

2017 AWARDS



American Planning Association
Arizona Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

The Annual Awards of the American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter

APA Arizona Chapter Awards Program - *the stage for showcasing great achievements and outstanding contributors to planning in Arizona*

Recognizing our strengths as leaders of forward looking and lasting change enables us to meet future challenges and anticipate opportunities within our planning profession. The American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter (APA

The American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter annually honors Arizonans who have made outstanding planning achievements in the planning profession and their communities. The APA Arizona awards program is an important service to the membership for statewide recognition and celebration of the outstanding work of professional planners, citizen planners and others in making our communities a better place to live. The APA Arizona Board of Directors urges private consultants, local governments, organizations, universities and individuals to submit entries for the 2017 APA Arizona awards program. Please join us for our awards luncheon at the We-Ko-Pa Resort as we take the time to showcase some of the contributions the planning community has made to communities across Arizona. On behalf of the APA Arizona Board of Directors, we thank you for your hard work and dedication to the profession and we look forward to seeing you in October!

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Arizona) seeks award submittals that demonstrate exceptional contributions to our state over the past year. This peer celebration will take place at the October 26 Awards Luncheon during the annual APA Arizona conference (October 25 - 27, 2017) at the We-Ko-Pa Resort. A variety of categories provide different opportunities for recognition.

DEADLINE

The submission deadline for entries (both hand delivered and mailed) and accompanying materials is **Tuesday, July 25, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.** Any application forms or supporting material received after this deadline will not be accepted.

STUDENT PLANNING PROJECTS: The submission deadline for Student Planning Projects (both hand delivered and mailed) and accompanying materials is **Monday, May 15, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.**

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JUDGING

All submittals will be evaluated by APA Arizona's Awards Committee. The Committee's deliberations are open to observers; however, no presentations or comments are allowed. The awards evaluation meeting will take place in August 2017. The Awards Committee's selection process typically lasts two to six hours. All persons nominating award entries will be notified in writing of the Committee's decisions within two weeks of the deliberations. If sufficient quality applications are received by the Committee, the Committee may award Honorable Mentions in any or all categories, and the Awards Committee reserves

the right to present multiple awards for each category. The Awards Committee is under no obligation to grant an award in any category. In the event there are not an adequate number of nominations for the Distinguished Contributors to Arizona Planning or Historic Planning Landmark, the Committee may function as the ad hoc nominating committee.

ENTRY FEES

- Entry fee is \$85 per entry and \$20 for student submittal.
- No entry fee is required for any of the four Distinguished Contributors to Arizona Planning categories.

For additional information, contact the APA Arizona Office at (602) 866-7188.

2017 AWARD CATEGORIES

Open

Any project, plan, study or program that does not qualify in one of the other eligible categories, but demonstrates a significant and relevant planning-related change in a community or the planning profession in general. Nominees in this category may be more closely tied to community results, quick implementation and creating economic competitiveness. *Examples may include: projects, plans, and studies in economic development; human service programs or social planning; culture and the arts; neighborhood development/revitalization; brownfield/grayfield development; infill development/incentives; multi-disciplinary plans demonstrating community livability and sustainability; and site planning.* A project in the “open” category may be initiated by a public agency, non-profit organization, individual or private business.

Regional or General or Comprehensive Plan

(Jurisdiction population 50,000 and over)

(Jurisdiction population 49,999 or less)

A **REGIONAL PLAN** is a collaborative plan, project, or study by two or more organizations creating a coordinated effort across jurisdictional boundaries to improve something such as air quality, travel, economic growth and land-use compatibility. *Examples include: joint county/city planning, private/public and public/public partnerships, multi-agency processes.*

Any Regional or General or Comprehensive Plan or plan update prepared with applicable Arizona statutes and adopted and ratified by the jurisdiction for which it was prepared.

Master Plan/Project/Study

A **MASTER PLAN** includes, as a critical component, a site plan or systems map accompanied by policies, regulations, or guidelines. This category includes Specific, Neighborhood, Downtown, Park, Fire, Pedestrian, Bicycle, Transportation, and Airport Plans.

A **PROJECT** typically includes an original solution to a local, regional, or national concern or unique problem and includes an implementation plan.

A **STUDY** forms the basis of a planning decision(s) and includes capital improvement plans, site studies (affordable housing, shelters, etc.), and trip reduction programs.

Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation/Adopted Policy

Any planning-related policy, ordinance, regulation, or legislation which has been adopted and provides specific guidelines, standards, or regulations for growth and development within a jurisdiction. Examples include: Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs); design, subdivision, or landscape guidelines; development agreements; zoning ordinances; legislation; individual elements of a planning or policy document.

Public Outreach

An individual, project, or program that provides public education, promotes participation, or information on planning-related issues or processes with particular emphasis on under-represented individuals and groups typically not participating in community planning. This could include education efforts showing how planning can make a difference to one's quality of life, curriculum designed to teach children about planning, neighborhood empowerment programs, outreach programs to the media, or outstanding media coverage regarding planning. Due to the broad types of potential nominations under this category, the Committee may elect to provide multiple awards to distinctly different but highly-qualified nominations.

Distinguished Historic Plan/Program or Landmark

A Historic Preservation Plan as required of Certified Local Governments (CLG) communities, a General or Comprehensive Plan Historic Planning Element, a historic preservation study or historic preservation acquisition, restoration or special project or program. A pioneering document, plan, subdivision, historic preservation project, individual structure, or developed project with historic and unique qualities and used as a precedent for other work. The project or plan must be considered as making a significant contribution to the Arizona community and be at least 25 years old.

Student Planning Project

Any distinctive student plan, project, ordinance, regulation, or program showing exceptional quality may be submitted. Entries may be for any area of planning (i.e. general plan, transportation plan, specific area plan, master plan, historic plan, design guidelines, policy document, public outreach, etc.) and will be evaluated in accordance with the submission and eligibility requirements delineated in this application. Work submitted by a student, student group, or their educational institution must be entered in the Student Planning category. While there will be one overall student project winner, the Committee may select additional student projects submitted for a Certificate of Exceptional Work. The submission deadline for Student Planning Project entries (both hand delivered and mailed) and accompanying materials is Monday, May 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Distinguished Contributors to Arizona Planning

Distinguished Citizen Planner

An individual advancing or promoting the cause of planning in the public arena. This includes commissioners, boards of zoning appeals members, economic development boards, or other appointed officials.

Distinguished Professional Planner

An individual making sustained contributions to the profession through distinguished practice, teaching, or writing.

Distinguished Public Official

An individual elected or appointed to public office contributing significantly to planning.

Distinguished Planning Pioneer

An individual making significant contributions to the planning profession for more than 25 years.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS

Each submission may be entered in only one award category.

Entries must be made using the embedded digital APA Arizona Nomination application form in this PDF. Nominations must be signed to be considered. Forms can be filled out onscreen and then printed to be attached to the nomination materials submitted, or can be printed out first and typed. Hand-written applications are not accepted. Nominations must be complete. Incomplete submittals will not be considered by the Committee. This is no different than agency requirements to submit a complete application for an entitlement. It ensures a level playing field for each submission. Applications must include a maximum two-page, minimum 10-point font size, written summary of the project. This is the opportunity to promote the nomination by explaining how the submission meets each of the following judging criteria:

- **Originality / Innovation**
- **Transferability**
- **Quality**
- **Comprehensiveness**
- **Public Participation**
- **Role of Planners**
- **Effectiveness/Results**

Nominations may also include letters of support, photos, news clippings, or visual or digital media illustrating the achievement and are encouraged. For *Distinguished Contributors to Arizona Planning*, please include the names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails of two references who may be contacted for additional information.

A Complete Nomination Application

Please follow these instructions exactly. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. A complete nomination application must include:

1. One (1) paper copy of the completed Nomination Application Form.
2. One (1) paper copy of a Narrative (2 page maximum).
3. One (1) paper copy of the entire submittal including all exhibits and supplemental supporting materials (letters, photographs, etc.).
4. One (1) digital copy of the entire submittal (including all of the items listed above) saved on a CD or flash drive. Please provide all digital files as a *.pdf.
5. All submittals must be properly secured and organized within closable folder or binder. APA Arizona is not responsible for assembling or copying submission materials.
6. Please note:
 - All submissions become the property of APA Arizona.
 - Nomination materials will not be returned.
 - Committee policies prohibit any communication with any committee member on behalf of a nomination.
 - Questions can be directed to the APA Arizona office.

Eligibility

- Nominators may submit more than one entry per category. Each submission may be entered in only one award category. If entering the same entry in multiple categories, each submission is treated as a separate nomination and the appropriate fees and copies are needed.
- Any plan, project, or program entered must have been adopted or accepted within the last five years, except for the historic planning landmark category which must be a minimum of 25 years old.
- Student efforts submitted by public or private practicing planners, public agencies or municipalities *must* be entered in an appropriate awards category *other than* Student Planning. The Student Planning category is reserved for classroom projects.
- Duplicate awards or certificates may be requested at an additional cost. Please call the APA Arizona office for details.
- At the Committee's discretion, more than one award may be given in a category to recognize differences in resources – such as a small community or agency competing against a larger city or firm.
- The Committee is not required to make an award if it finds that none of the submittals in a category meet the evaluation criteria for an award.
- The Committee recognizes that economic conditions result in planners finding unique and unusual niches in which to work. However, merely being a planner responsible for a project does not qualify the project for nomination. The work itself must meet the standards of the categories.
- It is possible for Distinguished Contributor awards to be granted posthumously.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

ORIGINALITY / INNOVATION

“Thinking outside the box” resulting in committed creative solutions taking unconventional approaches to community issue solutions. The nomination's principles demonstrate willingness for risk taking with the ultimate goal of enhanced community livability.

TRANSFERABILITY

The ability to use plans, projects, policies, programs, or studies (portions of or entirely) in other jurisdictions to achieve the same or similar planning goals.

QUALITY

Excellence of thought, clarity of analysis, quality of writing, graphics, and professional character of the presentation.

COMPREHENSIVENESS

The extent that the plan, project, program, or study addresses the planning issue(s) in a comprehensive manner.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The extent that the plan, project, program, or study included and/or involved the public.

ROLE OF PLANNERS

The function or functions performed by the planner or planners throughout the plan project, program, or study.

EFFECTIVENESS / RESULTS

The importance of the submittal on furthering planning and its impact to furthering state, regional, or local planning goals and principles. Document the success of the submittal or its ability to be carried out.

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ADDITIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS

The candidates for any of the four Distinguished Contributor to Arizona Planner Awards will be evaluated using the following factors:

- **Application of the goals and responsibilities of the profession**
- **Contribution to planning in Arizona Outstanding service**
- **Commitment**
- **Effectiveness**
- **Leadership**
- **Innovation**
- **Significance**
- **Long-term results**

PUBLICIZING AWARD WINNERS

In addition to the actual award or honorable mention, the Awards Committee sends a news release to media in local communities and throughout the state announcing the awards and providing local contact information for winners for each category.

GETTING THE NOMINATIONS TO APA ARIZONA

Nominator is wholly responsible for ensuring the nomination materials arrive on time. APA Arizona is not responsible for late delivery, misdirected submissions, or failure of delivery agent to meet committed delivery deadline. **All nominations must be received in the APA Arizona office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.**

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NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Nomination name _____

This is the name that will appear any time the award is mentioned, including on awards and certificates, at the award luncheon, on any programs, and within any news releases. Please ensure spelling is correct. Maximum of 75 characters, including spaces. Entries with the bold line are on the award.

Category

Please select the appropriate category

- Open
- Regional or General or Comprehensive Plan (Jurisdiction population 50,000 and over)
- Regional or General or Comprehensive Plan (Jurisdiction population 49,999 or less)
- Master Plan/Project/Study
- Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation/Adopted Policy
- Public Outreach
- Distinguished Historic Plan/Program or Landmark
- Student Planning Project
- Distinguished Citizen Planner
- Distinguished Professional Planner
- Distinguished Public Official
- Distinguished Planning Pioneer

Nominee _____

Contact Person (Nominator) _____ Title _____
 Agency, Business, or organizations submitting nomination _____ Telephone _____ Alternate phone number _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
 E-mail Address _____ Fee Enclosed \$85.00 \$20.00

Signature _____

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A MAXIMUM TWO-PAGE, MINIMUM 10 POINT FONT SIZE NARRATIVE

The Nominee is the only one who will receive the physical award. Please revise text for award engraving with a 75 character maximum including spaces. Duplicate copies of awards are available, at cost, from APA Arizona. Category, nomination name, and nominee will be selected from the red bold line entries above unless otherwise noted here:

Category	_____
Nomination Name	_____
Nominee	_____

Example:
Public Participation Program

DELIVER NOMINATION PACKAGES NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017 TO:

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