

ARIZONA PLANNING AND APA MILESTONES

- 1909 American Institute of Planners (AIP) and American Society of Planning Officials (ASPO) trace their origins to the American City Planning Conference first met in 1909, but they became separate, partly in 1917 and totally in the 1930s. AIP focused on the professional planner and ASPO stressed the broad citizen involvement and public service aspects of the planning movement.
- 1949 Initial plans for a freeway system in Phoenix Area were developed
- 1953 Pima County passage of a zoning ordinance
- 1960 State Transportation Department accepted the comprehensive transportation system plan created by Wilbur Smith
- 1966 ASU class under Architecture Dean Jim Elmore and Professor Robert McConnell, the concept for Rio Salado was hatched
- 1967 Creation of Maricopa Association of Governments
- 1969 Office of Economic Development and Planning; offshoot of the Governor's Office; OEPAD responsible for economic planning, research and administration of 701 funds. Serves as state clearinghouse, performs state planning functions, provides information to state government and coordinates A-95 process.
- 1970 City of Flagstaff General Plan adopted
- 1970 Maricopa Association of Governments recognized as State Planning District 1 in accordance with the Executive Order 70-2 issued by Governor Jack Williams, which divided Arizona into six planning and development districts.
- 1972 Valley Forward Association commissioned major Rio Salado studies
- 1973 The Urban Environment Management Act (ARS 9-461) enabled local governments in Arizona to undertake the planning process. Set guidelines for the comprehensive plan.
- 1973 Yuma General Plan was prepared with 701 assistants by Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall and adopted by the City of Yuma January 1973
- 1974 Arizona Highway Users Revenue Fund
- 1974 Legislature funded \$100,000 study for the Rio Salado project
- 1975 Legislature gave Maricopa County responsibility to carry out the Rio Salado project
- 1976 Planning Association of Arizona Conference, Francisco Grande, Casa Grande

- 1976 Institute of Planners Board of Governors approved the separation of Arizona and New Mexico from the Desert Southwest Chapter and granted them the ability to form separate chapters. Additionally, the Tucson Section (26 members) and Central Arizona Section (61 members) became the Arizona Institute of Planners. A bylaws committee was chaired by Bev Moody. The Chapter had approximately 80 members. Last joint meeting was held in October 1976 and the first Arizona Chapter meeting was held December 4, 1976.
- 1977 Stan Eisner, President, Arizona Chapter of the Institute of Planners
- 1977 Planning Association of Arizona (26th Annual Conference) Flagstaff
- 1977 Dr. Lawrence D. Mann, Chairman of the UofA Urban Planning Program chaired a national task force to discuss the merger of the American Institute of Planners and the American Society of Planning Officials
- 1977 Maricopa Association of Governments completed the *Regional Development Guide* for the Phoenix Metropolitan Area addressing land use and transportation. Reported that “low density development is the most economical for homeowners and fits best with the public utility system and streets which have already been constructed” and that an environmental assessment of continued sprawl showed it would have no adverse effects on such things as air quality, open space, environmentally sensitive areas and recreation. The planning profession called the report “A Step Backward for Phoenix.”
- 1978 City of Tempe was awarded the matching funds of \$100,000 to do conceptual plans for Rio Salado
- 1978 Planning Association of Arizona Conference, Doubletree Inn, Tucson
- 1978 American Institute of Planners and American Society of Planning Officials voted to merge into the American Planning Association. All AIP Chapters automatically become American Planning Association Chapters by June 30, 1979
- 1979 Rio Salado Study Committee formed with representatives from Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale, MAG, Governor’s Office and Valley Forward. Recommended special district be formed.
- 1979 Herman Kahn published controversial report *Arizona Tomorrow Report*; it envisioned an Arizona without major water problems, without illegal alien problems and without energy shortages; it sang a song of growth; he spoke of a “New Class” of workers – relatively high formal education, professional occupational status and high income
- 1979 James Karan, Planning Association of Arizona President
- 1979 Planning Association of Arizona Conference, Little America, Flagstaff
- 1980 Phoenix completes *Concept Plan 2000*
- 1980 Rio Salado Development District created

- 1980 Groundwater Management Act – established the Department of Water Resources and established four Active Management Areas
- 1980 Dwight Busby, Planning Association of Arizona President
- 1980 Planning Association of Arizona Conference, Point Resort, Phoenix
- 1980 Arizona Chapter won American Planning Association Award for Most Improved Chapter
- 1980 Joe Weidman, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1980 Legislation enacted allowing the Town of Parker to annex non-contiguous land because it was surrounded on three sides by the Colorado River Indian Reservation
- 1981 Trio of Futurists debate Arizona’s Future – Robert Theobald, internationally known expert on the future, “We need to make the opportunity to discuss the issues. At this point, we have a cliché debate which dates back to the 1950s.” “We are unable to meet the real issues which face us.” Dick Mallory, who was part of the *Arizona Tomorrow* report authored by the Hudson Institute said “The Sun Belt is the best thing happening in the country. We need to concentrate on the quality of life, to culturally enhance what we have and bring in high technology companies.” Theobald criticized the report for its “chamber of commerce” approach.
- 1981 Wayne Moody, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1981 Planning Association of Arizona and APA held joint conference at Little America in Flagstaff
- 1981 Urban Lands Act signed by Governor Babbitt provided a framework for the state land department to achieve its primary responsibility of maximizing revenues to the Trust, by specifically focusing on lands in urban areas.
- 1981 Governor Babbitt appoints Urban Lands Advisory Committee to assist the state land commissioner; first committee chaired by Betty Drake
- 1981 Scottsdale Hillside Ordinance Upheld in a landmark suit brought by Joyce Corrigan. It established a 40-square mile hillside district which separated into two zones: the Hillside Ordinance Conservation Area and the Hillside Development Area
- 1982 Southern Arizona Water Resources Association formed
- 1982 Southern Arizona Water Settlement Act of 1982
- 1982 Jay Stuckey, Jr., Planning Association of Arizona President
- 1982 Wayne Moody, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1982 APA Conference at the Doubletree, Scottsdale
- 1982 Merger between the Planning Association of Arizona and the APA was voted upon by the members; vote passed

- 1982 First awards program – provided cash awards to offset attendance at national conference
- 1982 First student awards program
- 1983 La Paz County was established by breaking off from Yuma County to become Arizona's 15th county
- 1983 Arizona Solar Energy Commission active; they “envision solar energy as a conventional source by the year 2020”
- 1983 Governor's Commission on Arizona Environment meets
- 1983 Rick Counts, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1983 APA Conference at Westward Look, Tucson
- 1984 Jack Bestall, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1984 APA Conference at Little America, Flagstaff
- 1984 First Planners' Bazaar initiated at the conference
- 1984 First Planning and Zoning Handbook published and training program at Office of Economic Planning and Development started; committee chaired by Governor Bruce Babbitt
- 1985 Office of Economic Planning and Development became the Arizona Department of Commerce; Dr. Beth Jarman appointed Director
- 1985 Proposition 300 Sales Tax Passed in Maricopa County for transportation improvements
- 1985 Arizona Chapter received the Chapter Achievement Award for the Lower Oak Creek State Park from the American Planning Association held in Montreal, Quebec; John Tandy accepted the award representing Arizona
- 1985 APA hired its first Executive Director, Jack Berton
- 1985 Judy Pierce, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1985 APA Conference at Radisson in Mesa
- 1985 City of Scottsdale's Hillside Regulations Ruled Unconstitutional
- 1985 Andre M. Faure, one of the founding members of the Arizona Planning Association passed away at 81; served in planning positions in Tucson from 1941 – 1968
- 1985 John Beatty passed away; served as Planning Director for the City of Phoenix (1950-1978)
- 1986 The Drachman Institute for Land & Regional Studies was established at UofA and Lawrence D. Mann, AICP was appointed director
- 1986 Grace Evans, APA Arizona Chapter President
- 1986 APA Conference held at the Westward Look, Tucson (330 attendees)
- 1986 Arizona Main Street Program established

1986 Department of Environmental Quality created
1986 Reform to Municipal Annexation Laws
1987 Arlan Colton, APA Arizona Chapter President
1987 APA Conference Los Abrigados/Poco Diablo, Sedona (420 attendees)
1988 Omnibus Economic Development Act
1988 Larry Stephenson, APA Arizona Chapter President
1988 APA Conference held at Sunburst, Scottsdale (362 attendees)
1989 Peggy Fiandaca, APA Arizona Chapter President
1989 APA Conference held at the Doubletree, Tucson
1989 Arizona Chapter Honorable Mention for Chapter Achievement from the American Planning Association
1989 First Four Corners Conference Held in Colorado that Arizona Participated
1990 Sarah More, APA Arizona Chapter President
1990 APA Conference held at the Sheraton, Prescott
1991 Bill Towler, APA Arizona Chapter President
1991 APA Conference held at the Hyatt Hotel, Phoenix (300 attendees)
1992 Completion of the first Statewide Strategic Plan for Economic Development
1992 Jackie Guthrie, APA Arizona Chapter President
1992 APA Conference held at Lowes Ventana Canyon, Tucson
1992 APA Board of Directors hired the first lobbyist, C.A. Howlett
1993 Jerry Stricklin, APA Arizona Chapter President
1993 APA Conference held at Sheraton Hotel, Prescott
1994 APA Bylaw change to allow Chapter President to serve two years
1994 Jerry Stricklin, APA Arizona Chapter President
1994 APA Conference at Radisson Mission Palms, Tempe
1995 David Williams, APA Arizona Chapter President
1995 APA Conference Tucson
1996 David Williams, APA Arizona Chapter President
1996 APA Conference Prescott
1996 American Planning Association Conference, Orlando, Florida
1997 David Prescott, APA Arizona Chapter President
1997 APA Conference, Yuma

1997 American Planning Association Conference, San Diego, California
 1998 David Prescott, APA Arizona Chapter President
 1998 APA Conference, Phoenix
 1998 Growing Smarter Act passed
 1999 APA Conference, NAU, Flagstaff
 1999 Dean Brennan, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2000 Growing Smarter Plus
 2000 First Urban Land Planning Oversight Committee appointed by the Governor; Peggy Fiandaca serves as Chair
 2000 Dean Brennan, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2000 APA Conference, Hon-Dah Conference Center, Pinetop-Lakeside
 2001 APA Conference, Sheraton El Conquistador, Tucson
 2001 Carol Johnson, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2002 APA Conference, Marriott, Page
 2002 Carol Johnson, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2003 APA Conference, Glendale Civic Center, Glendale
 2003 Kelli Sertich, President
 2004 Proposition 400 Extension of the Sales Tax Passed in Maricopa County for transportation improvements
 2004 APA Conference, Marriott University Park, Tucson
 2004 Kelli Sertich, President
 2005 APA Conference, Hassayampa Inn, Prescott
 2005 Ron Short, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2006 Pima Regional Transportation Tax
 2006 APA Conference, Marriott, Mesa
 2006 Ron Short, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2007 APA Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Glendale
 2007 Jill Kusy, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2008 MAG/PAG Framework Studies and Statewide Transportation Framework
 2008 APA Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center, Yuma
 2008 Jill Kusy, APA Arizona Chapter President
 2009 Toll Road Authorization

2009 Building a Quality Arizona Roll Out of Statewide Transportation Vision
2009 APA Conference, Prescott Valley Town Center, Prescott
2009 Alan Stephenson, APA Arizona Chapter President
2010 APA Conference, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix
2010 Alan Stephenson, APA Arizona Chapter President
2011 APA Conference, Tucson Westin La Paloma, Tucson
2011 Jon Froke, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2012 APA Conference, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff
2012 Jon Froke, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2013 APA Conference, Saguaro Scottsdale, Scottsdale
2013 Mark Eckhoff, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2014 APA Conference, Pivot Point Conference Center, Yuma
2014 Mark Eckhoff, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2015 APA Conference, Marriott Tucson University Park, Tucson
2015 Debra Stark, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2016 APA Mini Conference, Health Learning Center and Ashurst Hall, NAU North Campus, Flagstaff
2016 Debra Stark, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President
2017 APA Conference, Fort McDowell, Arizona
2017 Terri Shepherd Hogan, AICP, APA Arizona Chapter President

Themes from APA Past Conferences

- 1993 - Team Planning
- 1994 - Sustainable Development
- 1995 - Paths to Livable Communities: The Dynamics of Planning
- 1996 - Planning the Wild West
- 1997 - Crossing Bridges, Barriers and Borders
- 1998 - Transformations: The Changing Landscape of Arizona
- 1999 - Progress Through Partnerships
- 2000 - Landscapes & Culture in Transition
- 2001 - Perspectives on Planning
- 2002 - Expose Yourself to Nature
- 2003 - Implementing Arizona's Future
- 2004 - A Guide to Healthy Communities
- 2005 - Walk the Talk
- 2006 - Building Successful Partnerships
- 2007 - Growing Together Through Planning

- 2008 - Navigating the Current
- 2009 - Partnerships for Success
- 2010 - Looking Forward
- 2011 - Practical Applications in Planning
- 2012 - Planning the Next Century
- 2013 - Planning from Within
- 2014 - Cultivating Communities
- 2015 - Embracing Change
- 2017 - Bridging Communities

Distinguished Leadership				
Year	Citizen Planner	Professional Planner	Elected Official	Historic Planning Pioneer
1990				
1991				
1992				
1993				Paolo Soleri
1994				Howard Godfrey
1995				
1996				Donald Hutton
1997	Phillip J. Long Donald R. Pope			
1998				Don Huill
1999	Paul B. Johnson	William N. Walton		
2000	John C. Keegan, Mayor, City of Peoria	Sarah More		John DeBolske
2001		William "Bill" Towler, AICP / Hon Mention: Chuck Huckleberry and Don Hadder Sr.		Frank Lloyd Wright
2002		Jackie L. Guthrie, AICP		Harry F. Higgins, Comprehensive Planner/Senior Planner, City of Scottsdale
2003		Sue Pratt, AICP	Ellie Bauer	Andrew "Andy" Kunasek
2004		Barbara Becker	Neil Guiliano, Mayor, City of Tempe	none

2005		Arlan Colton		Dave Fackler
2006		William L. Towler, AICP		Vernon D. Swaback, FAICP
2007		Ronald N. Short, FAICP		Grady Gammage, Jr.
2008		Debra A. Sydenham, AICP		John B. McNamara, AICP
2009		Betty Drake		Peggy Fiandaca
2010	Maria Baier	Dean Brennan, FAICP	Vice Mayor Shirley Scott, City of Tucson	Wayne Balmer, AICP
2011	Paul Barnes	Kelli Sertich, AICP	Rep. Steve Farley, Assistant Minority Leader	Monty Stansbury, AICP
2012	Nat White	Roger Eastman, AICP	Mayor Scott Smith, City of Mesa	Richard Counts
2013	Kimber Lanning	Jerry Stabley, AICP	The Late Herbert R. "Herb" Drinkwater	Donald Hadder, Sr.
2014	Max Bardo, Yuma County, Planning Commissioner	Debra Stark, AICP, Maricopa County	Gil Lusk, Sahuarita Town Council Member	Dava Hoffman
2015	Bonnie Poulos	Jill Hegardt, AICP		Frank Bangs, Esq.
2016	Jimmy Stewart		Senator John Kavanagh	
2017	Patti King	Dr. David Pijawka, Professor		Jon M. Froke, M.Ed., AICP