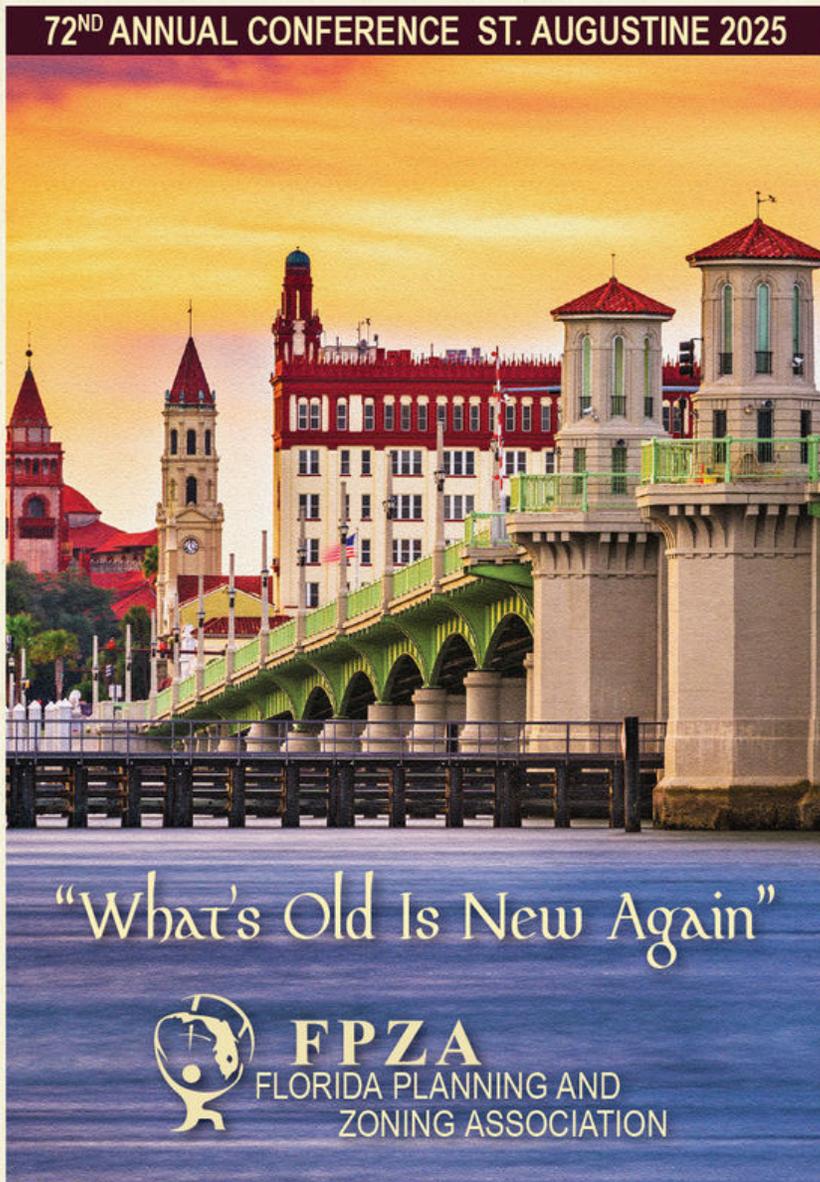


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We hope to see you at this year’s State Conference being held in historic St. Augustine from June 4th through the 6th at the Casa Monica Resort. Come experience the history of the City!

This year’s theme is “What’s Old is New Again”. Think about the planning profession and how planning concepts or development trends come back around or are renewed. Sometimes the answers to current challenges can be found by revisiting the past.

The Conference Committee is currently accepting session proposals and actively seeking conference sponsorships. The State Board is planning now!

A ‘welcome reception’ is planned for Wednesday evening at the hotel with an offsite reception on Thursday at the White Room. The prestigious State Awards luncheon is on Friday. There will definitely be something for everyone! Come and enjoy!

FIND MORE CONFERENCE RELATED ITEMS WITHIN THIS ISSUE!

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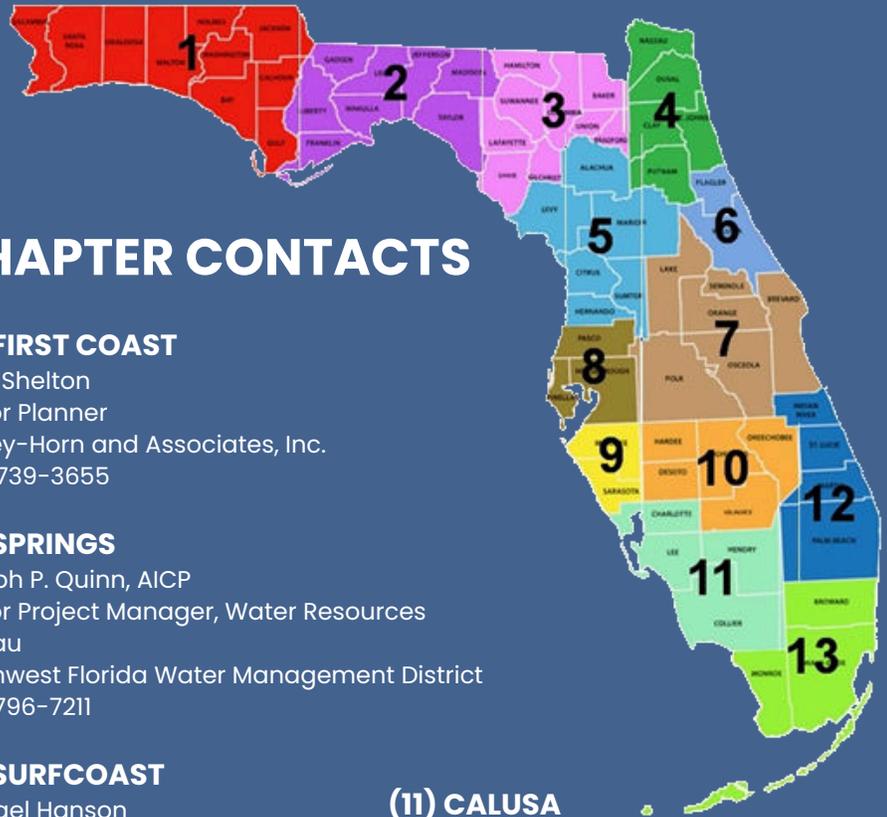
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my friends and colleagues, your State Board of Directors are hard at work planning for the 72nd Annual FPZA Conference, June 4th through 6th. This year's theme is "What's Old is New Again". We will explore the intersection of historic preservation with modern planning. We are planning for informative and dynamic discussions about relevant and timely topics. We believe the historic setting of St. Augustine,



Florida is ideal for the conference this year, promoting accessible and walkable amenities near the Casa Monica Spa and Resort.

How can you get involved? I'm so glad you asked!

We are in hot pursuit of sponsors for the conference, and in recognition of pirate lore in St. Augustine, our five sponsorship tiers are named after some famous pirates, the likes of Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, Anne Bonny, Calico Jack, and Black Bart. If you, or your organization is able to sponsor, please complete the sponsorship form and send to Colleen Miles (colleen@ldrgdaytona.com). Each tier affords your organization with recognition on printed materials and during the conference. Please refer to the sponsorship page for more details.

High quality sessions are the foundation of our conference. This is the opportunity for us to explore emerging trends, research topics, and relevant findings, in order to engage and connect with our communities. If you have a session idea, please complete the application and submit your proposal to Diane Chadwick (diane.chadwick@stantec.com) by February 28th.

Finally, the conference wouldn't be complete without our Annual Awards Banquet. Do you know someone whose career stands out as one that has made an indelible impact on the practice of planning in Florida? If so, prepare and submit a recommendation for the

George W. Simons, Jr. Award. If you have projects or plans that exemplify categories like design excellence, redevelopment, innovation, sustainability, grassroots/non-profit, please review the 2025 Planning Awards and submit applications to highlight the outstanding work that our organizations are doing here in Florida. The deadline to submit award applications is April 18, 2025. Please email complete application packages to info@fpza.org.

Finally, if you know of a student who is currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies, with a focus in urban planning, we encourage them to apply for Outstanding Student Award and Scholarship, which includes paid conference registration and hotel accommodations for two nights at the Casa Monica Resort. Questions can be directed to the Scholarship Awards Chair, Rhea Hunter (rhunter@rviplanning.com).

Please visit the FPZA Annual Conference webpage [Annual Conference | FPZA](#) for additional details, forms, and a direct link to the Casa Monica Resort & Spa. Don't delay – register today!

Yours in Planning,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie LaBarr".

Katie LaBarr, AICP
2024-25 FPZA State President

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REGISTRATION FORM

72nd Annual FPZA State Conference. June 4-6, 2025

REGISTER ON-LINE at Eventbrite (or)

MAIL to FPZA, Attn: VP Finance, 2014 Edgewater Drive, #105, Orlando, FL 32804



STEP 1: NAME & ADDRESS (Please Print)

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

First Name and Title for Badge _____

Employer/Agency or School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

(Area Code) Telephone Number _____

STEP 2: BASIC REGISTRATION

Enter the number of registrations in the corresponding box to the right.	Pay by May 4, 2025	Pay after May 4, 2025
FPZA Member- Full Registration \$400/\$450		
FPZA Member Retired (65+) & Veterans-Full Registration \$275/\$325		
Non-Member- Full Registration \$475/\$525		
Group rate for EARLY pay and FOUR or more registrations \$350 each		NA
Student- Full Registration \$75/\$100		
Wednesday ONLY- \$100/\$150		
Thursday ONLY- \$150/\$255		
Friday ONLY- \$200/\$250		

Note: Registration is refundable (less a \$75 processing fee) if cancelled by May 25th. No refunds will be given if cancellation is received after May 25th.

STEP 3: MOBILE WORKSHOPS-(Must be registered)

	FEE	# of tickets
Mobile Tour June 4th - PM	\$25	
Mobile Tour #1 June 5th - AM	\$30	
Mobile Tour #2 June 5th - PM	\$40	

STEP 4: EXTRA TICKETS

	FEE	# of tickets
Wednesday, on-site evening reception	\$50	
Thursday, keynote speaker luncheon	\$45	
Thursday, off-site reception	\$75	
Friday, awards luncheon	\$75	

I request _____vegetarian meal(s), _____ gluten free meals
_____ Other - Specify _____

STEP 5: PAYMENT

Step 2: Basic Registration	\$ _____
Step 3: Mobile Tours	\$ _____
Step 4: Extra Tickets	\$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$ _____

Print Form and Mail Check# _____

(or) Register On-Line at Eventbrite



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ABOVE!

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 4, 2025.

Questions?

Contact: Info@fpza.org



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ABOUT THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION

The Florida Planning and Zoning Association was founded in 1951, during the national conference of the American Planning and Civic Association held in Miami. Frank F. Stearns, then Director of Planning for the City of Miami, set up a special meeting for those interested in forming an active State Association. Approximately thirty people attended that historic meeting, representing most of the populated areas of the State.

The purposes of the Association are: to promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards or commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in the State of Florida; to cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning by local governments; to encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices; to furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium for exchanging information, advice and assistance among them; to engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters; to promote and encourage the sound development of land, water and natural resources and the elimination of air and water pollution; and to educate the public and elected and appointed officials in matters pertaining to planning and zoning.

WHO BELONGS TO THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION?

Planning professionals – public and private zoning staff, transportation engineers, land-use lawyers, expert witnesses, members of the Florida Bar, city, county and state elected officials, members of local planning and zoning boards, university professors, architects, landscape architects, housing professionals, real estate agents, transportation specialists, surveyors, marketing professions, communications director, graphic artists, students of land planning, public relations professionals...and more.

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**2025 Florida Planning and Zoning Association
State Conference Session Proposal**

What's Old is New Again!

Session Proposal Deadline Extended

Name of Session			
Contact Information	Name		
	Email		
	Phone		
	Address		
Topic (Check most relevant)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spatial Planning/Urban Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Law/Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoning/Code Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redevelopment/Revitalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability and Resiliency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify topic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation
Session Description: (4,000 characters max. Please clearly describe the planning related educational objective that this session achieves. Content must be appropriate for typical planning professional with minimum 2 years' experience/AICP.)			
Instructors/Speakers			
Speaker No. 1	Name/Accreditations		
	Biographical Information		

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	(2,000-character max. include education, title, achievements, and experience.)		
Speaker No. 2	Name/Accreditations		
	Biographical Information		
Equipment Required*	<input type="checkbox"/> Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/> Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> Screen
Available Time Slots** (Check all available)			
Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5		Friday, June 6
	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.		
Previous Experience (Have you given this presentation previously? If yes, when and where.)			
Additional Information or Comments?			

* We cannot guarantee availability of equipment at this time; information is for planning purposes only.

** Please note all sessions are scheduled to run 1.5 hours and should be planned to fill that entire time slot (may include Q&A period up to 15 minutes). Please include additional sheets for additional speakers or to address criteria noted above.

Submit proposals electronically by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 18, 2025 to: Diane.chadwick@stantec.com**

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2025 FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION



This is a competitive merit-based award open to all students currently enrolled in a Florida College/University urban planning undergraduate, graduate, or certificate program. Application essays and letters of recommendation will be reviewed and scored by a panel based on alignment with the mission of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. Winning essays may be published in whole or in part within FPZA publications including the FPZA website. For more information regarding FPZA and its mission, visit www.fpza.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

School:

Major:

Level: (circle one) Graduate Undergraduate
Certificate Program

Year:

Contact Information:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Student Scholarship Award recipients receive paid conference registration and two nights hotel stay for the FPZA State Conference being held June 4-6, 2025, at the Casa Monica Resort in St. Augustine, Florida. Recipients are expected to attend the conference, including sessions and events and also provide volunteer conference assistance. The awards will be presented at a luncheon to be held on June 6th. The awarded students will be candidates for the student representative to serve on the State Board.

ESSAY TOPIC: Please answer the following questions in 500–1,000 words total.

- **What attracted you to the field of planning?**
- **How would you describe Florida fifty years from now?**
- **How does your education prepare you for this future, and what role do you think you will serve as a professional?**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Please attach a letter of recommendation from a professor/instructor to this application and mail it or scan and email it to the contact listed at the bottom of this application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Submittals must be e-mailed no later than Friday, April 18, 2025, and recipients will be notified soon after that. Recipients are expected to attend the state conference.

Submit completed application, essay and letter of recommendation to fpzaawards@gmail.com. Applicants are encouraged to submit a headshot/picture with their applications for marketing purposes.

Questions should be directed to Rhea Hunter, Scholarship Awards Chair, at rhunter@rviplanning.com



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2025 PLANNING AWARDS

DEADLINE: April 18, 2025

It's time again for the Florida Planning and Zoning Awards! The FPZA Awards recognize outstanding land development and public/private sector planning statewide. For several decades, the awards program has been the centerpiece of FPZA's acknowledgment and promotion of best practices in planning throughout Florida.

FPZA encourages members to submit award applications. Projects must have been approved or completed during the last calendar year (2024). The categories are as follows:

1. **Outstanding Development/Design Excellence:** Newly planned, designed, or built "brick and mortar" projects that demonstrate superior form and function.
2. **Outstanding Redevelopment:** Reuse of a site, facility or structure.
3. **Outstanding Study/Plan:** Reports, studies, plans, documents, planning analysis, etc.
4. **Infrastructure:** Plans or projects that skillfully blend facilities or services into the community.
5. **Innovation:** Project or development that is unusual or ahead of its time.
6. **Education:** Plans or efforts that effectively promote planning and zoning best practices.
7. **Grassroots/Non-Profit Initiative:** Recognizes a nonprofit or neighborhood organization that has furthered the quality of life through the planning process within its community, such as: new or redevelopment, infrastructure, outreach, cultural events, education, health, festivals, tourism, and environmental.
8. **Sustainability:** Plans or projects that improve on and harmonize with the natural environment and reduce energy costs.
9. **Outstanding Elected Official:** Local, state or federal elected official who champions sound planning practices and accomplishes positive gains in areas of smart growth, environmental preservation, sustainable development, or equity planning.
10. **Outstanding Journalist:** Journalist who effectively and accurately puts forth information about planning and zoning issues to the public.
11. **Outstanding FPZA Chapter:** The chapter that increases or maintains their membership, achieves FPZA goals, and provides quality programs for its chapter members.
12. **George W. Simons, Jr. Award:** Candidate must be a current member of FPZA; evaluation is based upon the person's work and efforts over time, rather than just for the past year; and evaluation will also be based upon work directed towards the stated purposes, mission and goals of FPZA.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each award entry must state how the development, study, project, design, innovation, chapter or person meets one or more of the following purposes of FPZA:

- To promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards and commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in Florida.
- To cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning in the State of Florida.
- To encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices.
- To furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium to exchange information, advice and assistance among them.
- To engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters.
- To promote education concerning matters related to planning and zoning.

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In addition, each award entry will be judged based upon the following criteria:

Background: History or context within which the project is significant; indication of expenditure of time, type of personnel, budget, population and size of jurisdiction.

Innovativeness: Use of an original concept or refinement of an existing technique or procedure.

Effectiveness: Project/strategy impact on the subject matter.

Implementation: Project/Strategy method or application to the subject matter; adaptability to changing conditions; and consideration of and solution to practical constraints.

Comprehensiveness: Scope and consideration of project/strategy in relationship to all aspects of the subject matter.

Clarity: Clearness of the award entry application.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

- A cover letter that states the name of the nomination, the award that is sought, the name of the recipient(s), and the name, phone number, address and email of the applicant.
- A brief summary to be used for ceremony purposes, if selected. (100 words or less)
- A brief description of the nomination for the award relevant to the award category. (500 words or less)
- A narrative of the nomination which clearly demonstrates the evaluation criteria, as outlined on page one (1) of this "Call for Entries" (1,000 words or less).
- Applicable images and graphics representing the projects, in JPEG or PDF format.
- Letter(s) of recommendation.
- Nomination submittal packages on CD preferred but not required.

Submit nominations to: FPZA Administrator via email – fpzaawards@gmail.com and copy to info@fpza.org

NOTE: For the Outstanding Journalist and Chapter Awards, in lieu of the above submittal procedures, only a one (1) page statement in support of the nominee is required, while further supporting information is encouraged.

NOTE: For the George W. Simons, Jr. Award, the nomination application must be submitted by an FPZA member with a statement by FPZA member(s), however; additional endorsements included in the application may be from non-members.

The FPZA Awards Committee reserves the right to reclassify the category for any submittal.

Award recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025.



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