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BOARD RECOMMENDS NEW BYLAWS FOR VOTE OF MEMBERSHIP

By: Jerry Weitz, Ph.D., AICP - Vice President for Legislative Affairs

On July 13, 2001, upon recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, GPA's Board of Directors voted unanimously to pursue a comprehensive overhaul of the chapter's bylaws. Bylaws amendments require a vote of the chapter membership. At the annual membership meeting, which will take place on Jekyll Island in late October as part of the chapter's annual conference, the Board will ask for your vote to approve the new bylaws.

What began as a modest task to consider changing officers to include a "president elect" mushroomed into a full-fledged rewrite of the bylaws. There are substantial changes proposed, although this article identifies only the most important ones.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new bylaws, if approved, would significantly change the composition of the Board of Directors by:

- Adding a President Elect, elected in even numbered years, who would serve one year as President Elect, two years as President, and one year as Past President. The President Elect allows for one year of "on the job" training before assuming the presidency.
- Changing the Vice President for Professional Development, now elected, to an appointed Professional Development Officer (PDO) (still a board member). Currently, the functions of Professional Development Officer are divided between the VP and a separate PDO.
- Adding a Planning Officials Development Officer (PODO) (appointed). The PODO could be an additional board position, or another member of the board could serve in this capacity. The bylaws do not currently provide for this position, and APA urges an official designation of a PODO.
- Changing the Vice President of Legislative Affairs to an appointed position, Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee (still a board member).

- Discontinuing student representation on the Board. We did not consider this change lightly, but only after concluding the current arrangement had not worked for some time now. Student affairs would be coordinated by the PDO.

All other director and elected positions would remain the same, except the Past President would serve a one (rather than two) year term. To illustrate the effect of adding the President Elect, the future elections would proceed as follows:

- Fall 2001: Elect President (last direct election of president).
- Fall 2002: Elect President Elect.
- Fall 2003: No election for President (President Elect assumes Presidency).
- Fall 2004: Elect President Elect.

REVISED COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The committee structure would be revamped to distinguish between "standing" (required) and "optional" committees. The following standing committees would be established: Executive, Legislative Affairs, Nominations and Elections, Professional Development, and Programs. Optional committees and subcommittees include but are not limited to: Audit, Awards (subcommittee of Programs), Bylaws, Chapter Services, Conference Audit, Historic Preservation, Planning Officials Development, and Student Support (subcommittee of Professional Development).

Other significant changes to the bylaws are proposed. Contact Jerry Weitz (jerryweitz@aol.com) if you have questions about the proposed bylaws or if you would like to view a copy.

Check out our interim website for fall conference information!
<http://georgiaplanner.tripod.com/georgiaplanneronline/>

From the President...

Big things are happening....

During my tenure as president, I've worked to raise the Georgia chapter's profile with APA. Recently, Jerry Weitz has achieved some accomplishments that not only bring him fame and fortune (well, maybe not the fortune part) but also make for closer ties between the Georgia Planning Association and both APA and AICP. Jerry has recently been hired by AICP to be the AICP Casebook editor for the next two years. I will admit to doing a little lobbying at the APA conference in New Orleans on Jerry's behalf, but it was Jerry's abilities and experience that made him the perfect candidate for the job. For those of you who are AICP members, you will know that the AICP Casebook is a quarterly publication that focuses on short stories and case studies of professional practice. Jerry has also been hired by the APA research department to write a user's guide to the 1500-page Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook. Interim versions of Phases I and II of this guidebook were published in 1998. Jerry will complete the user's guide this fall, and is scheduled to discuss this project at the legislative session at the Annual Conference in Jekyll Island. Congratulations, Jerry, on winning these two important projects, and for representing the chapter well.

David Sutton and his staff at South Georgia RDC also deserve my debt of gratitude for their hard work in preparing materials and handling registration for Community Planning Institute, held in early June in Macon. This was our largest CPI class ever, with just under 150 planning commissioners, local staff, elected officials, and a token city attorney in attendance. Our speakers, Eric Kelley, Bill Ross, Frank Jenkins, Mike Gleaton, and Pat Chapman, did an excellent job as always, by informing, educating, and entertaining the class. Thanks to everyone who made CPI a success.

In the "heads up" department, please pay special attention to the front page article of this edition, which highlights the proposed bylaws revisions that will be voted on by the membership at the annual business meeting, which is a part of the Annual Conference in Jekyll Island. After nearly 35 years in existence, the board felt it time to revamp the bylaws to provide streamlined operations, and to provide for some continuity between administrations. The proposed bylaws revisions will be distributed with your registration package at the conference, and if you have any amendments you'd like to propose, there is a process to accept amendments from the floor. Otherwise, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jerry Weitz or me. And lest I forget, thank you to Jerry and his committee for doing an outstanding job in preparing the bylaws revisions.

Finally, this is an election year for the GPA board. Bill Ross, Joseph Mosley, and Stuart Dorfman have done a great job as the nominating committee. It isn't easy to beat the bushes and convince folks to run for office, and I sincerely appreciate their hard work. Your ballot will be mailed to you in just a few weeks. Please take a few minutes to vote for the 2001 2003 Board of Directors. Don't forget to vote for all positions, not just the district you live or work in.

The Annual Conference is October 23 through 25 at Jekyll Island. I hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Lisa Hollingsworth



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A STROKE OF LUCK FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES: MORATORIUMS WITHOUT A HEARING

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A debate of recent currency is whether a local government must comply with all the notice requirements of the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A. chapt. 36-66, before enacting a moratorium on zoning. The scales tipped in favor of requiring the notice and hearing under the ZPL. In fact, at least two trial courts invalidated moratoriums where notice was not in conformity with the ZPL.

But the scales suddenly tipped the other way, thanks to our Supreme Court. Dealing squarely with this issue in City of Roswell v. Outdoor Systems, Inc. (decided July 2, 2001), the court reversed the so-called conventional wisdom on the matter. It held that where a local government is adopting a temporary and reasonable moratorium of a zoning ordinance, it is not subject to the ZPL. And not only that, it may do so even without a public hearing.

In Roswell the trial court declared the sign ordinance unconstitutional. Immediately, presumably without a hearing, Roswell adopted a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for large signs to give it time to draft a replacement ordinance. Outdoor Systems applied for sign permits during the moratorium. When the permits were denied, Outdoor Systems sued the city claiming that the city's procedure in adopting the

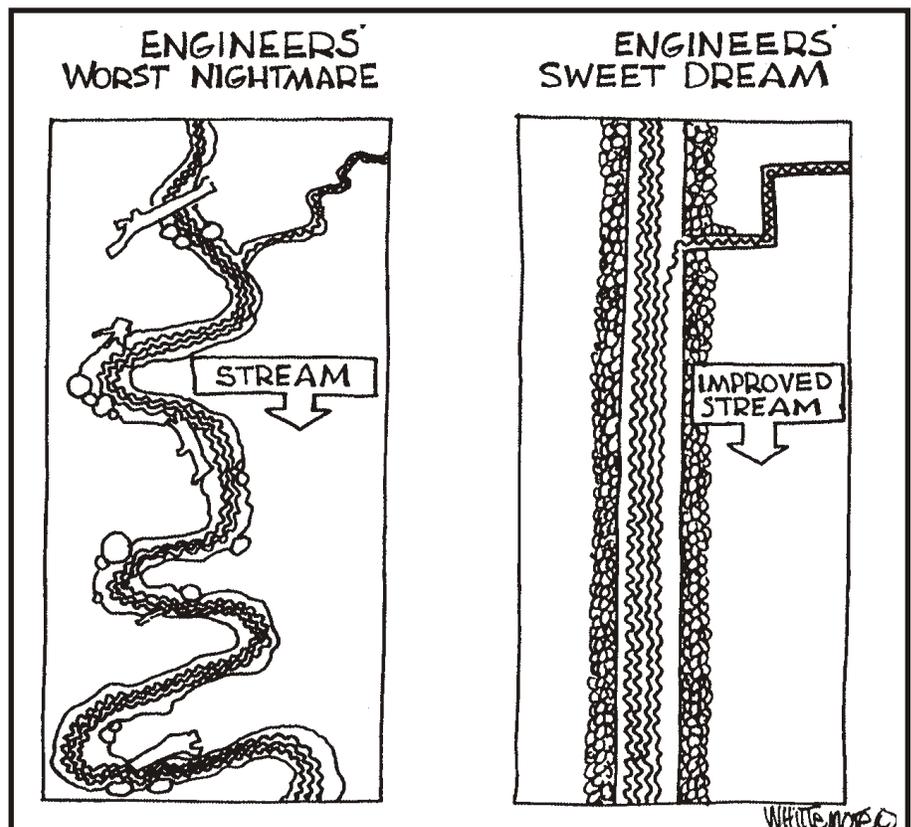
moratorium violated the ZPL and thus it had a vested right to the signs.

In upholding the moratorium, the Supreme Court reasoned that the moratorium was not "final legislative action" which was otherwise a necessary element of the ZPL. Since the moratorium was temporary and not final, the city was not required to follow the ZPL's notice and hearing procedures.

Note that the Supreme Court emphasized that the moratorium in question was both temporary and reasonable. It was temporary in that it only lasted one

month and reasonable in that it was limited in scope and was in response to the trial court's invalidation of its sign ordinance.

For those of us in planning and zoning, it does not mean that a moratorium may last only one month. But it does mean that a moratorium must be temporary, must have a specific date of expiration, preferably not over a few months, and that it must be based on an immediate and justifiable need to suspend some aspect of zoning for the short term. If a moratorium meets these criteria, a public hearing is not required before adoption.



SPONSOR AND EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES
for the
2001 GEORGIA PLANNING ASSOCIATION FALL
CONFERENCE

Denise Bonotto Abboud
GPA Vice President

The Jekyll Island Club, October 24-26, 2001

The Georgia Planning Association is hosting its annual fall conference in Jekyll Island, on October 24th-26th. Since we have already sold out our room block at the Jekyll Island Club, we are expecting a large crowd this year. Our program is chock full of an exciting selection of sessions, mobile workshops and special events scheduled.

Conference attendees include: Planning Directors and staff of city, county, regional and State planning agencies, planning commissioners, college professors in the fields of planning and architecture, and private sector planners. This is your opportunity to meet professionals in your field, while promoting your company's talents and expertise.

Exhibition space will be available in a high traffic area of the Jekyll Island Club throughout the conference. Additionally, for those not wishing to set up an exhibit, sponsorships are available at several levels and for specific events. The attached Fact Sheet will give you the basics.

Sponsorships are used to offset conference costs, and to provide both student subsidies and a limited number of scholarships. This year, make a choice to be an important part of the conference.

Interested? We need to hear from you as soon as possible. Please call Shelby Powell (706) 210-2000 x 130 and/or fax-email your completed application to (706) 210-2006 (F) spowell@csrardc.org (email) for initial confirmation. Our tax ID number is #58-1105343. Your check and a copy of your completed application should be mailed to:

GPA
 P.O. Box 464717
 Lawrenceville, GA 30042

Sponsorship Fact Sheet

All sponsorships include 1 free conference registration, your company name in the final program indicating sponsorship level and exhibit space in the mists of the conference session area. If you choose to exhibit, you must supply your display materials, display panels, publications, brochures, promotional materials and extension cords if necessary. We will supply a 6' foot table and the power outlets. Set up is Tuesday evening the 23rd and Wednesday morning the 24th and breakdown is Friday at noon the 26th.

Opening Reception \$1200

The opening reception is the kickoff special event for the conference and is included as part of the registration fee. Consequently it is heavily attended. This year's theme is "prom night" and will include a full evening of entertainment. In addition to a listing in the final program, a sponsorship sign will be placed onsite.

Awards Luncheon \$900

The Thursday awards luncheon is a prominent part of the fall conference. This is the event that GPA honors excellence in planning over the last year. This luncheon is included in conference registration, and is attended by most conference attendees, in addition to award participants. In addition to a listing in the final program, a sponsorship sign will be placed onsite.

Breaks

Refreshment will be served at breaks between sessions on Wednesday PM, Thursday AM, Thursday PM and Friday AM. Breaks not only offer food and drink, but also function as a gathering place between sessions. In addition to a listing in the final program, a sponsorship sign will be placed onsite

Coffee Breaks \$400

General Sponsorship \$450

This sponsorship opportunity includes an exhibit space, 1 free registration, and listing in the final conference package.

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

COMPANY NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE	FAX	EMAIL

Exact wording (punctuation caps & lower case, etc.) of your organization to appear in the final program and/or signage:

Name of person receiving free registration:

Do you require exhibit space? _____

Do you need a Table? _____

YES! SIGN ME UP FOR THE FOLLOWING

(Please circle):

Opening Reception	\$1200
Awards Luncheon	\$ 900
Coffee Break	\$ 400
General Sponsorship	\$ 450

Total Payment due: \$ _____

Payment and Application:

Please confirm your application as soon as possible by phone (706) 210-2000 x 130 by fax (706) 210-2006 or spowell@csrardc.org in order to be included in the final program. Checks and applications must be mailed to:

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Nominations Committee Announces Candidates for GPA Board

The GPA Nominations Committee has announced the "slate" of candidates for the Board of Directors. All positions are for two year terms, and the new Board members will take office at GPA's Annual Meeting October 25th during the Jekyll Island Conference.

Position	Candidate(s)
President	Lisa Hollingsworth, AICP (I), Frank Neal, AICP
VP Programs	Denise Bonotto Abboud (I), Michelle Wright, AICP
VP Legislative Affairs	Jerry Weitz, AICP (I), Christi Trombetti, AICP
VP Professional Dev	Tom Sills, AICP (I), Lori Sand, AICP
VP Chapter Services	Alex Ikefuna (I at-large), Sian Llewellyn
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District 2	Bryan Shuler, AICP (I)
District 3	Larry Lucas, AICP
District 4	Nancy Seegar
District 5	Phil Clarke
District 6	Mary Huffstetler, AICP
District 7	Patti Cullen (I)
District 8	Paul Forgey, AICP (I)
District 9	To be announced
District 10	York Phillips, AICP
AICP At-Large(2 positions)	Gary Cornell, AICP (I), Eric Linton, AICP, Dan Reuter, AICP
Non-AICP At-Large(3 positions)	Rodney Heard, Bill Ross the younger, Jennifer Taylor, Diana Wheeler

Watch the mail for your ballot, and VOTE! Ballots will go out mid-September, and will have to be returned by October 9.

If you ain't on the list always wanted to be a BIG BOARD MEMBER, don't fret. Additional candidates can be accepted up 'til August 24. Contact Bill Ross if you want to run as a "petition candidate" for details. Bill can be reached at 404-355-4505, fax 404-352-6926, or rossatcr@cs.com.



Mark Your Calendar

Annual Conference Update

Just a reminder about the dates and times for the annual conference:

- **Wednesday, October 24th through Friday, October 26th at the Jekyll Island Club.**
- **Conference begins at 9 AM on Wednesday, and ends 12 noon on Friday**
- **To make reservations call the Jekyll Island Club directly (800) 535-9547 and let them know that you are with GPA. Room rates are the same as last year and range from \$89 to \$199 per night.**

There are currently 32 sessions scheduled on a wide range of topics including: transportation, land use, zoning, regulations, planning practice, the environment, historic preservation and innovative tools and techniques. Both rural and urban topics are included, along with "planning basics," training opportunities and concepts, case study and tools. In addition, many networking opportunities are available including the opening reception on Wednesday, whose theme will be "prom night," two luncheons, mobile workshops, a golf tournament and our annual "deep sea" fishing.

Registration has been set at \$175 this year. Look for conference registration materials in your mailbox around the end of the month. If you are impatient, please visit our web site <http://georgiaplanner.tripod.com/georgiaplaneronline/>, which is also accessible through Planning.Org/Chapters/GA, to see a preview of conference topics, etc. This website is being updated as more information becomes available, including a registration form that can be printed and mailed.

Again, please make your hotel reservations now since we are expecting a full house!!!

Information on sponsorship information is included in the issue of the *GA Planner*. If you are interested in either be a sponsor or setting up an exhibit, fill out your registration form and contact Shelby Powell. Remember we had over 150 people attend last year's conference. This is a great opportunity to get your company name out to the right people.

As always, feel free to email me (DBAbboud@aol.com or phone (404) 874-5459) with your comments, suggestions and questions.

Looking forward to seeing many you again in Jekyll!!!

Denise Abboud

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November 2, December 7.

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PLANNER POSITIONS -2

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has two planner positions available that require technical competence and knowledge of the principles and practices of city planning at local, regional and state levels. Above average oral and written communication skills, self-motivation, decision-making skills and flexibility are essential. Knowledge of personal computers, particularly word-processing and spreadsheet applications, is required. The positions require a Master's degree in Planning, Public Administration or a related field, and a minimum of two years of professional experience (or an equivalent combination). These are Non-Merit positions with excellent state benefits and a beginning salary ranging from the mid- to upper \$30's, depending upon qualifications. Send letter of interest and resume, with salary requirement, to Ilona Rutherford, Office of Personnel, 60 Executive Park South, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. No phone calls or faxes please. The positions announcement is open until the positions are filled.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Transportation Planner - Masters' in Planning with Transp.Specialization or M.S.in Trans.+ 1-2 years transportation planning experience. Interest and ability in multi-modal planning and analysis.Computer modeling experience is a plus. Good writing and communication skills essential. Salary DOQ. Apply: Paul Moore, Jordan, Jones & Goulding, 6801 Governors' Lake Parkway, Norcross, GA 30071;or FAX resume to 678-333-0324.

Land Use Planner - Masters' in Planning and 1-2 years experience, or B.S/B.A + 5 years planning experience. Good writing and communication skills essential. Familiarity with land development regulations and Ga.Minimum Planning procedures highly desirable. Salary DOQ. Apply: Jim Summerbell, Jordan, Jones & Goulding, 6801 Governors' Lake Parkway, Norcross, GA 30071;or FAX resume to 678-333-0324.

Planner I: Collect data, assist in developing/administering planning-development activities. Knowledge of planning, civil plan review helpful. Bachelor's degree in planning or related field required or closely related discipline with two years planning. Minimum salary 28K. Application: Karen Bycenski, Perry Personnel Department, Drawer A, Perry, GA 31069, call 478-988-2713, fax 478-988-2725. EOE.



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Membership Information: If you are in joining the American Planning Association, contact the national headquarters at the address above or call (312) 431-9100.

Submission: The Georgia Planning Association welcomes articles, letters to the editor, photos of planning events or state happenings, calendar listings, job notices, planners on the move, etc. We are always interested in publishing anything you think may be of interest to others throughout the state. Articles may be edited for space. Articles printed in any issue of The Georgia Planner are not the expressed opinion of the Chapter.

Graphics: Graphics are especially welcome - pictures, photos, graphs, charts, etc. We would be happy to return them to you upon request.

Deadline: The deadline for the next issue is March 31, 2001
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