

Puget Sound Section, Washington APA: Spring 2010 Election of Officers

CANDIDATES

President Elect

Michael Booth, AICP

Hello Fellow Planners,

I am asking for your vote as President Elect and would be honored to represent the Puget Sound Section Planners and experts. I have been in the planning business for 24 years in the public and private sector and understand the demands, constraints, and joys of both sides of the fence. My background in planning is focused on Environmental Planning and Land Use on state and federal projects. I am the Pacific Northwest Environmental Lead for TEC, Inc in Bellevue. My job takes me out to a lot of agency and consulting firms, so I would hope that I can get direct feedback. As President Elect, I will take any and all suggestions to the Board for careful consideration and if there are important issues to forward those onto the State Chapter.

In these very tough economic times, I understand the importance of our association to continue to provide as many networking and education opportunities as possible. Working with the Board as the Snohomish County Representative this last year, I understand that we need to continue to be frugal on our budgets while maintaining our core mission of networking and education.

I have represented the Puget Sound Section as the Treasurer and as Snohomish County Representative and would like to now represent the Section as President Elect.

King County Representative

Salina Lyons

My name is Salina Lyons, and I have currently been serving as your King County Representative for the Puget Sound Section of the APA. I am now campaigning to serve again which shows my continuing interest in the board and my desire for building and maintaining connections within APA, as well as outside of it.

The past two years on the board have given me first hand experience learning about the Puget Sound Section's responsibilities and understanding our budgetary constraints. I have participated in the organization of the 2008 Planning Law Conference, the 2009 Holiday party and to obtain private sponsorships that are important to support our organization. I believe that the Puget Sound Section has great leadership and I would like to continue to work with the board and help move it along so that others will desire to be part of the Puget Sound Section.

I am currently the Senior Planner for the City of Covington. I hold a degree in Environmental Policy and Planning from Western Washington University. I enjoy developing policies and legislation that shape our environment and communities and appreciate the fact that my job is constantly evolving. Although the profession can be challenging and chaotic at times, I am committed to doing my best. I am pleased to be nominated again. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Pierce County Representative

Emily Terrell, AICP

My name is Emily Terrell. I am an AICP certified planner with 12 years experience. In my career thus far, I have been a transportation planner, academic researcher and adjunct professor in the MCRP program at Clemson University, and a planning director. I am currently a consultant working for the Housing and Community Development division of PMC – a municipal services firm.

I am also your current Pierce County Representative. I have enjoyed meeting many of you over the last two years. I'm proud to be a member of this board and chapter. I look forward to serving you in the next two years as the Board continues our mission of bringing high quality educational venues such as our Land Use Law Conference and monthly Brown Bag Series. These are also inexpensive opportunities to meet your AICP Continuing Maintenance Credits. I also hope that we can have another successful Holiday Party to give our membership an opportunity to network, catch up and unwind.

The planning profession is tough right now and many of our members are out of work or struggling to meet higher demands as their departments shrink around them but the work keeps coming. The holiday party is an opportunity to say thank you for an often unsung effort. I hope to continue to represent the membership for Pierce County. It is my hope that in these next two years, we can bring even more community into the planning profession as we commiserate, laugh and form partnerships that will last into the recovery. Thank you.

Treasurer

James Colburn, AICP

My interest in planning is very interdisciplinary given my years of experience working for the City of Tacoma in neighborhood, housing, community and economic development planning and program development. My formal education includes a Bachelors degree from UPS in business administration and a Master degree in urban planning from the University of Washington. I am also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and have served the past two years as the Puget Sound Section Treasurer. Current activities focus on administration of HUD funded housing and community development activities as well as administration for Tacoma of the State's authorized property tax exemption program for new housing development in mixed use centers. As a generalist, I am also a firm believer in the need to integrate the various elements (e.g. social, physical, etc.) involved in community building.

Secretary

Carol Lumb

I have been a planner in the Puget Sound region for 25 years, working for King County Community Planning, City of Burien and currently with the City of Tukwila, where I am trying to survive the process of updating our shoreline master program. When the call for candidates came out, I decided that it is time to volunteer for the professional organization to which I have belonged these many years. My current volunteer activities are centered around my church, where I am active in cooking meals at Operation Nightwatch, and here in Tukwila when we have hosted Tent City. In past years, I was involved in a leadership role at my church, serving on the lay governing body several times. When my son was younger, a great deal of time was spent supporting his activities, particularly his involvement in competitive swimming.

I understand the Secretary's position involves recording the minutes for the Section meetings – I have taken my share of notes over the years at meetings and feel qualified to apply these skills for the Puget Sound Section. In addition to taking minutes I commit to supporting the functions of the Puget Sound Section board in what ever way needed. I would appreciate your consideration.

Secretary

Alex Cohen, AICP

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Puget Sound APA section in the position of Secretary on the PSS Board. I am an AICP certified planner with 10 years of planning and planning research experience. I have worked for ESA Adolfson for the last six years on shoreline management, SEPA and NEPA, land use planning, growth management and quantitative planning projects. I have a Masters degree in Biology and a Masters in Urban Planning from the UW. My goal as a planner has always been to seek ways that science can inform urban policy to create high quality communities. My goals as a planner have been aided by organizations like APA, which facilitates the sharing of ideas between planners. As I have progressed in my career and attained AICP, I have been seeking ways to contribute to APA and the wider planning community. I would like to commit my time and skills to serving on the PSS board, helping to facilitate its activities and outreach to members. I appreciate your consideration.