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Welcome These New APA Members!

Click on the member's name to view his or her profile in our Member Directory.

[Melissa Anderson](#)
Riverdale, MD

[Cathy Barnes](#)
Temple, TX

From your APA President - Accessing the Future

For those of you who did not attend our annual meeting in Round Rock, you missed some of the best training we have ever provided, along with a great night of fun at the pirate-themed casino night. Our education committee is hard at work preparing for our regional training sessions this year and planning a spectacular meeting for next year in Round Rock. By the way, we have now contracted for the next two years to be at the Marriott in Round Rock.

The legislative committee is continuing to follow the current session of the legislature and bills that have been filed that will impact our work. We will keep you updated on the outcome and may call upon you, if needed, to attend any hearings at the Texas legislature.

Several of us attended the March 7 TDLR Advisory Board meeting where the new rules were moved forward for final adoption by the commission at its May 2 meeting. We expect the new rules to be adopted at that meeting. TDLR is continuing to work on the revisions to the RAS procedures and we hope that those are completed soon. Hopefully, many of our suggested changes to the procedures will be implemented.

I am excited to see that we are picking up new members from outside the State of Texas, so we are truly meeting our goal of becoming a national organization. Encourage those you know that are involved in accessibility, here in Texas and other US locations, to join APA.

Remember that what we do today will impact the accessibility in the future for years to come.

Feel free to [contact me](#), our [board members](#) or [staff](#) if we may be of assistance.

[Carroll Pruitt](#), 2017 APA President

**APA Jim Boyce Scholarship Fundraising
Campaign Begins!**

Bryce Greene
Allen, TX

Richard Klepper
Midland, TX

Georgina Lopez
Brownsville, TX

Linda Nolan
Louisville, TX

Lloyd Scarborough
New Braunfels, TX

James Southerland
Humble, TX

Have ADA, FHA, TAS or other Technical Questions?

It is easy to ask via the APA member-only [Forum!](#)

*Just log in and access your member profile.

*Under the Forums heading select Forum Memberships.

*Choose the forums and threads that interest you.

*You may opt-in for any or all discussions.

Sign up for [Job Opportunities](#) and [Member News!](#)

*Even if you have previously joined the Forum, and "opted in for all discussions", you must go back to your preferences and opt in for any new discussions.

Don't forget that we also have [FAQs](#) for members only!
[Walter Qualls](#), Chair Technical Standards

Builders, Architects, City Planners, etc. - Do you need to Hire an Accessibility Specialist?

Looking for a specialist to help with planning your building designs and/or inspections? If so, we have the expertise you need on our website.

[Check Hire A Specialist for a complete directory](#) by expertise, name or location.

[Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship](#) was established to honor and recognize our friend and colleague Jim Boyce. All funds are raised by APA members! Please join us in giving and click on this link to make a [general donation!](#)

Donate to YOUR
APA Scholarship Fund
Please consider a [donation](#)
to the Jim Boyce Memorial
Scholarship. Help us reach
our goal for this year.



Additionally, you may click on this link to donate to the annual [Silent Auction](#).

[Jimmy Bell](#), JBMS Chairperson

APA Upcoming Training Dates

Plano - August 18, 2017

Houston - October 20, 2017

2018 APA Annual Conference & Expo - January 31 -
February 2, 2018 in Round Rock/Austin, TX

- Check out the recent 2017 APA Annual Meeting Program [here](#). The 2018 draft program will be available in November 2017.
- We welcome any Exhibitors or Sponsors who would like to increase their visibility at our APA Annual Conference & Expo. As an example, see our [last year's Exhibitor/Sponsor guidelines](#). We will be posting the Guidelines for 2018 in April.

2019 APA Annual Conference & Expo - January 30 -
February 1, 2019 in Round Rock/Austin

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[Kim Goss](#) and [Jim Terry](#), Education & Events Chair

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APA Needs You!

It is never too late to help an APA committee - either as a member or doing a special one-time task. Members may see Committee minutes [here](#). Contact anyone below to discuss how you can help:

Communications

- [Mark Morley](#)

Education & Events

- [Kim Goss](#) and [Jim Terry](#)

Jim Boyce Scholarship

- [Jimmy Bell](#)

Legislative & Legal

- [Peter Grojean](#) and [Carroll](#)

Pruitt

Membership & Marketing

- [Jessica Hamm](#)

Technical Standards


- [Kim Hooker](#)

Your Scholarship Program - A chance to give back

Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship was established by the Accessibility Professionals Association (APA), to honor and recognize our friend and colleague, Jim Boyce. [Click here](#) for applications, donations to Silent Auction and general donations.

[Jimmy Bell](#), 2015 JBMS
Chair

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If you have any articles for our next Newsletter please

ad is just \$50 per issue in our 2016 pilot year.

[Mark Morley](#), Communications Chair

Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship Recipients Announced

Several very deserving applications for the Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship were submitted this year and we really had our work cut out to choose the recipients. It's never an easy task when so many great applications are received! This year it was our honor to award scholarships to Olivia Ross, majoring in landscape architecture of Texas Tech University and to Sara Williams, architecture major of UT Arlington. Each student will receive \$1,500 thanks to your donations and they have been offered associate membership in the APA as well as attendance at the 2018 APA Conference. A big congratulations to these two students! As we continue to build our fund we hope to be able to award more scholarships or larger amounts to the students that have a keen interest in accessibility compliance in honor of Jim Boyce.

The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship is now totally self-funded by your donations and as we kick-off our summer fundraising campaign with a \$5,000 goal we hope you'll remember us with your tax-deductible donation. Donations may be made by clicking on the "Donation" button or checks may be mailed to:

Jim Boyce Scholarship Fund
9433 Bee Cave Road
Building II, Suite 203
Austin, Texas 78733

The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship was established by the Accessibility Professionals Association (APA), to honor and recognize our friend and colleague Jim Boyce. Jim was formerly a Plan Review Manager with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) and was one of the drafters of the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), in 1994. When Jim retired from TDLR, he became a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) and was among the Charter Members of APA. The success of APA is in large part due to Jim's leadership in its earlier years. Due to the nature of this memorial, the scholarship is currently only available to college students in Texas.

The NEXT entry deadline is [March 31, 2018](#).

To donate to the JBMS Fund, [click here](#).

Email a Chair to Join a Committee in 2017!

APA Communication Committee:

APA Board of Directors

Meet your **2016 Board of Directors**. Members may see all Board minutes [here](#).

[Carroll Pruitt](#) - President
[Jack McClellan](#) - President-Elect
[Tom Ellis](#) - Secretary
[Clark Teel](#) - Treasurer
[Jimmy Bell](#) - Board Member
[Sharon Massey](#) - Board Member
[Paul Glenn](#) - Board Member
[Peter Grojean](#) - Past President

Vision Statement

A national Association of professionals with knowledge and expertise in pursuit of compliance with accessibility regulations related to the built and physical environment.

APA Mission

- Support membership needs and organizational growth
- Enhance professional development including specialized and advanced certifications.
- Actively promote the services provided by our members.
- Hold our members to a high standard of professionalism and ethics.
- Facilitate consistency in the application of accessibility regulations
- Present a unified voice in our industry
- Actively participate in the development, interpretation and adoption of accessibility regulations.
- Promote the value of certified accessibility specialists and consultants.

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The Communications committee is responsible for the quarterly APA newsletter and the oversight of all APA communication tools. Acting as gatekeeper, we support APA committees with communications and use volunteer proofers to review all internal and external written material published or sent out on behalf of the Association.

APA Membership & Marketing Committee:

Chair - [Jessica Hamm](#)

MEETING DATE = 2nd Tuesday at 9:30AM Central

The Membership & Marketing Committee is responsible for the plans and actions used to COMMUNICATE with and RETAIN current Members, WELCOME new members, RE-CONNECT with dropped members and RECRUIT potential new members. These new members may be TX RAS, TX Non-RAS, out-of-state and even international individuals and organizations. Additionally we want to PROMOTE MEMBERS and the APA to the building and accessibility industry.

APA Technical Standards Committee:

Chair - [Kim Hooker](#)

MEETING DATE = 2nd Wednesday at 1:30PM Central

Technical Standard Committee provides a technical resource library (FAQs) and a FORUM for members to get technical clarification on ADA and other standards. We give input on regulations affecting the industry by drafting position papers for the APA BOD to review, when needed. We provide a Technical session (Tech Talks) at the Annual Conference and plan to provide webinars for members.

Exhibitor/Sponsor Committee:

Chair - [Paul Glenn](#)

MEETING DATE = March 28, August 29, Sept 26, Nov 7 at 10AM Central

The Exhibitors/Sponsors committee is formed to bring in exhibitors that can provide our Conference Attendees with exposure to new products, tools and concepts, as well as bring revenue to APA via exhibitor and sponsor fees.

APA Education and Events Committee:

Chairs - [Kim Goss](#) & [Jim Terry](#)

MEETING DATE = TBD

Continuing Education Committee is responsible for programs throughout the year in addition to programs at the annual conference as well as regional training.

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APA Legislative & Legal Committee:

Chairs - Peter Grojean & Carroll Pruitt

MEETING DATE = TBD

Watch legislation activity and take action when needed.

Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship Committee:

Chair - Jimmy Bell

MEETING DATE = March 16 (campaign, enough applications?), April 13 (award scholarship, start Campaign) , Sept (Revise, send & follow-up application), Oct (wrap up campaign/begin Silent Auction) - on the 2nd Thursday at 10:00am Central

Since 2010, APA has awarded select design students The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship for their dedication and interest in promoting accessibility in their future careers. The committee revises and mails out application materials, awards scholarship(s) and raises funds each year.

How to Increase your business? Update your Profile!

Member Referral Request are Increasing!

"I am receiving 4-6 inquires a week asking how to find a RAS and or a Consultant on Accessibility" noted Shirley Knox, Executive Director of APA. "I send everyone to our websites member directory to do a search by "City or by Skill" So it's time to update your profile, ADD a picture, market yourself! "

NOTE: Interested parties looking to hire a Specialist, will NOT be able to find you unless you have updated all your "interests".

Process to update your Profile:

- * Login
- * Click on your name in the top right corner
- * Click on Profile
- * Click on Interest Tab
- * Check all items that apply to your services
- * Hit the save button
- * Do a few sample searches under the Membership Directory tab and see if your Profile comes up as you would expect it to.

Jessica Hamm, Chair Membership & Marketing Committee

Your APA 2017 Member Logo will be available for your use on business materials on January 1, 2017, or when you renew in 2017.

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Proofers Wanted!

The Communications Committee is always seeking proofreaders for the APA newsletter and other APA communications. If you are knowledgeable, talented, and interested in grammar, spelling, sentence structure, etc., please contact [Nina Paquette](#) or Communications Chair, [Mark Morley](#). Thank you for your consideration.

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2017 Exhibitors

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Deschamps Mat Systems (DMS) - ADA compliant beach access mats and floating wheelchairs. Contact: Bruce Glen at Bruce.westcoastsales@mobi-mat-dms.com or visit at www.mobi-mat-dms.com

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