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# Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting

Join us January 25-27, 2012 in Round Rock, TX! Hear national and state speakers, learn the latest on the 2010 ADA Standards and network with peers at our Thursday night Casino Party. Receive CEU\* and AIA\* credits. Plan your 2012 training with your Accessibility Professionals Association (APA)!  
Location: Austin Marriott North, 2600 La Frontera Boulevard, Round Rock, TX 78681

### Here are a few advance highlights

\*National keynote speaker:  
Jim Dejong, ADA Symposium

\*Marsha Mazz,  
US Access Board

\*Speakers from TDLR

\*Latest news on the 2010

## A Message from President, Mike Love

As we move into the 4th quarter of this year, it is amazing to see what strides our organization has made again this year. With the dedication of so many members, we are "leaping tall buildings with a single bound". Have you seen our new website? The improvements are fantastic and compliment our new name and logo. I do want to remind us all that APA springboards from the early work by TRASA Charter Members and web originators Don McAlpin and Teresa Darr.

In addition to the website, this newsletter is an example of one of the many accomplishments of the Communications, Marketing & Membership committee and the New Logo Roll-out Task Force, both led by Jeromy Murphy. [Read more...](#)

**Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship** 2012 will mark the fourth year that we have awarded a scholarship in honor of Jim Boyce. Jim Boyce was a long time employee of the Architectural Barriers Program. Jim was one of the original drafters of the soon to be retired 1994 Texas Accessibility Standards, and he worked tirelessly to promote accessibility in Texas and beyond. He was a Charter Member and former Board Member of the Texas Registered Accessibility Specialist Association (now APA) and was instrumental in forming our organization. This year, APA plans to award a total of \$2000 in scholarship awards. Criteria includes being enrolled in a Texas accredited design degree program and to show a strong interest in accessibility both in student portfolio work and career. The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship is funded entirely by contributions and fundraising efforts such as the Silent Auction held at our annual meeting. [To donate an item to the Silent Auction click here.](#) You may make a donation at our website page "[Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship](#)".

## Education and Events

In late summer and early fall we held regional training sessions at several locations in Texas. At each of these up to 4 CEU's could be earned by attendees.

## Standards for Accessible Design (ADA Guidelines)

\*Education & training for RAS and architects

\*APA annual membership & committee meetings

[Register for the conference today!](#)

Member registration is only \$275 before January 4, 2012.

Members register for conference by logging in and going to the "Event Calendar" tab. Note, you must [renew your membership](#) prior to registering for the conference for member rate.

We will open the registration up for non-members December 1st so don't delay!

One of these was at McKinney Roughs, near Bastrop, where we heard about Best Business Practices from Bob Casagrande, Common TDL&R Administrative Concerns from Dee Dee Gilbert and McKinney Roughs Mock Site Inspection from Jimmy Bell.

In Dallas, we saw the new SMU Sport Facilities, hosted by Bob Casagrande with a Mock Site Inspection, and the 2010 ADA Standards Primer, by Fred Cawyer.

The session in San Antonio featured the River Walk and Pearl Brewery Development, hosted by APA Board Member, Tom Ellis. Peter Grojean, and FPC Architect John Mize led a Mock Site Inspection along the River Walk, and the 2010 ADA Standards Primer, by Fred Cawyer.

In Houston we were hosted at the United Way Community Facility by Tanya Allen. Jeromy Murphy led a Mock Site Inspection throughout the parking and building, and the 2010 ADA Standards Primer was led by Fred Cawyer.

Interested in these or other topics? Contact Shirley at [scknox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scknox@sbcglobal.net) to see when future trainings will be available.

## Welcome these APA New Members!

**Bennet, Jeffrey**

*Dallas*

**Britton, Flint**

*Austin*

**Brunjes, Olaf**

*El Paso*

**Croson, Jennifer**

*Irving*

**Diaz, Iliana**

*El Paso*

**Ferkin, Robert**

*Lewisville*

**Gallegos, Cesar**

*El Paso*

**Godfrey, Michael**

*Georgetown*

**Griggs, Jimmy**

*Hurst*

**Jones, Greg**

*Arlington*

**Jonson, Randy**

*Lewisville*

**Lee, Amelia**

*Houston*

**Mecom, Jimmy**

*Corpus Christi*

## Technical Standards Announcement

It has been an active year so far with the adoption of the new 2012 TAS. In June we hosted a webinar that discussed differences between the 1994 TAS, 2010 ADA Standards and Proposed 2012 TAS. The webinar was followed up by a survey of our members and from that we compiled comments to submit to TDLR for consideration. If you want to view the comments APA submitted please [click here](#).

Committee members also attended a US Access Board public hearing held in Dallas on Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way. The hearing was followed by a reception hosted by APA, which gave us a rare and valuable opportunity to meet members of the Access Board. The Technical Standards Committee also participated in the comment period for the Proposed Right-of-Way guidelines. If you want to view those comments please [click here](#).

## APA promotes you at 2011 TSA Convention

Thank you to our volunteers, Michael, Marty and Carol for helping to promote the APA at the 2011 Texas Society of Architects Convention in Dallas. We handed out postcards and encouraged architects to visit the APA website to find a member in their area or sign up for our continuing education opportunities. To encourage architects to sign up for the APA newsletter, we did a drawing for an iPad2. The lucky winner

**Mireles, Alejandro**

*El Paso*

**Mullins, Timothy**

*Montgomery*

**Newman, Leslie**

*Dallas*

**Posas, Charles**

*El Paso*

**Ramsey, Maria Evelyn**

*Spring*

**Rogers, Patrick**

*Austin*

**Rodriguez, Alfredo**

*San Antonio*

**Sarabia, Ernesto**

*McKinney*

**Strauss-Jones, Sandra**

*Wimberley*

**Smith, Jeff**

*Fort Worth*

**Smith, Michael**

*Fort Worth*

**Stephens, Rodger**

*Mesquite*

**Vasquez, Sarah**

*Sugar Land*

**Verdone, Antoinette**

*Austin*

**Welsh, Timothy**

*Austin*

was Dave of Ware Architecture.

**President Message Cont.**

With the recent Rights of Way meeting in Dallas, we continued our interaction, on your behalf, with the Access Board. We are very pleased to note that your Accessibility Professionals Association was mentioned in the recent Access Currents, having several members attending the PROWAG discussion. Thanks to the work by our Technical Standards committee and their extremely active efforts in considering comments on the new Rights of Way Guidelines. After weeks of input on the new 2012 TAS, led by Robin Roberts, we submitted recommended comments to TDLR and the Advisory Board for their consideration.

Led by John Torkelson, the Legal & Legislative committee had a finger on the pulse of legislative concerns throughout the year. They are developing a strategic approach for 2012 to keep our representatives informed regarding APA, your concerns and the benefits of the Texas Architectural Barriers program.

Guided by Past President, Fred Cawyer, we solicited applications for our joint APA/GCOPD (Governor's office) accessibility in building and design award. Separately, Chris Schexnayder spearheads the Jim Boyce Scholarship committee. Please see our [website](#) to donate to the Jim Boyce fund. We will have a Silent Auction at the Annual Conference to raise funds for the Scholarship so please [email Sharlynn Keys to donate an item.](#)

Speaking of the APA Annual Conference - Save the date! **January 25-27, 2012 in Round Rock, TX.** The Education & Events committee has secured nationally recognized speakers to bring their perspectives of the 2010 ADA. We'll also have TDLR update us on the 2012 TAS and have 4-8 hours per day of education and training offerings.

You can see this year has been busy, and I am excited to be working alongside so many dedicated individuals in this collective effort. Thank YOU for being a member, and thanks to all our volunteers for continuing to build our organization so we can contribute to making the United States a special, accessible place to live.

Your 2011 APA President,  
*Mike Love*

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If you have any articles for our Spring Newsletter please submit your articles by February 4, 2012 to [ninapaquette@gmail.com](mailto:ninapaquette@gmail.com)

See you in Round Rock, January 25-27, 2012.

**Many thanks to**

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Member of Communications,  
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our first APA newsletter!

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