awards Ceremony, are as follows:

- *Lawrence M. Orton Award: Janette Sadik-Khan*
- *Paul Davidoff Award: Joan Byron*
- *Andrew Haswell Green Award: Stephen M. Jones*
- *Meritorious Service Award: A Regional Approach to the Deployment of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*
- *Meritorious Achievement Award: Brooklyn Tech Triangle Strategic Plan, Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, DUMBO Improvement District, Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation*
- *Journalism Award: "Beyond Zuccotti Park" by Ron Shiffman and Lance Brown*
- *William H. White Award: Saw Mill River Daylighting and Van der Donck Park, City of Yonkers, NY*
- *Ponte Award: Josh Lerner, Ph.D.*

Economic Development Committee

During the 2012-2013 year, the Economic Development committee has been hard at work in continuing to strive and bring a new agenda to this committee. This past year, as the committee was beginning to start up, our city suffered a tragic devastation with Hurricane Sandy, which not only cost us over hundreds of lives and billions of dollars in damages, it was also a wake-up call and to how we will approach planning in an environmental/climate changing environment.

The Economic Development committee was tasked for the year to convene a Post- Sandy coordination task force that not only included our members but also members from other New York Metro chapter committees and partnered with the Rockaway Revitalization committee in Far Rockaway to help assist in the recovery aspect to the heavily damage area of the Rockaway peninsula. After several months of convening task force meetings as well as site visits with the community stakeholders in the Rockaway area, and the committee publishes a report: *Getting Back to Business Impacted by Superstorm Sandy*. The report was done jointly with the Rockaway Development and Revitalization committee.

Going forward, the Economic Development committee will be actively recruiting members to grow our committee membership and look forward to putting together economic development programs for the chapter for the 2013-2014 year.

Environmental Committee

The core group of the Chapter's Environmental Committee meets and coordinates to discuss environmental planning issues, plans, and programs for the Chapter. Over the past year the Committee coordinated with the chapter in the development of the Rockaway Peninsula study and other post-Sandy recovery planning efforts. The Committee also coordinated with the Waterfront Committee in developing programming for the biennial conference. Forthcoming scheduled Committee events for 2014 will include panel discussions and tours. The committee continues to reach out for new members. If you are interested please contact Robert White at Rwhite@akrf.com.

Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee

The APA NY Metro Chapter Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee is an educational and networking committee within the APA NY Metro Chapter. Its goals are to increase diversity within the planning profession and to provide opportunities for planners of different backgrounds to network and share ideas. Over the 2012-2013 year the Committee held one meeting to re-launch its activities and is conducting outreach to recruit more members. The Committee has increased its membership to 10 persons over this time period and is building a network to increase diversity in the profession. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact L. Nicolas Ronderos, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Chair at nicolas@rpa.org.

Urban Design Committee

In 2013, the Urban Design Committee, co-chaired by Matt Bernstine and Katie Theis, helped organize two discussion panels for CM credits. The first was the full day event "Keeping Pace with Climate Change: Resiliency Strategies for the 21st Century and Beyond," in collaboration with the ASLA. The objectives of the event were to understand how risks and costs are weighed for large-scale resiliency investments; understand FEMA's role in mitigation planning, with a focus on risk assessment and access to funding availability; learn strategies from past projects that fared well during Sandy and other extreme weather events; and learn strategies for adapting projects to climate change, including sea level rise and increased coastal storm frequency and intensity. The event consisted of a morning lecture series held at Pratt University's Manhattan campus and an afternoon Boat Tour and happy hour.

The second event, co-hosted with the Transportation Committee was "Strategic Urban Design - Delivering End to End Sustainability for Cities" held at HNTB's offices in Manhattan. This session, with presenters from Kinesis, provided a case-study based illustration of how urban form, urban design and technology are being used together to deliver sustainable cities. Through modeling exercises, the presenters guided the audience through scenario planning of mixed use developments to tackle the climate change problem.

The Urban Design Committee Chair also represents the NY APA in bi-monthly Fine Arts Federation of New York (FAFNY) meetings, which provide a forum between the Metro Chapter, the AIA, the ASLA, the Van Alen Institute, the Historic District Commission and other organizations concerned with the future development of New York City. This year the FAFNY organized two major events, a round table discussion on the Midtown Rezoning Plan and the FAFNY Annual Meeting. This year's annual meeting's topic was "Preservation and the Public Realm", and was held at the National Arts Club. Richard J. Moylan, President of Green-Wood Cemetery was honored, and Kent L. Barwick President Emeritus of the Municipal Art Society of New York was the guest speaker.

Hudson Valley East Section

The main focus of the Lower Hudson Valley East in the past had been to bring CM credit opportunities and networking events to Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. Many CM courses were held up until 2012, often times combined with networking happy hours. Then two things started happening: APA discontinued offering CM courses on disk, which was the only way we could show them at our events; and when we had events, despite wide-spread notification, turnout really dropped. It got to the point where I was arranging for speakers to come do presentations...for 3 people (even though 20 people would RSVP). So that put an end to these programs.

So now that we aren't doing these CM programs or happy hours, all that really leaves is our annual holiday party for the section. This will continue since we always get a good turnout for the holiday party. But as for the rest of the programming, I am not sure what to do since turnout is so low and I can't think of any more ideas. I've told people "hey, give me your ideas" but nobody I talk to ever has any ideas.

So now I feel as if we need to make a change. We can change the way the section operates by trying to get more people involved, with more activities and ideas. Or we can make a change by having somebody else be section director. A third option is to just keep things the way they are, and just do a holiday party every year. I am fine all of these scenarios, so please let me know your ideas, or let me know if you want to take over as Lower Hudson Valley East Director. If I just hear silence, we'll go with #3 – keep things the way they are...and see you at the holiday party!

Hudson Valley West Section

During organizational calendar year 2012/2013 the following activities were carried out on behalf of the Upper Hudson Valley West Section of New York Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association:

- Aided the Great Streets application and awards ceremony for Upper Wall Street, Kingston, NY, which APA designated as one of 10 Great Streets last year;
- Organized a 1.25 CM session 'Conversation on the Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan' at Newburgh Brewery;
- Actively participated in Chapter Board meetings, assisting the update to the organizational bylaws; post-Sandy organizing and outreach; the design of the chapter conference, and

formation of education and advocacy platforms, including regarding a parks platform, East Midtown rezoning, and Penn Station redevelopment; plus assisted event credit registrations and promotions, including for the Hudson Valley Sections Holiday Party.

Long Island Section

The Long Island Section was represented by two Section Representatives in the beginning of 2013: Ela Dokonal, AICP, LEED AP, and Jefferson Murphree, AICP until May, when Jefferson stepped down. Since then Ela Dokonal served as Section's Director and had full support of the Steering Committee members. The Section's accomplishments surpassed the goals set for 2013, with a very successful and productive year in areas of program, education and outreach. New members expressed interest in joining or had joined the steering committee, and the Section has been regularly asked to co-sponsor events with other groups through website and email-blast advertising; which is a very successful movement since it broadens the Section's exposure on Long Island. There has been an increased and successful outreach to Nassau members to join the steering committee, due to lack of representation over the past years.

The Section's website APALongIsland.org, which has begun as Ela's initiative since 2010 (launched to better serve our Section's members by increasing visibility and promotion of the local APA events and activities) had a lot of traffic and local planners are regularly signing up as "followers". The website has been proven to drive value in terms of sponsorship, with companies being more open to support Section's events when getting online advertising. In addition, the website had increased Section's capabilities to serve as a testament of scholarship efforts, and Section's long term legacy of supporting young planners and promotion of the planning field.

The following is the list of Section's programs and events offered/scheduled for 2013:

1. January 10, 2013: Town of Brookhaven provided a Planning Ethics CD course
2. March 10, 2013: "2013 Annual Arthur Kunz Memorial Scholarship Breakfast" with panel discussion on "Long Island Planners and Sandy Recovery: Integrating GIS and Web-based Tool". The key note speaker Rich Schafer, the Town of Babylon Supervisor, spoke about his experience and challenges brought by the hurricane Sandy. The panel consisting of Sean Sallie, AICP, Nassau County DPW – Planning Division and Dave Genaway, AICP, Town of Islip Planning Commissioner was moderated by the Chapter's President James Rausse. The Breakfast organized at Molly College was attended by 60 planners, zoning and planning board members. Two young planners, winners of the Section's Arthur Kunz Scholarship, reflected on their experience after they were awarded scholarships to attend the 2013 national APA planning conference in Chicago. The program offered for 1.5 CM credits.
3. April 18, 2013- two CD seminars "2010 Planning Law Review & Ethics in Planning (2005)" organized by the Section were hosted in the Town of Huntington.

4. June 27, 2013: “2013 Annual East End Conference” at Suffolk Community College’s Riverhead campus, with two sessions on “Long Range Resiliency and Recovery Planning for Coastal Communities”; event offered 3 CM credits. Key note speaker was Sean Walter, the Town of Riverhead Supervisor. First session was moderated by Dave Genaway, AICP and the guest speakers were Dorian Dale, LEED AP, Director of Sustainability and Chief Recovery Officer Suffolk County, Christine Thompson, President- Humanity Road Inc., and Bryan Starr, Community Planning and Capacity Building, Hurricane Sandy, FEMA. The Second Session was an overview presentation of the Netherlands trip organized by the APA National, by David Berg, AICP, Cameron Engineering & Associates.

5. Due to East End Conference’s success, there was a lot of interest in organizing a follow-up conference in Nassau County. On September 12th, the conference was held in Long Beach’s Allegria Hotel, co-sponsored by the Regional Planning Council: “Long Island Reconstruction and Resilience: Learning from Other States and Europe” . The welcome speech was given by Jack Schnirman, City Manager, City of Long Beach, and key-note speakers were Jon Kaiman, Special Advisor for Long Island Storm Recovery, and James Rubin, Director, NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program. The first session on “Protecting Whole Communities” was moderated by John Cameron Jr., PE, Chair of Long Island Regional Council, and the speakers were Malcolm Bowman, Ph.D., Professor, Marine & Atmospheric Sciences, Stony Brook University; Daniel Hitchings, PE, Vice President, Arcadis US, Jacksonville, Florida; Ellen Monchen, Planning Department, City of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Joseph Vietri, Director, National Planning Center, Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic. The second session on “ Urban Water Management, Flood Prevention, and Green Infrastructure” was presented by Maureen Krudner, Green Infrastructure Program, USEPA, Region 2; David Waggoner, III, FAIA , President, Waggoner & Ball Architects, New Orleans; and Paul van Wijk, Principal, Stijlgroep, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

The conference was extremely successful and got raving feedback from most attendees, with requests for presentations to be posted on the Section’s website.

6. October 17th, 2013: Autumn Planning Conference”, co-sponsored by the APA LI Section, Suffolk County Planning Commission, Brookhaven National Laboratory, NYDOS, and the Rauch Foundation. The LIS APA organized session will be presented by John Pavacic.

7. LIS is in the process of organizing a series of walking tours for planners, starting with Patchogue in November, dates to be confirmed. The walking tours, if successful and well attended, will potentially become a monthly or bi-monthly event for networking and educational purposes.

New York City Section

Maxwell Sokol, AICP was elected New York City Section Representative in June 2012 and started in his new role in September 2012. Over the past year, Max coordinated a number of events and programs in New York City for Chapter members, as detailed below.

In keeping with tradition, the New York City Section Representative planned the Chapter's holiday party in 2012, in collaboration with Chapter President James Rausse, AICP, outgoing Chapter President Donald Burns, AICP, and outgoing Chapter Secretary Neal Stone, AICP. The holiday party, held on December 3rd at Landmark on the Park (10 Central Park West/4 West 76th Street) in Manhattan, offered Chapter members an opportunity to network with colleagues and make new professional connections during the holiday season. As the party was hosted in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, the Executive Committee agreed to donate \$5 from each ticket sold to the Robin Hood Foundation to support their post-Sandy recovery efforts. The holiday party raised more than \$800 for this donation, and the Executive Committee decided to donate a total of \$1,000 to the cause.

The first New York City Section-sponsored event of 2013 was a Transportation Trivia event on the evening of March 5th, which the New York City Section Representative planned in collaboration with the Chapter's Transportation Committee, the Young Professionals in Transportation New York City Chapter (YPT-NYC), and the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Greater New York Chapter. The event was held at Amity Hall (80 West 3rd Street) in Manhattan, and teams of four competed to demonstrate their trivia knowledge in the realm of transportation. The event was well attended, and prizes were awarded to the top three teams. This was the fourth annual Transportation Trivia event, and the first year in which the New York City Section played an active role in helping to coordinate the event.

Another tradition that was upheld by the New York City Section Representative was to plan the Chapter's annual scavenger hunt. This year, the scavenger hunt focused broadly on the theme of transportation in New York City, and the event was co-sponsored by YPT-NYC. As in years past, teams were required to solve a list of clues, lay out the most efficient route, and collect proof of their answers to the clues. The three-hour scavenger hunt offered participants an array of clues that transcended the boroughs of New York City, and the event concluded at Die Koelner Bierhalle (84 St Marks Place) in Brooklyn, where participants shared their findings over snacks and drinks while networking with their peers. This was the seventh annual New York City Section-sponsored scavenger hunt for the chapter, and the first year in which the event was planned in collaboration with YPT-NYC.

During the summer, the New York City Section Representative jointly sponsored an event with the Chapter's Urban Design Committee and the American Society of Landscape Architects-New York Chapter (ASLA-NY) focused on planning in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. The June 13th event, entitled "Keeping Pace with Climate Change: Resiliency Strategies for the 21st Century and Beyond," included a morning session at Pratt Manhattan (144 West 14th Street) and an afternoon boat tour. The morning session featured a timely and informative presentation on New York City's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR) by Daniel Zarrilli, P.E., the City's new Director of Resiliency, as well as an interdisciplinary panel discussion moderated by John Boulé, P.E., of Parsons Brinckerhoff. The afternoon boat tour included stops at affected areas in Lower Manhattan, Red Hook, Brooklyn Bridge Park and Williamsburg on the New York Water Taxi and New York Waterways,

with different speakers at each location. The event concluded with a happy hour at Radegast Hall & Biergarten (113 North 3rd Street) in Brooklyn.

Also during the summer, the New York City Section Representative, in collaboration with Chapter President James Rausse, AICP, coordinated two behind-the-scenes tours of One World Trade Center before it opens to the public in early 2015. With special thanks to the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, the private tours of New York's tallest skyscraper and the entire World Trade Center complex were available exclusively to APA NY Metro Chapter members. The tours were held on June 20th and August 8th.

In the early fall, the New York City Section Representative partnered with the Chapter's Vice President for Programs Kovid Saxena, AICP, in providing written comments to the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) for Columbia University's review for accreditation. As an alumnus of Columbia University's graduate urban planning program, the New York City Section Representative also participated in an in-person meeting with the PAB site visit team on October 6th.

Throughout the early fall, the New York City Section Representative is primarily focusing his efforts on assisting the Chapter's Vice President for Programs Kovid Saxena, AICP in coordinating the Chapter's Biennial Conference, which will be held on November 8th at Columbia University (Lerner Hall, 2920 Broadway) in Manhattan. Specifically, his role includes helping to solicit session proposals, coordinate the final schedule of sessions, solicit sponsorships, serve as a liaison to Columbia University, and plan a post-conference cocktail networking session.

As fall turns to winter, the New York City Section Representative will once again plan a holiday party for Chapter members. The party will be held during the month of December, at which time the New York City Section Representative will begin planning events and programs for the 2014 calendar year.

Student Relations Committee

The Student Representative Committee represents the graduate programs of the four accredited planning schools in the New York Metropolitan Region: Columbia University, the City University of New York—Hunter College, New York University, and the Pratt Institute. The four planning schools that each represent $\frac{1}{4}$ vote to the executive committee selected Paul Lozito to serve as chairperson of the representative committee and student representative to the APA—NY Metro Chapter Executive Committee. Paul Lozito was elected August 2012 and re-elected August of 2013, and leads a committee that convenes monthly. That committee comprises Alexander Powell of NYU, Jordan Prender and Chris Roberts of Hunter, Amy Yang and Jet Richardson of Columbia, and Elaine Mahoney and Johane Clermont of the Pratt Institute. The SRC often coordinates with Rutgers to plan events for the wider region.

The SRC planned its signature Student Symposium and Studio Presentation, as well as: happy hours, walking tours, and partnered events. In addition to Rutgers University, the SRC regularly partners with the Young Planners Group, Sections, and specific academic institutions to plan events. The SRC leveraged its \$1,000 to yield over \$2,000 in funding for programming with a special thanks to the APA

Young Planners Group, NYU, and Pratt as well as in-kind donations from Columbia, Hunter, and APA Gays and Lesbians in Planning.

Winter/Spring Events

March 2013 Student Symposium: Co-hosted with New York University, the half-day forum provided opportunity for students to meet seasoned professionals and other students. The sessions comprised a series of interest-based tables conversations over lunch that ranged from transportation to urban design, government, and beyond. There was a keynote presented by James Rausse, APA Metro President as well as question and answers sessions with a recent planning graduate and Atlantic Avenue BID Executive Director Josef Szende, senior Planner Tina Lund of Urbanomics, and land use lawyer Mitchell Korbey.

April 2013 APA SRC Chicago House: The SRC organized a residence for New York planning students in for the planning conference in Chicago. Several planning students from different schools stayed at the APA sponsored house in the emerging Tri-Taylor neighborhood.

April 2013 Chicago Walking Tours: The SRC co-sponsored two student walking tours in Chicago. One tour focused on the Southside of Chicago, Daniel Burnham's World Fair Site and the former residence of the President. The second tour highlighted Chicago infrastructure, which included, now buried, rail infrastructure, and strategic sites along the Chicago River.

May 2013 Studio Presentation: Columbia, Rutgers, Hunter, Pratt, and Rutgers presented their best studios at the APA SRC Studio Presentations at Pratt. The studios were critiqued by a panel of judges that included: GreenWoods Associates' David Woods; former APA President, Stuart Meck; New York City Planning's Nicole Campo; New York City Parks' Jessica Braden, Francis Cauffman's Steven Stainbrook, and urban designer Juan Camilo Osorio. The four hour long event brought out about two hundred guest in attendance to see the best studios from each planning school. The event was followed by an reception at a local venue.

Summer/Fall Events

September 2013 Welcome / Welcome-Back Social: The New York City planning students welcomed students (new and old) to a cross school event in Brooklyn. The gathering served as an informal welcome to new planning students as well as a chance for some to reconnect after summer hiatuses. The event was co-hosted with the young planners group, and was attended by approximately sixty people.

October 2013 GALIP Walking Tours: The New York City planning students worked with Gays and Lesbian in Planning to hold happy hours following CM credited walking tours. Five tours occurred across the city followed by two social events developed the SRC. The walking tours occurred in the Village, Lower Manhattan, and concentrated on several interesting topics from adult uses to historical development and urban renewal.

October 2013 Citibike Tour: Citibike graciously hosted the New York City planning student community for a warehouse tour of their facility in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The tour guided students through the administrative offices, bike repair shop, and store facilities. The Citibike guide discussed their business model, effects from Superstorm Sandy, and the complexity of their operation.

November 2013 Mayoral Return Watch Party: The planning students hosted a Mayoral Election Watch Party with the Young Planners Group in the West Village. At the event, attendees watch the election returns and discussed the implications of the results from the New York City mayor's office down to the city council.

December 2013

Holiday Party: The SRC and Young Planners group are planning their annual holiday party for a date to be announced. This event is usually a Friday in mid-December. Last year's approximately 80 students and young planners attended the event.

Young Planners Group

In its fifth year, the Young Planners Group (YPG) continues to strive to serve planners under the age of 35. The Chapter's YPG continues to be recognized at the National level. The Youth in Planning team presented on their work at the 2013 National APA Conference in Chicago, and two YPG members are participating in an effort at the National level to draft a new YPG guidebook. Below are reports from our separate subcommittees on their efforts this year.

Mentorship Subcommittee

In the fourth round of the annual YPG Mentorship Program, the Mentorship Subcommittee formed 13 partnerships of mentors and mentees. The five-month program began with a kick-off event in February 2013 hosted at the offices of Parsons Brinckerhoff. The kick-off event offered participants in the program the opportunity to meet and mingle with their peers, as well as time for mentor/mentee pairs to begin developing informal mentorship plans for the five-month program. The Subcommittee provided light snacks and refreshments to attendees, thanks to funding provided by the NY Metro Chapter. As in previous rounds of the program, the mentorship pairings were made based on a review of participants' resumes as well as their responses to a brief multiple choice and short answer-format survey. In forming the partnerships, the Subcommittee considered several factors, including areas of interest in the planning profession as well as preferred frequency and format of communication.

In addition to a midpoint check-in by email, this round of the Mentorship Program also featured a second group event approximately half-way through the program, with snacks and refreshments funded through a nominal fee charged to mentees in the program. This second event included an open roundtable discussion among the mentors and mentees about their status to date, reflections on their mentorship plans, and their intentions going forward in the program. The event also

included a discussion of an article about the future of the planning profession, as well as an informal “speed networking” session among the attendees.

At the conclusion of the five-month program, the Subcommittee circulated an anonymous exit survey by email to be filled out by the participants, the results of which are used by the Subcommittee to inform subsequent rounds of the program. The next round of the Mentorship Program is currently in the early planning stages, and the Subcommittee intends to host the kick-off event in early 2014.

Events Subcommittee

Alex Lieber became Chair of the YPG Events Subcommittee in April 2013. YPG held several events during the year to provide young planners with opportunities to share their experiences and learn about new developments in the field. Our regular social events, particularly our happy hours, were popular ways for planners new to the professional world to make informal connections and gain a better understanding of the variety of planning issues in New York City from their peers. In addition, over the summer YPG was generously given a tour by the Trust for Governors Island of the ongoing construction that is rapidly transforming that island into a major open space and recreational destination. In the coming year, YPG hopes to expand its offering of events that will provide young planners opportunities for professional development, including networking with senior APA members and cross-discipline networking with professional groups in related fields such as architecture.

Youth in Planning/Outreach Subcommittee

Youth in Planning had a very successful program year in 2012-2013. We recruited and retained our largest class yet for a school year-long program, our students completed an impressive project to re-envision a street-bed plaza in Queens, and two of the program’s lead coordinators, Hilary Papineau and Nathan Tinclair, presented at a well-attended session at the 2013 APA National Conference in Chicago.

As with last year, this year’s program met approximately twice monthly from November 2012 to May 2013, both at Hunter College as well as in the field. For our main project, YIP partnered with Aurash Khawarзад, from the firm Change Administration, to lead a re-visioning project for Corona Plaza, a small DOT temporary street-bed plaza in Corona, Queens. Our YIP Fellows conducted site analysis, background research, and community visioning exercises to develop recommendations to improve this public space, and then developed a presentation which was delivered to Chapter President James Rausse as well as Change Administration in May 2013. This project was particularly engaging to our students, because we had a real client with whom we were working, and our students’ recommendations were included as part of Change Administration’s final report

One of the biggest successes this year was in recruitment and class size. Several class visits were conducted in October 2012, and we were able to recruit ten students from four different New York City high schools to participate in the program throughout the year—more than double the enrollment in the 2011-2012 program year.

Going forward into next year, Youth in Planning is currently working on recruiting new program leadership, and establishing a new curriculum and project ideas for our next program. Many of YIP's past coordinators have had to leave or reduce their involvement with the program, but there is interest from about six new potential coordinators and we are hopeful that we can get another program year started in January, 2014.