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## THE "NEEDS REQUIREMENT" IN COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING



On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Florida Cabinet voted on a challenge to a future land use map amendment in Marion County. The amendment proposed changing about 400 acres from rural designations to medium residential, increasing the density from one unit per ten acres to two units per acre. The challenge centered on the lack of demonstrated need for the

amendment based on the Marion County comprehensive plan. The Department of Community Affairs originally found the amendment "in compliance," but subsequent to the challenge, changed their position, and issued a determination of noncompliance, based on the lack of demonstrated need.

The following excerpts from the transcript of the Cabinet meeting highlights Secretary Pelham's comments to the Cabinet. The full transcript is available on-line at the Florida Cabinet website: <http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/mart.html>

Also of note is a recent *Interim Report* from the Florida Senate's Committee on Community Affairs, "Population Need as a Criteria for Changes to a Local Government's Future Land Use Map," Interim Report 2010-107, available from the committee's website:

[http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/View\\_Page.pl?File=index.html&Directory=Publications/2010/Senate/reports/interim\\_reports/&Tab=committees&Submenu=2](http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/View_Page.pl?File=index.html&Directory=Publications/2010/Senate/reports/interim_reports/&Tab=committees&Submenu=2)

The report provides a detailed overview of the needs requirement and explores the potential effects of changing the existing policy, recommending that the committee consider:

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings FPZA members! Your board has stepped it up in dealing with a number of important issues, including the upcoming budget, chapter development and assistance, education program,

AICP credit program, the newsletter, and the website. Our board meeting, held "Where Florida Begins" (Jacksonville) on September 19<sup>th</sup>, dealt with adopting the budget, and was less painful than we thought it might be. We were pleased to have former state board presidents Tracy Crowe, Leigh Kerr (also this year's George Simons Award winner), and Paul Wiczorek in attendance. It was also great to have First Coast chapter president Mark Shelton and Amye King present, and Tim Brown was there from Florida's Great Northwest.

Our membership numbers have declined, but we still remain strong. Our Calusa, Central Florida, First Coast, Gulfcoast, and Suncoast chapters continue to thrive, and hold regular luncheons, events, and educational programs. We also have a strong base of members throughout the state outside of these chapter areas. The newly reformed Surfcoast chapter has come on strong with new officers, a recent luncheon with 50+ attendees, and AICP credit programs in the works. And I'm also happy to report that the Springs chapter is re-activating.

President-Elect Rachel Layton and the Education Committee continues to strengthen our bonds with the four graduate planning programs (FAU, FSU, UF, and USF). You can read about what each of these universities is doing in this issue of the *Overview*. We have career day and other educational events planned at the universities and of course will continue the scholarship program.

Professional Development officers are coordinating with Rachel from all active chapters, and we are seeing some excellent programs at the chapter level. The board will be

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developing an inventory of available speakers for chapters and members.

The first FPZA electronic newsletter, by all accounts, was excellent in terms of content and presentation, and we are very grateful to editor Paula McMichael and designer Kim Young, both at the RWA office in Naples ("On the Gulf"). The website is up. We are pleased with the website design provided by our contractor, Black Kat of Ocala ("The Friendly City"). Chapters, please remember that your chapter page can be a great tool for you to get the word out about events and communicate with members. I know we are not quite there with more advanced social networking techniques, but Vice-President Brady Woods is working on how to work in Facebook into our organization. And of course Vice-President for Membership Nancy Roberts continues to develop ways to increase membership and increase our visibility.

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2010 state conference at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton, June 9-12. Gauging from the successes of the 2008 St. Augustine ("Nation's Oldest City") and 2009 Tampa ("America's Next Greatest City") conferences, this promises to be an informative and worthwhile (and fun!) event and we are glad to be revisiting the "the City where urban amenities meet small-town living" to recapture the energy of the 2007 conference. Looking further ahead, we are also very pleased to be going back to the beautiful Naples for the 2011 conference. And looking behind, thank you Past-President Jeffrey Jenkins and the Suncoast Chapter for the terrific Tampa conference.

Thank you all members for sustaining our association, and remember that you are always welcome at our quarterly board meetings, the next one to be held in "The City Beautiful" (Orlando) on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the offices of Glatting Jackson, with a Friday night activity to precede the meeting as well.

*-Brad*

## 'NEEDS REQUIREMENT' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Allowing well-planned developments where form, function, and location outweigh the detrimental effects of over-allocation
- Clarifying the role of needs assessment through rule-making
- Allowing exemption from stringent needs analysis for public policy reasons (e.g. for urban infill and redevelopment projects)

MR. PELHAM: Governor and members of the Cabinet, good morning. The Department is here to support the staff recommendation and to call your attention to several issues of statewide importance that are presented in this case. But first let me say just a word about the Department's role in this matter.

The Department staff received this amendment, as they do many, many, many others, reviewed it and found it in compliance. Subsequently, as you have heard, two Marion County citizens challenged the Department's decision, as they have the statutory right to do under our Growth Management Act. Indeed the enforcement of our Growth Management Act depends primarily upon citizen participation and enforcement through exercising their standing to challenge decisions which they think are inappropriate.

At some point my staff came to me and said, we need to brief you on a Marion County plan amendment. They explained the background. They explained that two citizens had challenged the amendment and that after careful evaluation of the citizens' complaint, they had determined that the citizens were correct and that the Department erred in overlooking this very important issue. It wasn't that the Department analyzed it in a certain way. It's simply that the Department overlooked it altogether in this situation.

And their question to me was, "If we're asked to go down and testify in this hearing, what are we to do?" And I said, "Well, the answer to that is very simple. You are to tell the truth. You have a legal and an ethical obligation as professional planners to tell the truth."

Subsequently, they were subpoenaed by the petitioners to the hearing before a DOAH administrative law judge. And I'm confident that under oath and subject to cross-examination they told the truth.

Now, the Department has been criticized for this, much to my astonishment. I hope that we have not reached the point where it is considered inappropriate for a governmental agency to tell the truth and admit that it made a mistake.

Now, out of this case, there are three issues that I would like to bring to your attention and discuss. And the first is the role of citizen participation and citizen standing.

Now some development interests, some of whom did not even participate in the case below, are urging you to reject the administrative law judge's decision and take away from these two great ladies their hard-earned victory. I respectfully suggest that to do that would send a terrible message to the citizens of this state. The message would be, don't bother. You can participate all you want at the local level, but up the line, the system is not going to protect your rights. And in sending such a message, I suggest to you that we would simply pour more fuel on the fires of Hometown Democracy.

The second issue that I would like to point out is the requirement that a local government must comply with its own adopted plan. Much has been made about the Department's role and state laws, but at bottom this case involves local law and Marion County's adoption of its own comprehensive plan. And that comprehensive plan contains Marion County's own special requirements regarding a demonstration of need for new plan amendments which add still more residential development to a county that is already hugely allocated with residential development rights.

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## WEBSITE UPDATE

[WWW.FPZA.ORG](http://WWW.FPZA.ORG)

The new and improved FPZA website is up and running! Be sure to visit [www.fpza.org](http://www.fpza.org) and check out all the new features and the new look.

One of the new features is an Education page, which lists upcoming events, including opportunities to earn AICP credits. We also call your attention to the section set up for each chapter. Each chapter's section includes a list of their Board of Directors, a copy of their bylaws and the chapter's current events. We encourage you to share your chapter activities by emailing the information to the FPZA office at [fpza@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpza@bellsouth.net).

As a reminder, the Members Only section can be accessed by using your email address and the password you set up (if no password was set up, the default password of "password" has been set up for you). You can log in to this section to view the membership directory.

## UPCOMING FPZA BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

**JANUARY 16, 2010**  
**AT THE OFFICES OF GLATTING JACKSON KERCHER ANGLIN**  
 120 N. ORANGE AVE.  
 ORLANDO, FL 32801

Visit the FPZA website [www.fpza.org](http://www.fpza.org) for more information. Please call the FPZA Office at **(407) 895-2654** if you would like to attend.

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The local comprehensive plan is for the protection of all citizens and their property, including these two petitioners and their horse farms. The administrative law judge correctly determined that the County violated its own plan when it adopted this plan amendment. And I note that the County's own planning staff recommended to its commission that it deny the plan amendment and that there was a demonstration of need. And at the administrative hearing in this case, the County presented no evidence to support its plan amendment decision.

If you should now reject the administrative law judge's decision or to allow this amendment to survive, as is being suggested now, it will send another message, this one to local governments. You need not follow your own plan because the system will not do anything about it if you don't. And then finally, a third issue, a critically important issue under our Growth Management Act, the issue of need. The issue that says that if you are going to substantially increase amounts of development over what you've already done in your plan, you need to demonstrate that there's a need for it, because after all, what the Legislature is asking you to do under the Growth Management Act is to plan for your projected needs. What do you project for your jurisdiction and how are you going to accommodate that growth? How are you going to provide for it? How are you going to provide the infrastructure, the water and the schools? To plan without regard for your projected needs is to not plan at all.

Despite what has been contended by some people, some who are not even parties to this case, the Department is not doing anything differently in this case. The administrative law judge is not doing anything differently in this case that has not been done in numerous other cases. The need criterion is more important now than it has ever been, for this reason. The Hometown Democracy movement is prompting landowners all over the state to submit plan amendments to the Department, greatly

increasing development rights on property so that they can beat Hometown Democracy should the voters of this state adopt a constitutional amendment in November of 2010 that requires a public referendum. In fact, this case has become a stalking horse for much bigger projects waiting in the wings that are in the pipeline.

We have at the Department now plan amendments proposing enormous amounts of new development. We have received proposals for amendments that want 30,000 residential units, 60,000, even 100,000 residential units in the case of one county. If you should yield to the urgings of those who would now like to remove or weaken the demonstration of needs requirement, we will be sending the worst message of all to the people of this state. That is, the system will not enforce even the most fundamental growth management requirements in our statutes and rules.

I would urge you to support your staff's recommended order. I think it is appropriate. We have gone through an administrative hearing before an administrative law judge, where people testify under oath and subject to cross-examination. There is absolutely nothing unusual about this administrative law judge's decision. And I think in most circumstances it would be very easy to deal with it. But because of other issues that are being injected into this case, including the effort to undermine the most fundamental requirement of our growth management laws, it gives special significance and importance to this case, and I would urge you to follow your usual practice and uphold the administrative law judge's decision and the recommended remedial action.

## 2010 FPZA CONFERENCE

### “RE-ESTABLISHING LOCAL COMMUNITIES”



June 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Ritz-Carlton - Sarasota

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#### RITZ CARLTON ROOM RATE NOTICE

**Make your Sarasota Ritz-Carlton hotel reservation now!** Call 1-800-241-3333 to make your room reservation and mention *Florida Planning & Zoning Meeting* to receive the \$159 per night rate. Also for your added convenience, go to: [www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota), enter date of stay, expand the optional information section and enter Group Code: FZAFZAA. Simple as that!

*Please note: You must be a speaker and/or registrant of the conference to take advantage of the great room rate!*

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2010 FPZA STATE CONFERENCE

Propose a session for the Florida Planning & Zoning Association's 2010 State Conference. Please focus your proposals on the theme of the conference:

**“Re-Establishing Local Communities.”**

players in the planning world, which includes planners, developers, attorneys, elected officials, engineers, citizens, environmentalists, and design professionals.

Take this opportunity to develop professionally and share your ideas with planners, developers, engineers, architects, attorneys, and public officials. **REQUEST YOUR “SESSION PROPOSAL FORM”** by emailing Program Co-Chair's Courtney Mendez, [courtney.mendez@sarasotagov.com](mailto:courtney.mendez@sarasotagov.com), or Sharon Tarman, [sharon.tarman@mymanatee.org](mailto:sharon.tarman@mymanatee.org).

Then simply submit your proposal for a general session, include the CM form, to the Program Co-Chair's at the above e-mail addresses. Session proposal deadline: **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

For more conference details visit [www.fpza.org](http://www.fpza.org) or e-mail [kathleen.thompson@mymanatee.org](mailto:kathleen.thompson@mymanatee.org) or [SThompson@najmythompson.com](mailto:SThompson@najmythompson.com)

The Florida Planning & Zoning Association's 2010 State Conference will be held at the **Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

The conference is an opportunity to earn 16+ CM credits and bring together the

The conference provides an excellent forum for bringing together interested parties to discuss common concerns and challenges; to discuss new programs and topics; and to share important lessons learned.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### APALACHEE CHAPTER

**What:** The FPZA State Board has scheduled a Fall Presentation/Event with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the Florida State University. The presentation will be given during Dr. Tim Chapin's Professional Topics Class. The speaker is Daniel Parker, Director of the Department of Health, who will discuss the topic of **“Building Healthy Communities”**. Also, Tom Lewis, with the Maddox Horne Law Firm and a FPZA Apalachee Chapter member, will provide an overview of the FPZA organization.

**When:** Wednesday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM

**Where:** FSU's Bellamy Building, Room 004

**Contact:** Nancy Roberts, FPZA Vice President of Member Services, 407-843-6552 or [nroberts@glatting.com](mailto:nroberts@glatting.com)

**Cost:** Free

**Credits:** 1.0 Pending Approval

### CALUSA CHAPTER

**What:** The Calusa Chapter will host a pizza luncheon to discuss **“Navigating Florida's Sunshine Law”**. Speakers include Donna Marie Collins, Lee County Assistant County Attorney; Audrey Vance, City Attorney for the City of Bonita Springs; and Russell Schropp, land use attorney with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes, and Holt, P.A.

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS CONTINUED

**When:** Thursday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM  
**Where:** Lee County Public Works Building, 1500 Monroe Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901  
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**Cost:** \$5  
**Credits:** 1.0 Law Credit Pending Approval

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

**What:** The Central Florida Chapter will host a luncheon presentation with Ian Lockwood, P.E., Principal and Senior Transportation Planner at Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, discussing **"A Transportation Prescription for Healthy Communities."**  
**When:** Monday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM  
**Where:** Disney Entrepreneur Center, Small Business Administration, 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida, 32801  
**Contact:** RSVP by Friday, October 26, 2009, to Tara Lyons at [tylons@glatting.com](mailto:tylons@glatting.com). Include "RSVP – The Perfect Storm for Change – Transportation and Our Future" in the subject line.  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Credits:** 1.5

## SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

**What:** The School of Urban and Regional Planning at **FAU will be hosting a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the URP program**. The event, called 20/20, will be a celebration of the past and a discussion of the future of planning in South Florida and include a lecture by Dr. David C. Prosperi, the Henry D. Epstein Professor and founding director of the School of Urban & Regional Planning, as well as a reaction panel of distinguished alumni.  
**When:** Wednesday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 5 PM to 8 PM  
**Where:** Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, 1 East Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
**Contact:** Please RSVP to Daniel Morris at [dmorri47@fau.edu](mailto:dmorri47@fau.edu)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Credits:** N/A

**What:** The South Florida Chapter will participate in **Career Day at Florida Atlantic University**.  
**When:** Saturday, **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 9 AM  
**Where:** FAU/BCC Higher Education Complex, 111 East Las Olas Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301  
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**Cost:** Free  
**Credits:** N/A

## SURFCOAST CHAPTER

**What:** A **Planning Ethics** class taught by Chris Bowley. The course will feature a Jeopardy, game-show style, with 30 scenarios being presented to the participants, plus one "Final Jeopardy" question. For each answer, the instructors will explain the section of the Code of Ethics that applies.  
**When:** Wednesday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM  
**Where:** Daytona Beach City Hall, Room 116, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach,  
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**Cost:** Free  
**Credits:** 1.5 Ethics Credits

Also check out chapter event listings on-line at [www.fpza.org](http://www.fpza.org). Want to see your event on-line or in the OVERVIEW? Email [fpza@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpza@bellsouth.net) and include your chapter, what the event is, when and where it will be held, contact information, cost, and whether AICP CM credits are available.

## WHO BELONGS TO THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION?

## WOMEN AND MEN WHO ARE...

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## COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP!

FPZA would like to extend a complimentary membership, for up to one year, to current members who have been laid off or lost their job due to current economic conditions. Please contact the FPZA Office at (407) 895-2654 or [fpza@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpza@bellsouth.net), or the VP of Member Services, Nancy Roberts, at (407) 843-6552 or [nroberts@glatting.com](mailto:nroberts@glatting.com) for more information.

## URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING AT FLORIDA'S UNIVERSITIES

Education is central to FPZA's mission, and following on the last issue of the *Overview*, which included articles from the winners of the student scholarships, for this issue we asked each planning school to tell FPZA's membership a little about what is happening at their school – the program, the faculty, and their plans for the future.



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## NEW SCHOOL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING



As of Fall 2009, UF's Departments of Urban and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture have merged into a new school of Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning. While the Departments retain their individual academic, governance, and academic integrity, the new structural

arrangement allows them to better share resources, expertise, project, and scholarly work. Faculty members from both departments share many common interests, especially related to sustainable design. We expect that this collaborative spirit will be enhanced within the School. Interim Director of the new School is **Dr. Paul Zwick**, a URP faculty member who also serves as an associate dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning. The merger was a central topic of discussion at the Department's annual retreat conducted on August 19<sup>th</sup> at UF's Austin Cary Forest facility near Gainesville. The first combined URP-LAE faculty meeting was held the following day.

### Students

This semester we welcomed 26 new masters students at our August 21<sup>st</sup> orientation session on campus. The URP department has grown to 113 students, including those taking graduate and undergraduate URP minors, concurrent degree students (architecture or law), masters, and doctoral students. The students represent 14 nations and many US states.

### Degrees, Programs, Projects (Under Development)

- A 36-credit Masters of Urban Design, a non-accredited, post-professional degree.

- A 50-credit Masters of Science in Environmental Design, which includes two tracks: GIS spatial analysis and regional and environmental policy.
- A Masters of Sustainable Design, pending approval from the Singapore government, where the program will be based. This program begins Spring 2010.
- A new, on-line GIS Certificate. The certificate program should be developed by Spring 2010.
- The "City Lab-Orlando" program. This is a college-wide cooperative program that provides an opportunity for faculty, students and practitioners to work on practical planning and design projects in Central and South Florida.
- *FPZA – URP Program for Planning Day:* The Florida Planning and Zoning Association and URP are exploring a joint program that would be presented during the Department's annual "Planning Day" event, to be held in mid-April on the UF campus. First begun in 2007 under the direction of Planning Chair **Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng**, Planning Day brings together students, professionals, community leaders, alumni, and practitioners to discuss important issues related to the planning profession. Last year's event focused on sustainability issues. Prominent developers and practitioners discussed whether "Going Green was Worth the Green." An awards dinner follows the Planning Day symposium, where outstanding students, alumni, and faculty are recognized.

### NEURUS Program

NEURUS stands for the "Network for European-United States Regional and Urban Studies." It is an international consortium of universities dedicated to the collaborative study of urban and regional development issues. Funded

initially by the U.S. Department of Education, the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), and the European Commission, NEURUS was intended to "build a sustainable set of linkages between the consortium partners that could be used to more deeply integrate comparative elements in existing education and research activities." (see <http://www.urban.illinois.edu/neurus/>). Second year URP students have the opportunity to spend the Spring 2010 semester at a European partner institution doing a comparative research project. Currently, the Department is hosting two NEURUS students from Austria this fall working on their research. Two URP students, **Ivan Cabrera** and **Jessica Kovari**, participated in the program last year.

### Faculty News

Two new faculty members have joined the Department this academic year. They are **Assistant Professor Andres Blanco** (Cornell University) and **Assistant Professor Kathryn Frank** (Georgia Tech). Dr. Blanco teaches public finance, urban economy, and economic development classes. His interest is in markets (housing, land use) and he has done extensive research in Colombia. Professor Frank teaches courses in sustainability at the Department and College level. She also teaches the undergraduate courses, "Cities of the World" and "Preview of Urban Planning."

**Assistant Professor Dawn Jourdan (Florida State)** joined the URP faculty last academic year. She was appointed to the joint URP-Law position formerly held by **Dr. Jim Nicholas**, who retired. Dr. Jourdan teaches Growth Management Power I and II, Planning History/Theory, and Affordable Housing Law. She researches law in relation to housing and historic preservation.

These scholars join the ten other URP faculty

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## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

BY: DR. JAAP VOS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

Florida Atlantic University's School of Urban and Regional Planning was established in 1989 and is proud to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding this year.

Since 1989 the School has evolved from a small program that focused on growth management issues into a locus of scholars, teachers, practitioners, agents, and students committed to the continuous improvement of urban regions and the planning enterprise through research, teaching, and service. With an emphasis on action, the School of Urban and Regional Planning sets itself apart from other planning programs by focusing on quality and innovative activity by both faculty and students.

The School offers the only bachelor's degree in planning in the state of Florida, as well as a PAB-accredited master's degree. There are seven full-time faculty members, all with diverse backgrounds and a wide range of research interests, including global urban networks, climate change, metropolitan form, disaster management, place-making, healthy cities, and housing market issues. The theme that runs through all of their work, and defines the School's collective school of thought, is the recognition and use of multi-scalar connections and interactions of systems and planning activities.

One of the School's strengths is the size of the classes, especially in the master's degree program. Rarely will a class exceed more than twenty-five students. Yet, the student body is extremely diverse, both in terms of academic and personal backgrounds. Most graduate and undergraduate courses are held in the evening hours, which allows for full-time professionals to pursue their degree. The School tries to create an environment that is conducive to a challenging but cooperative atmosphere, which raises the level of innovation among both the students and the faculty.

The School is fortunate to have a generous scholarship/fellowship program to offer to qualified graduate students. In 2009, seventeen Excellence in Planning graduate fellowships



were awarded, and in 2010 the School will award the first known scholarship funded by the sun, the Innovation in Planning Scholarship (learn more about it at [www.fau.edu/surp/solarroof](http://www.fau.edu/surp/solarroof)). The School also has several research assistantships available that are funded by faculty research.

The Visual Planning Technology Lab is home to some of the

School's faculty and student research, as well as a state-of-the-art GIS laboratory. The 1,300 square-foot lab is equipped with twenty-one workstations, plus one instructor station. Here faculty and students work together on GIS modeling and applications for both coursework and cutting-edge, funded research, such as the current NSF-funded Displacement Due to Catastrophic Hurricanes project.

An exciting opportunity for students is the Planning Abroad Program, which has allowed students to study planning in places like the Netherlands, Turkey, France, Austria, Germany, and Italy. The program consists of many activities, the most apparent being the provision of courses that involve either study tours, project-related work, or professional participation in planning and planning-related activities in some of the planning hotspots around the globe. Other activities include hosting international scholars and students, participation in research and teaching projects with international colleagues, and meaningful involvement with major international academic, NGO, and professional organizations.

The School provides numerous opportunities for students to immerse themselves in innovative and challenging activities, yet the students take on the additional challenge of self-organizing the Florida Atlantic Planning Society (FAPS). Every year a new FAPS leadership board is elected, comprised of both undergraduate and graduate students, and sets off to accomplish the organization and implementation of myriad planning-related activities. These include a monthly waterway cleanup of the north fork of the New River in Fort Lauderdale, an annual Career Day

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members and support staff, including **Stan Latimer**, who directs the Department's Internship Program, and Dean **Christopher Silver**. Dr. Silver teaches international planning and development courses and has been instrumental in creating the new Singapore-based Masters of Sustainable Design program. Emeritus faculty members **Jim Nicholas** and **Earl Starnes** continue to play active roles in the Department.

*Sabbatical and interim Graduate Coordinator Associate Professor Kristin Larsen* is on sabbatical leave this academic year and is completing research on her book on Clarence Stein. (Kristin and **Glenn Acomb**, a Department of Landscape Architecture faculty member, were married this past September.) While Kristin is on sabbatical, **Professor Richard Schneider** is serving as Graduate Coordinator.

### *Faculty Grants*

**Associate Professors Ruth Steiner** and **Iliir Bejleri** were recipients of a \$1.4 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study transportation-related child health and obesity issues. Dr. Steiner is the director of the UF Center of Health and the Built Environment and the Associate Director of the Center for Multimodal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation. She is interested in bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as childhood obesity. Dr. Bejleri teaches Urban Design and GIS classes (Planning Design 1 & 2, 3-D Geospatial Modeling, and GIS). His research involves visualization and simulation as tools for public participation, IT for planning, and traffic improvements.

### *Faculty Publications, Presentations, Activities*

**Associate Professor Ruth Steiner** provided a presentation on transportation planning at the FAPA conference held September 15-18 in Jacksonville. **Dean Chris Silver** recently finished a book on the History of Planning in Jakarta and is working on a monograph of urbanism in delta areas. **Professor Richard Schneider** provided the keynote address to UN-HABITAT's regional meeting on "Creating Child-Friendly Cities" in Tokyo, Japan in April. Dr. Schneider was also the featured speaker at the Japan Institute of Planners annual meeting in Osaka. **Assistant Professor Joseli Macedo** returned from Curitiba, Brazil, at the successful conclusion of the Department's summer program in that country. Dr. Macedo teaches

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## FLORIDA'S ROLE IN PLANNING INNOVATION

BY: DR. TIM CHAPIN, DEPARTMENT CHAIR  
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING



Over the last few decades, Florida has been one of the fastest growing states in the nation, adding as many as 400,000 residents in a given year and averaging three million new residents each decade since the 1960s. This population growth has

contributed to sprawling development; affordable housing shortages; congested transportation systems; insufficient infrastructure and urban services in some areas; and the consumption of environmentally sensitive lands and productive agricultural lands. In contrast to areas like metro Orlando and metro Tampa, southeast and southwest Florida, and other coastal areas of the state that have boomed, many of Florida's rural counties have struggled to sustain their local economies and provide employment opportunities for residents.

In response to these issues, Florida's legislature has adopted a comprehensive series of laws that mandate planning at all levels of government and that make planning a profession that is valued and embraced in most areas of the state. Florida's planning innovations include a vertically and horizontally integrated comprehensive planning system; a commitment to multi-jurisdictional planning, through regional planning councils and water management districts; major conservation initiatives in the form of the Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever programs; and a myriad of policy and implementation innovations in the areas of hazards planning, transportation planning, and urban design. Florida is also recognized as the "cradle of the New Urbanism," and quality, economically viable communities are being planned for and built throughout the state. These communities will yield more compact development patterns, viable mixed-use, jobs-housing balance, and a high quality of life that promotes the physical, mental, and spiritual health of residents.

While FPZA's membership and other planning professionals often focus upon the challenges facing the state, and clearly there are many, it is essential to recognize that Florida's planning and zoning regulations, programs, and

practices are among the best in the nation. Florida sits at the vanguard of the international urban planning movement, and the state is recognized in planning circles as having many regulations, systems, and processes in place that can yield desirable development outcomes. Professionals from throughout the country and from around the globe come to Florida to learn from its planners. While professional planners in the state argue about the form and functioning of the state's transportation concurrency requirement, or lament the lack of funding to implement many of the excellent programs that the state is recognized for, the state of Florida is a better place because of its commitment to planning.

It is this commitment to quality planning and to policy innovation and implementation that the Florida State University Department of

Urban & Regional Planning promotes in educating new planners and in the research being pursued by its faculty. The Department is committed to its mission of:

*stimulating and enabling practicing planners, aspiring planners, decision makers, and interested public to understand urban and regional systems, public decision making, institutions of planning, and activities of planners; developing and critically examining theories and methods useful to understanding urban and regional systems, public decision making, institutions of planning and activities of professional planners; and utilizing and applying these theories and methods to issues of importance to communities and professionals, with a particular emphasis on Florida.*

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seminar, and the Wednesday Lecture Series, which brings in speakers from South Florida and beyond to address planning-related topics from an original perspective. The Wednesday Lecture Series has become so successful that it attracts attendees from across the state of Florida.

FAPS also co-sponsors many events with the School of Urban and Regional Planning Alumni Society. The Alumni Society has enjoyed great success since its formal inception in 2007. Its goal is to contribute to the School's locus of activity by providing an enjoyable and meaningful forum for all SURP alumni to reconnect and share their knowledge and experience with each other, current students, and the School. This is accomplished through various formal and informal activities throughout the year, most of which also raise generous donations from alumni in support of FAPS and other School initiatives.

The School is very proud of the accomplishments of its students and alumni. In the last five years, SURP students have made over twenty original presentations at national and international conferences. Recently, a final Planning Project of one

graduate student resulted in the installation of one of South Florida's largest retro-fit rooftop solar arrays and the first known scholarship funded by the sun. Two other Planning Projects went on to be published in peer-reviewed journals. An alumnus and a current graduate student are featured participants at the 45<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP Congress in Portugal this fall. Finally, in the last five years, three students have been named Florida Student Planner of the Year. These are just a sampling of some of the recent accomplishments of the School's students and alumni.

The School of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida Atlantic University has come a long way since 1989. With an understanding that a planning education must consist of more than just classroom lectures, the School has become a center of activity and innovation. It now consists of a diverse faculty that is committed to innovative research; is home to a state-of-the-art planning technology laboratory; attracts exceptional students from around the globe; offers a one-of-a-kind Planning Abroad experience; and fosters the growth and success of both student and alumni organizations. To learn more, please visit the School's website at [www.fau.edu/surp](http://www.fau.edu/surp).

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International Development and Urban Design classes, as well as the "Introduction to PhD" class. Her research focus is on informal settlements and environmentally sensitive areas.

#### Events Coming Soon

**URP Speakers Series:** URP has established a planning research seminar series involving faculty, planning practitioners and public officials. **Assistant Professor Kathryn Frank** recently presented a talk on "Evaluating Environmental Planning Processes."

Upcoming speakers include:

- **Mary G. Padua**, Landscape Architecture Department (October 6)
- **Russ Blackburn**, Gainesville City Manager (October 15)
- **Glenn Acomb**, Landscape Architecture Department (November 6)

#### Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture Series:

The Department has created a lecture series in honor of long-time faculty member and distinguished planning practitioner **Dr. Ernest R. Bartley**. It has been funded by the Bartley family, alumni, friends and former students of Dr. Bartley's. The first lecture was presented by former **Senator and Governor Bob Graham** last November.

The next lecture will be held on November 19, 2009, when the **Honorable Tom Pelham**, Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs, will speak on the changes and impacts of Florida's new planning legislation. The lecture will be held in 200 Williamson Hall (Bliss Auditorium) on the UF Campus. There is no charge and the public is invited.

The Department's **Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)** will convene on November 20th in Gainesville. The PAC's Curriculum Committee, chaired by **Bill Kercher** (Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin), has been very active in providing input to the faculty. Other members of the committee include **Tracey Crowe** (Land Design Innovations, Inc), **Tyson Smith** (White & Smith, LLC), **Robert Hopkins** (AAA), **Carter N. McDowell** (Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP), **Barry Rutenberg** (Barry Rutenberg & Associates), and **Michael C. Holbrook** (Bowyer-Singleton & Associates, Incorporated).

## MEMBER PROFILE

### PAULA N. C. McMICHAEL, AICP

#### FPZA CALUSA CHAPTER

#### Q. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

A. I am originally from Merritt Island on the east coast of Florida, but I've also lived in Massachusetts and Atlanta.

#### Q. WHAT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DID YOU ATTEND/GRADUATE FROM?

A. My undergraduate degree is from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and my graduate degree is from Florida Atlantic University in Ft. Lauderdale.

#### Q. PLEASE LIST YOUR DEGREE(S) AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALIZED TRAINING.

A. My BA is in English Literature and I have a Masters in Urban & Regional Planning from FAU.

#### Q. HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN FPZA AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?

A. I joined in 2006 thanks to Sharon Jenkins-Owen, and became the President of the Calusa chapter and a member of the state board of directors. This past spring, I volunteered to be the editor of the *Overview*. I've enjoyed working with the great group at the state level and meeting local, fellow planners, concerned citizens, land use attorneys, and zoning officials through the Calusa Chapter. We're very excited to be hosting the conference in 2011.

#### Q. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION AND AREA (S) OF EXPERTISE?

A. Currently, I am a Senior Planner at RWA in Fort Myers. I have done a little bit of everything, from site plan review for a local government to preparation of DRIs, but recently my focus has been on community redevelopment and long-range planning.

#### Q. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?

A. I am a bibliophile with a library in my house. I also like to swim, garden, travel, and eat food other people have cooked.

#### Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE DOING NOW IF YOU HADN'T CHOSEN YOUR CURRENT PROFESSION?

A. Teaching English in a foreign country.

#### Q. IF A NEW COLLEGE GRADUATE ASKED YOU FOR ADVICE ABOUT YOUR FIELD, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM? WHAT DIDN'T YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL?

A. To remember that planning in Florida is a very small community—everybody knows everybody! If you do good work, people will know that. Also not to worry about what you didn't learn in school; nobody learns the local land development code except by working with it. I can remember the first project I worked on after graduating, which was a sign variance: "Wait, they regulate where the sign can go? Wait, it's not on their property? There's an access easement? What's an access easement? What do you mean 'sign area'?"

#### Q. WHAT PERSONAL GOALS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE (BEFORE YOU RETIRE)?

A. Figure out how to make transit a viable, preferred option for more people.



## A NEW URBAN PLANNING PROGRAM IS BORN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

BY: AMBE J. NJOH, PH.D., URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM DIRECTOR



The University of South Florida (USF) is happy to announce the arrival of a new member to the family of graduate programs in Urban and Regional Planning in the State of Florida. Our first batch of students, twelve in all, embarked on work leading to the 48-credit-hour Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree this fall (2009). Please permit us to tell you more about our new program.



### Rationale for Launching the Program

The launching of this program, which is housed within the Geography Department, is a culmination of several years of hard work by many within and outside the USF community. Especially noteworthy in this regard are the efforts of Drs. Elizabeth Strom and Robert Brinkmann, who worked indefatigably to secure approval for the program.

Our desire to launch the program was premised on a belief that more trained urban planners are needed in the state of Florida in particular, and the United States and the world in general. Statistics from the United Nations reveal that, for the first time in 2008, the proportion of people living in urban areas exceeded fifty percent of the entire human population. The existing pool of trained urban planners is insufficient, and extant urban planning systems are ill-equipped, to tackle the urban challenges of today and the foreseeable future. These challenges include, but are not limited to, those presented by climate change, resource depletion, economic instability, rapid rates of urbanization in less developed regions, and population decline in transitional and more developed regions.

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The Department of Urban and Regional Planning was created in 1965 in response to the growing national demand for individuals trained in planning, urban affairs, and policy analysis, and the rapid population and economic growth occurring within the Sunbelt. As the oldest and largest planning program in Florida, DURP continues its over forty-year-old mission of producing quality planning professionals for local, state, regional, national and international agencies, firms, and non-profits. To date, nearly 1,300 students have graduated from the Department's graduate programs. These graduates are now employed in 48 states and 27 foreign nations as professional staff in private consulting firms, as staff for major developers, in land use and environmental law firms, with universities or other research organizations, and as planners in local, regional, and state agencies.

The Department of Urban & Regional Planning offers several degree programs including a Master of Science in Planning (MSP), a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), and joint master's degrees in planning and law (MSP/JD), planning and public administration (MSP/MPA), and planning and international affairs (MSP/MA). There are currently plans to develop two new joint master's degrees in planning and public health (MSP/MPH) and planning and demography (MSP/MSD). Approximately 45 to 60 students matriculate into the Master's program each year, with another 3-4 joining the doctoral program. The total number of students in residence at any time numbers between 110 and 130. The Department also offers certificates in Real Estate and in Urban Design, certificates created in response to demand for further training in these areas from both students and employers.

The Department's programs respond to the educational challenge of recognizing the breadth and diversity of the planning field and, at the same time, providing students with training in the common aspects, concerns, and approaches of the field. These programs offer students an opportunity to study the central core of knowledge that is common to all planning activities and to develop specialized knowledge in those areas of particular interest to them. Graduates of these programs are equipped to function both in generalist and specialist roles and to adapt as new issues emerge and preferred policy responses change.

The Department's educational and scholarly successes are illustrated in many ways. The program is ranked among the top public university planning programs in the nation by Planetizen. In the same evaluation, the Department's faculty was ranked among the most productive in the nation, producing both quantity and quality research on issues central to the field. FSU was also ranked as one of the top programs in several specialty areas: Environmental Planning, Growth Management, and Public Health. At the recent APA Florida Annual Conference in Jacksonville, the Department received several awards, including Student Project of the Year for the Colquitt (GA) Sustainability Plan and the APA Student Planner of the Year to current student Jacob Cremer. Additionally, MSP student Seth Morgan won the 2009 American Public Transportation Foundation, Florida Public Transportation Association Award.

As part of its commitment to remain closely connected with the profession, the Department maintains close ties with state, regional, and local planning agencies, private planning firms, non-profit organizations, the state legislature, and the governor's office. These firms and agencies provide substantial support services to the Department in the form of internships and field placements, visiting lecturers and adjunct faculty, and permanent employment positions. The Department welcomes information on internships and employment openings, or any other opportunities to collaborate with agencies or firms. We can share this information with our current students and with our alumni. This information can be sent to [durp@coass.fsu.edu](mailto:durp@coass.fsu.edu).

In the coming decades the state of Florida will continue to face a myriad of problems flowing from the massive population growth and low-density development of previous decades, including potable water shortages, rising traffic congestion, and continued environmental degradation. Layered upon these, the emergence of climate change and energy sustainability as thorny new issues underscores the importance of planning in the coming decades. It is these challenges, old and new, that will continue to shape the profession and will lie at the core of the Department's efforts to train the next wave of planners.

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### Our Commitment

Our program is committed to making a significant contribution to efforts to tackle the urban challenges of today and the future. Our approach in this regard is double-pronged. The first prong seeks to train the professional planner of the future—one capable of eliciting the active involvement of multiple stakeholders in increasingly diverse and multi-cultural urban policy arenas. Aware of the difficulty, if not impossibility, of providing such training under a single disciplinary or intellectual canopy, we have deliberately tailored our program to assume an interdisciplinary orientation. In this connection, the program draws on a rich and diverse pool of seasoned researchers, scholars, and professionals within the Department of Geography, and other units of USF, such as the Architecture Program, the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, and the Colleges of Business, Engineering, and Public Health, as well as practicing professionals within the wider Tampa Bay region, to deliver interdisciplinary, comparative, and applied knowledge to our students. With an eclectic group of professionals committed to the goal of promoting sustainable development in an increasingly interconnected global environment, we are sure of arming our graduates with the coherent vision necessary to appreciate how human communities function and how to initiate and facilitate positive changes within these communities.

The second prong seeks to undertake research that is not only of regional, but of national and international significance and scope. Our efforts and strength in this regard is demonstrated by the academic background and expertise of our eclectic faculty.

### Job Prospects for Urban Planners

We are encouraged by news about the job prospects in urban planning. According to the US Department of Labor, there will be a faster than average employment growth for urban and regional planners in the years ahead. These job opportunities, which will be in affluent and rapidly expanding communities, are projected to grow at a rate of 15 percent through 2016. Thus, it is safe to conclude that our students are likely to be gainfully employed or embark on more advanced studies immediately after graduation. For further information on this new program, please do not hesitate to call us at (813) 974-7459 or visit us online at:

[http://www.cas.usf.edu/geography/grad\\_urb.html](http://www.cas.usf.edu/geography/grad_urb.html)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

HILTON GARDEN INN, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

President Crowe called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. The following were present:

- THAD CROWE – SURF COAST
- NANCY ROBERTS - CENTRAL FLORIDA
- MARK SHELTON - FIRST COAST
- BRADY WOODS – CENTRAL FLORIDA
- PAUL WIECZOREK - SPRINGS
- TRACY CROWE - CENTRAL FLORIDA
- TIM BROWN - NORTHWEST
- AMYE KING - CENTRAL FLORIDA
- LEIGH KERR – SOUTH FLORIDA

President Crowe asked for additions or corrections to the June 13, 2009 minutes. Leigh Kerr made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Nancy Roberts seconded the motion; approved.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** – Wanda Classe distributed a report showing 578 total members – 178 individual members, 392 members from 124 agencies, 7 students and one honorary member.

The August 31, 2009 bank balance was shown to be \$52,662.19. Wanda explained that at this meeting she would be distributing reimbursement checks to the chapters in the amount of \$10,290.00

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Crowe asked the board members to keep in mind the Strategic Planning Points that were discussed at a previous planning meeting. He continued stating that he wanted to focus on those points today if there was time remaining but that most of the meeting would be dedicated to formulating the 2010 budget.

**PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT** – Due to a family emergency, Rachel Layton was not able to attend so Nancy Roberts reported on the items that they were working on together. Rachel has a student outreach program and has contacted all the colleges. A presentation

will be given at Florida State on October 28, 2009 at a Professional Topics Class. Dr. Voss, at FAU, is trying to set up a presentation up for Career Day in November – tentatively the first Saturday. A Power Point presentation on FPZA's mission and goals will be presented.

Tim Brown informed the board that APA had a student liaison. They also had a student of the year award and annual sponsors that assist students with expenses. President Crowe stated that to put this change into effect with FPZA, it would take a policy or bylaw change. He will put this on the agenda for the October Executive Committee telephone conference call.

President Crowe stated that the 2010 Conference will be held in Sarasota and sponsorship forms are ready and available.

**VP MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT** – Nancy Roberts stated that efforts are under way to revive the Springs Chapter. Amber Wheeler is now with Hernando County School Board and a member of the Springs Chapter. She has volunteered to be an Officer of the chapter and assist in their reactivation. Nancy Roberts and Paul Wieczorek are working with her by putting together a data base of potential and past members. They are also reaching out to school board members. Leigh Kerr requested effort be put into reviving the South Florida Chapter.

Nancy stated that membership is down from a couple of years ago and asked for suggestions or programs for a membership drive. She also asked for help to spread the word that former members who are unemployed are entitled to a free membership for one year.

**VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT** – Treasurer Brady Woods provided a spreadsheet with

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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January through August income and expenses. This was discussed and a couple of items will be clarified to the Executive Committee. One item that was discussed was a charge to FPZA's credit card for extra trophies for the Awards presented at the Conference. He will contact the trophy company and discuss the additional trophies. With this noted, Leigh Kerr made a motion to accept the financial report. Nancy Roberts seconded the motion; approved.

Treasurer Woods presented the 2010 Proposed Budget by projecting the budget through an LCD projector and by having it as a line item on the financial report. Each line item of the budget was discussed as to its purpose, if it is still a valid line item, how it should compare to last year and the amount that should be budgeted for the item. After extensive discussion on each item, the final budget was adopted at \$63,000.00 income and expense for the year 2010 as compared to the 2009 budget of \$71,100.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The final report on the 2009 Conference is still pending.

Web site – Wanda Classe stated that Black Kat is working on the site and is in the process of reworking some of the areas so that the FPZA office can update those pages. It would be live in a couple of weeks. She asked the chapter to check their information and send any updated board listings or upcoming events.

*Overview* – The following dates were set for distribution: November, February, May and August. Nancy Roberts will speak to Editor Paula McMichael about the possibility of the November issue having a membership theme.

Future Board Meetings – The next Board Meeting will be held in Orlando at Nancy Roberts' office on January 16, 2010. Plans will be made for a group dinner on Friday night, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The following meeting will be

held on April 3, 2010 in the Ft. Myers Beach area. President Crowe asked Wanda to post both dates on the web site.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Calusa Chapter has volunteered to host the 2011 Conference. Central Florida will host the 2012 Conference. President Crowe asked Wanda to post the chapter hosting and the year on the web site.

Since there was no update at today's meeting, President Crowe will put the 2010 Conference on the Executive Committee's telephone conference agenda.

**ADJOURN** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 12:50 PM

## MILLER LEGG AWARDED CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL JOINT LAND USE STUDY

Miller Legg, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm based in Florida, recently began a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for the Central Florida Regional Planning Council involving the Avon Park Air Force Range. The project includes comprehensive analysis of existing and proposed development as it relates to potential conflicts with the military training missions on and around the base. Miller Legg has teamed with Tetra Tech on this project.

## MILLER LEGG NAMED "BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR" BY FLORIDA TREND

Miller Legg was recently named one of Florida's *Best Companies To Work For*. One-hundred companies were recognized in small, medium and large company categories, and Miller Legg was ranked number 33 of 50 in the medium-sized category. The rankings – the first statewide Best Companies list – appear in the August issue of *Florida Trend* and on FloridaTrend.com.

# OVERVIEW

## MEMBERSHIP IN FPZA LOCAL CHAPTERS

### DUES

TO JOIN THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION, IDENTIFY A CHAPTER CONTAINING YOUR LOCATION ON THE LIST AT LEFT. REFER TO THE CURRENT LIST OF CHAPTER DUES BELOW TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE DUES AMOUNT. THESE AMOUNTS INCLUDE BOTH STATE AND LOCAL DUES.

CHAPTER	INDIVIDUAL DUES	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION DUES	PLANNING BOARDS*
APALACHEE	\$55	\$125	\$125
CALUSA	\$60	\$130	\$130
CENTRAL FLORIDA	\$65	\$160	\$160
FIRST COAST	\$80	\$170	\$170
GULFCOAST	\$60	\$135	\$135
GULFSTREAM	\$60	\$145	\$145
HEARTLAND	\$55	\$120	\$120
NORTHWEST	\$55	\$120	\$120
SPRINGS	\$55	\$125	\$125
SOUTH FLORIDA	\$55	\$120	\$120
SURFCOAST	\$55	\$125	\$125
SUNCOAST	\$65	\$140	\$140
SUWANNEE	\$55	\$120	\$120

- Agency/Organizational membership may have a maximum of three individuals. Elected / Appointed Planning Board may have a maximum of five individuals. Include these names with the attached application form for them to receive all the FPZA benefits.
- Full-time Students may utilize a Student Membership and may join at a dues rate of \$5.00 per individual. Include student identification with this application. (First Coast Student dues are \$15.00 per individual.)
- Sustaining Members, wishing to increase their financial support of FPZA, may increase individual dues to \$100.00.

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Franklin • Gadsden • Jefferson • Leon  
Liberty • Madison • Taylor • Wakulla

**CALUSA CHAPTER**

Charlotte • Collier • Hendry • Lee

**CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER**

Lake • Orange • Osceola • Polk • Seminole • Brevard

**FIRST COAST CHAPTER**

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**GULFCOAST CHAPTER**

Manatee • Sarasota

**GULFSTREAM CHAPTER**

Indian River • Martin • Palm Beach • St. Lucie

**HEARTLAND CHAPTER**

Desoto • Glades • Hardee • Highlands • Okeechobee

**NORTHWEST CHAPTER**

Bay • Calhoun • Escambia • Gulf • Holmes • Jackson  
Okaloosa • Santa Rosa • Walton • Washington

**SPRINGS CHAPTER**

Alachua • Citrus • Hernando • Levy • Marion • Sumter

**SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER**

Broward • Miami-Dade • Monroe

**SURFCOAST CHAPTER**

Flagler • Volusia

**SUNCOAST CHAPTER**

Hillsborough • Pinellas • Pasco

**SUWANNEE CHAPTER**

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Hamilton • Lafayette • Suwannee • Union

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME	List additional names as applicable for Agencies or Organizations.
AFFILIATION	1. _____
ADDRESS	2. _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP	3. _____
PHONE	List additional names as applicable for Elected or Appointed Board Members.
FAX	1. _____
EMAIL	2. _____
LOCAL CHAPTER	3. _____
REFERRED BY	4. _____
FPZA DUES \$	5. _____

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