

PAB Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

It is with great excitement that I step into the role of PAB Chair. As a practicing planner with nearly 40 years of experience and over 10 years as an adjunct lecturer, working at the nexus of planning education and practice is of great interest to me. I must start however by thanking the outgoing Chair of PAB, Barry Nocks, FAICP for his many years of service and acknowledging the big shoes I am filling in

following him. Barry's dedication to the mission of PAB along with his unique sense of humor definitely makes him one of a kind!

PAB has been very busy in the last year, and has big plans for the coming year. At our Fall Board meeting in Portland the Board completed 7 accreditation reviews and 3 candidacy reviews. We also: met with the incoming Presidents of APA and AICP to discuss opportunities for increased coordination and collaboration; made revisions to the Site Visit schedule to improve efficiency; and approved a new rubric to ensure consistency in our decision making. The Board also reviewed the status of its existing strategic plan, and discussed scheduling a strategic planning workshop to renew it with the hope to undertake this effort at our Spring Board meeting in New York City along with the Presidents of APA, AICP and ACSP.

Another significant initiative for PAB has been the effort to amend our current standards. The first draft of the amendment was released in the fall of 2015; many comments were submitted in first of two 30-day comment periods. PAB's Standards Committee and Board worked hard to address those comments in a new draft of the amendment, and retained an attorney specializing in higher education to review the revised draft. Draft 2 of the amendment was released in the fall of 2016, with the 30-day comment period coming to a conclusion on December 18. PAB's Standards Committee will be working to address those comments in January 2017, with the full Board discussing further possible revisions in February. It is anticipated that the 2017 standards will be released in March or April with implementation in 2018.

PAB's Site Visitor Committee has been hard at work reviewing past Site Visit and Self-Study Reports to identify "noteworthy practices" others have undertaken toward meeting PAB accreditation



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IMPORTANT DATES

January 31, 2017

Annual Report due from all accredited programs

January—March

Spring Site Visits

March 10—11

[ACSP Administrators' Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.

March/April

2017 PAB Standards Released

May 1

Progress Reports due (select programs)

May 6—9

PAB Spring Board Meeting at the [APA Conference in New York](#)

June 15

Self-Study Report due for programs with a fall 2017 Site Visit

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BOARD MEMBER NEWS



New Member

Edward G. Goetz, Ph.D.—ACSP Planning Educator (2016–2019)

Dr. Goetz is director of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, and professor of urban planning at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He specializes in housing and community development, and how issues of race and poverty affect housing policy, planning and development. His most recent books are *New Deal Ruins: Race, Economic Justice and Public Housing Policy* (2013, Cornell University), and *Clearing the Way: Deconcentrating the Poor in Urban America* (2003, Urban Institute Press). Dr. Goetz has served as a PAB Site Visitor since 2009.

Board Reappointments

Bruce Knight, FAICP and Paulette Brown Bracy, Ph.D. have both been reappointed for a second 3-year term ending on November 30, 2019. Bruce Knight began his 2-year term as Chair of PAB on December 1st. Congratulations to both board members.

A Fond Farewell

Barry Nocks, Ph.D., FAICP served on the PAB Board as the ACSP Planning Educator for two terms until November 30, 2016. He served as chair of the board from 2014–2016. Dr. Nocks has been a good friend to PAB and we will miss his him. Dr. Nocks, a Site Visitor since 1999, will continue to serve on Site Visit Teams in the future.

Former Board Members, Barry Nocks, PhD and Charlie Hoch, PhD at the Fall ACSP Conference



Letter From The Chair, Continued

standards. This information is now available on the PAB website under the [Data Library link](#). It is noted that while actions mentioned in the report were indeed part of the programs' successful efforts to meet respective criteria and were assessed as noteworthy by reviewers, any action alone will not necessarily constitute fulfillment of a specific criterion and each program is assessed in context by the Site Visit Team. PAB's Site Visitor Committee also reviewed 135ACSP nominees to our Site Visit pool, including 5 educators from institutions with no prior representation in the Site Visit pool, and 10 from institutions under-represented in pool.

PAB has also been working on developing new training opportunities for our Site Visitors. Cheryl Contant has been hired to develop web-based training modules, as well as deliver in-person training over the next three years. The first web-based module - Accreditation Purpose and Process - has been beta tested and is scheduled to be recorded and posted to PAB's website in January.

Two years ago PAB created a special purpose Diversity Task Force with representatives of ACSP, APA and AICP to identify exemplary practices by programs with regard to achieving student and faculty diversity. That group is nearing the conclusion of its work and plans to present its findings at the ACSP Administrators' Conference this spring.

Finally, we welcome Professor Edward Goetz from the University of Minnesota as a new ACSP- appointed Board member and look forward to another productive year. If you are seeking information about PAB, the accreditation process or accredited programs, I encourage you to visit our website: www.planningaccreditationboard.org

FALL 2016 BOARD MEETING

During the board meeting in Portland, PAB granted accreditation to the following institutions:

- University of Oklahoma
Master of Regional and City Planning
- University of Oregon
Master of Community and Regional Planning
- University of Georgia
Master of Environmental Planning and Design
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Science in Regional Planning
- Western Washington University
Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning and Sustainable Development
- University of Wisconsin – Madison
Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning
- University of Louisville
Master of Urban Planning

Congratulations to the following programs for achieving Candidacy Status:

- George Washington University
Master of Professional Studies in Sustainable Urban Planning
- University of Central Florida
Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning
- University of Texas San Antonio
Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning

Further information on board actions and decisions is available at [Summary of Recent Actions](#) on the PAB website.

Thank You

Fall 2016 Site Visit Teams

Team Chairs

Robin Boyle, Ph.D.
Ken Chew, Ph.D.
Ed Goetz, Ph.D.
Rhonda Phillips, Ph.D.
Ruth Steiner, Ph.D.

Team Members

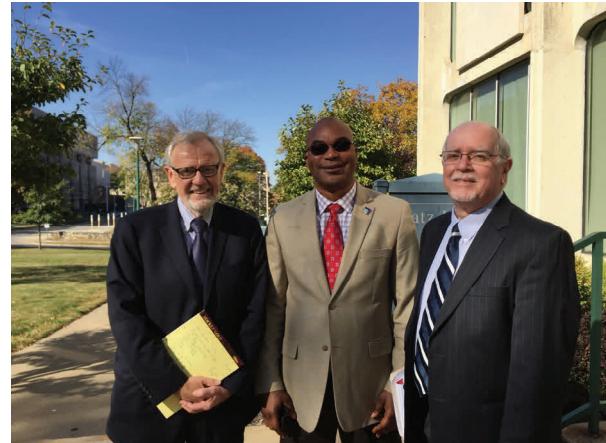
Clint Andrews, Ph.D.
John Betancur, Ph.D.
Richard Bickel, FAICP
Lee Brown, FAICP
Michael Burayidi, Ph.D.
Arlan Colton, FAICP
Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore,
FAICP
Jennifer Evans-Cowley, AICP
Bob Mitchell, FAICP
Stacey Swearingen White, Ph.D.



Congratulations to the AICP College of Fellows Class of 2016, especially to Zenia Kotval, PAB Board Member, and Rhonda Phillips, PAB Site Visitor.



Iowa State University Site Visit Team (left to right): Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Ph.D.; Arlan Colton, FAICP; and Ken Chew, Ph.D.



University of Missouri-Kansas City Site Visit Team (left to right): Robin Boyle, Ph.D., Michael Burayidi, Ph.D.; and Robert Mitchell, FAICP.

2016 OUTSTANDING SITE VISITOR AWARD



Charlie Hoch, Ph.D.
University of Illinois
Chicago



Jeffrey Taebel, FAICP
Houston-Galveston
Area Council

PAB SITE VISIT POOL

Site Visitor Recognition

PAB is grateful for the hard work and dedication of all our Site Visitors. We would like to recognize the following individuals who have retired from the SV pool. Thank you for the many years of service to PAB and your contribution to the field of planning.

Otha Burton, Jr., Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Jackson State University

Anthony Catanese, Ph.D., FAICP

President, Florida Institute of Technology

Alex Chen, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, University of Maryland at College Park

Phillip Clay, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Marie Howland, Ph.D., FAICP

Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland at College Park

Gerrit Knaap, Ph.D.

Professor, University of Maryland at College Park

Welcome New Site Visitors

Ellen Bassett, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, University of Virginia

Phillip R. Berke, Ph.D.

Professor, Texas A&M University

Brent Ryan, Ph.D., AICP

Associate Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Eran Ben-Joseph, Ph.D.

Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Michael Boswell, Ph.D., AICP

Professor, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Kerry Brooks, Ph.D.

Professor, Eastern Washington University

Penny Gurstein, Ph.D., MCIP

Professor, University of British Columbia

Thomas Hutton, DPhil.

Professor, University of British Columbia

Wendy Kellogg, Ph.D.

Professor and Associate Dean, Cleveland State University

Lucie Laurain, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, University of Iowa

Marla Nelson, Ph.D., AICP

Associate Professor, University of New Orleans

Steven Schmidt, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Cornell University

Robert Simons, Ph.D.

Professor, Cleveland State University

Austin Troy, Ph.D.

Professor, University of Colorado Denver

Shannon Van Zandt, Ph.D., AICP

Professor, Texas A&M University

In Memoriam

Leonard Heumann, Emeritus Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Professor Heumann served as a PAB Site Visitor from 1988 to 2009. PAB extends our sincerest condolences to his family.