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## Welcome to the County Planning Division of APA

**Our Mission:** The County Planning Division of APA seeks to strengthen relationships among county planners, county elected officials, and other county personnel by facilitating the sharing of technical information, encouraging continuing professional development of its members, researching county planning issues, and building strong ties with other organizations and disciplines with related interests.

Yes, we are now up and running, thanks to each of you that immediately took the initiative to join the County Planning Division of APA. The Steering Committee has been working diligently to get an organizational structure in place that can start providing services and opportunities to each of you. On the next page you will see the list of volunteers involved so far. Feel free to contact any of them if you wish to assist us as we develop our communication techniques, our resource sharing tools, our networking opportunities, and our training methods. We also encourage each of you to pass along the following link to any of your fellow county planners: [www.planning.org/countyplanning](http://www.planning.org/countyplanning)

### Election of Executive Committee

As of January 8, 2008, the Division has 135 members. Over 100 members is apparently a good benchmark to use for holding the first election of Executive Committee members. Our newly established Governance Committee will be submitting a slate of officers to the members for consideration in a few weeks. That will allow them to be in place in time to represent you at the 2008 Planning Conference in Las Vegas.



This is planning's 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference — five days packed with conference sessions, mobile work-shops, training seminars, exhibits, and networking opportunities. Join us in Las Vegas, Nevada, from Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The early registration deadline is February 28, 2008. For more information, and to register for the conference, visit [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org).

### New Opportunities in Las Vegas

For us the 2008 Planning Conference will be an exciting time. As a brand new Division we will have many marvelous opportunities to network as County Planners. There is our first annual meeting on Tuesday morning and later that day there will be another first — a Joint Division Reception that is open to all Division members. The following is a brief outline of the events you will want to remember:

#### **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 - 8:00 a.m.

#### **County Planning Division Networking Breakfast and Business Meeting**

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

#### **Volunteer-Written County Plans**

(sponsored by the Small Town and Rural Planning Division)

3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

#### **Three Perspectives on Enhancing Development Review**

(featuring a large suburban county as one of the three case studies)

4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

#### **County Leadership for Regional Collaboration**

(sponsored by the County Planning Division)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Joint Division Reception**

#### **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

#### **Regulating Sex in the County**

(sponsored by the County Planning Division)

4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

#### **Applying Technology to Prioritize Redevelopment**

(moderated by a National Association of Counties representative)

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