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1. APA Metro Chapter Executive Committee recognizes a new volunteer Sue Tilden who will represent the Chapter at the Fine Arts Federation. Sue is a former President of the Gold Coast Chapter of APA Florida and has worked in public and private planning in Florida and internationally.
2. Chapter Administrator: The Chapter is close to kicking-off the use of a Google Calendar. Assess will be limited to the Administrator, President and VP of Committees.
3. VP of Programs: It has been a busy month –
 - a. The Law and Ethics series in the spring and fall sessions are being planned with the Section Directors to connect into their programs. The Long Island and Hudson Valley East Sections have set up their dates in April, May, and June.
 - b. Annual Meeting: The preferred location is the Times Square Visitors Center; Mondays are preferred, either June 8th or June 1st.
 - c. Chapter Conference Planning – Convened a meeting on March 9th; working with students, Judy and Sandra at New York University. Focused on sessions with a theme of “Planning in the New York Region in Trying Economic Times.” The ideas for keynote speakers are Van Jones (a green community activist) or Majora Carter (an environmental justice advocate, founder of Sustainable South Bronx). Neal is still taking ideas for a keynote speaker. The order and pairings of panels is still being developed. Some technical sessions being considered are GIS design based technical track, a U.S. Census Bureau public use micro-data. Other themes are planning law, housing, the Transportation Committee on mega projects. David Berg asked if Nassau Hub was considered a mega project, Neal said, “yes.” Also, the ethics of stimulus, economic development initiatives and possibly a panel on disadvantaged groups (undocumented workers, homeless, and senior citizens). Please contact Neal Stone if you want to coordinate a panel or topic.
 - d. The tentative date is Friday, September 25, 2009 to accommodate the partnership with NYU Wagner and Kimmel Center.
 - e. Fundraising: has not borne much money possibly due to the poor economy. Neal and other may reach out to some of the companies.

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4. V.P. of Committees: Reporting for
 - a. Housing Committee - a) plans a tour of a new condominium facility by Habitat for Humanity on April 27, 2009 from 10 am to 12 pm and a May program with Habitat for Humanity, b) May 30, 2009 a tour of Arverne-by-the Sea and Arverne to discuss the history and background of the development with the Rockaway Planning Board, District Manager of the local community board may also attend. Reyna Alorro suggested that the Housing Committee contact Ms. Michal Aronson of HPD who is the planner for Arverne, c) working on a panel for the Chapter conference, d) developing an inclusionary housing event with the Zoning Committee to be held possibly in April, e) discussed the 2008 housing and vacancy survey, and f) discussion on foreclosure many of the condo's constructed in the outer boroughs have decreased in price and are turning into rentals, in Manhattan prices are coming down.
 - b. Waterfront – Presented a joint statement with AIA and ASLA on waterfront zoning text.
5. V.P. Professional Development:
 - a. The AICP preparation sessions are scheduled for March 20th and April 18th.
 - b. Law and Ethic sessions are being scheduled in each section for CM credits.
 - c. The Suffolk County planning event is under review by APA National.
 - d. Waiting for Vision L.I. event to be approved, more information may be required and will coordinate with David Berg. James will send out an email message.
 - e. There is no information on the EDC forums from Ernie Hutton and Tom Jost.
 - f. We are still waiting for an answer on CM credits for the video of the Fall transportation conference at the Rudin Center.
6. Awards: Presented the slate for awards, (please see the sheet for nominations). The committee would like to close this process by mid-March.
7. V.P. Intergovernmental:
 - a. State and Federal governments and APA National are all focused in budgets. NYS's is due in two weeks; the best use of Federal stimulus monies and geographic equity (upstate vs. downstate) and philosophical debate (how to use funds for capital projects or other finding).

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- b. The federal stimulus package II was passed; not all projects will be obligated by June 1st. No federal regulations are being waived.
 - c. In Washington D.C., the big battle is over earmarks and funding big projects. Some coalitions are against earmarks, while some are for them. Earmarks may survive, but only changed with some new eligibility rules.
 - d. APA National will not have a delegate's assembly at this year's conference. Instead, APA is gearing up for an assembly next year around the topic of infrastructure.
8. Treasurer: Gave a brief presentation on the chapter's finances. Discussed the need to change the name on the investment accounts from Peter Miller to Lisa Lau.
9. School Relations:
- a. About 60 people attended the February 27th panel and well over 100 people attended the mixer that followed. The panelists were great and special thanks goes to NYU for space and catering.
 - b. The first open house series was held on March 6th at NYC Department of Transportation, students met with five different departments and also at the Department of City Planning's Transportation Planning Division. On March 20th the next open house will be at MTA's Operations Planning, the firm Eng, Wong, Taub, and Transportation Alternatives. The Pratt students will plan the next open house around environmental planning and Columbia students will plan one around economic development.
 - c. The Student Studio Presentations will be held on May 8th at Pratt Institute. Panelists still need to be identified.
 - d. The Young Planners Group will present at the National Conference and there have been committees established in Sacramento and Northern California Section and the NJ Chapter. The next meeting will be held on March 19th.
10. Long Island Section:
- a. Two events planned for April, on April 14th On April 22nd at SUNY-Stony Brook at Southampton ..
 - b. Fall Planning Conference is being planned with the Suffolk County Planning Federation on October 22nd at Brookhaven.
 - c. In discussions with the Nassau County Planning Federation for a conference.
 - d. The law and ethic AICP Cm credits programs have been scheduled.
 - e. Will partner with AIA Peconic in East End and LI ASLA on designing for water conservation.