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## President's NEWS

I would like to share with APA Members a few of the things we are doing on your behalf:

- APA met with TDLR to facilitate APA's involvement in revising the TDLR - Architectural Barriers Program, RAS Rules and Procedures. TDLR agreed that changes were necessary, and APA would be included in this process. We will meet soon with TDLR to continue this effort. Current Rules and Procedures are, in my opinion, unnecessarily complicated and not consistent with how many of the RASs wish to conduct business. Also, the PSU process is cumbersome and requires undue paperwork. We'll keep you posted on these ongoing efforts and will solicit member input on any recommended changes.
- The National ADA Symposium is coming up June 19-22 in Denver, CO. Several members of APA will be attending.
- There are approximately 10 organizations in the US that are either focused on accessibility, or who include a certification that addresses accessibility. Jim Terry, APA member and E&E Committee Co-chair, will be facilitating a meeting with most of these organizations. APA leadership will also be attending this meeting.
- The APA Board reviewed the results and feedback from APA members on the APA-ADA Specialist track. The program went very well, but needs continued development. Thus, APA will not develop another specialist program this year, but instead will focus on making the ADA Specialist program even better. The 4 prerequisite sessions will be improved, and the examination will be vetted by the Technical Standards committee. We also decided to continue with efforts to develop the APA-ADA Specialist designation into a bona-fide "Certification." This will require a much more rigorous vetting of the examination, and allow it to be taken in many cities throughout the country. This

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certification will not happen in 2016, but hopefully within the next few years.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments and/or suggestions for the improvement of APA. This is your Association.

Peter Grojean, 2016 APA President

## **Welcome These New APA Members!**

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

Jennifer Alvarez

*Hillsboro, OR*

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## **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.

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\*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

## **2016 Jim Boyce Scholarship Awarded**

Choosing a recipient for the Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship is never an easy task, and this year was no exception. Several impressive applications were submitted for consideration. After review, the JBMS Scholarship Committee awarded the 2016 Scholarship to **Taylor Stumberg of Belton, Texas and Lisa Valdivia of College Station, Texas.**

**Taylor Stumberg** is an Architecture student attending the University of Texas at Austin and the daughter of one of our very own APA members. **Lisa Valdivia** is an Architecture student attending Texas A&M University. It was an honor to award the scholarship to each of these students.

**Congratulations to both recipients who will receive \$1,500 each to further their educations.**

**We were able to increase the total amount awarded for 2016 thanks to the generous donations from several of our APA membership via** donations during the Fundraising Campaign last summer and the Silent Auction held at the APA Conference. Your continued support means that we are able to continue to honor our late friend and mentor, Jim Boyce, through this scholarship. As our fund grows so will the amount of the scholarships we can award each year. Thank you!

**We've set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 during the 2016 Fundraising Campaign which is kicking off right now and will continue through August 31, 2016** (although donations are always welcome). It only takes a moment to click on the Jim Boyce Scholarship DONATION button to participate. Feel free to add a link to your social media pages with a link to the donation page. Or if you prefer, you may send a check via mail to the APA office. The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship is set up as a 501c3 charitable organization, and all cash donations to the Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship are tax deductible as charitable gifts. We would like to extend a special thank you to those APA members who have pledged monthly or annual donations.

Lastly, we will continue to hold our ever popular Silent Auction at

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.

## **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:

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## **Your Scholarship**

the APA Annual Conference. No doubt we will have some exciting items for you to engage in bidding wars with your fellow APA members!

### **Donation Checks may be mailed to:**

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

Thank you,  
[Jimmy Bell](#), Chair JBMS Committee

## **Register for the next regional training!**

APA will be hosting a regional training opportunity on [August 12, 2016, in Plano, TX](#). Earn your required eight hours of RAS continuing education in person, or log in via webinar for those who are unable to attend or just want a refresher. Please note that webinar attendees will have to self-report those hours.

### **Save these dates for future trainings:**

October 21, 2016 - Houston, TX

Feb 1-3, 2017, Marriott North, in Round Rock, TX - near Austin

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

## **How to Increase your business? Update your Profile!**

If you have not yet done so, I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to update your membership profile. You will notice a new selection, "Interest" has been added. Here you will be able to specify your areas of specialty, industry, service area, and other areas which will allow your professional accomplishments to stand out. This will provide more detailed information to individuals searching to "Hire a Professional" or search the "Member Directory." So please take the time to update your information. It will be well worth your while!

**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

## 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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[Jessica Hamm](#), Chair Membership & Marketing Committee

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[Mark Morley](#), Communications Chair

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### Proofers Wanted!

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Jack McClellan - Treasurer  
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## 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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#### **American Construction Inspectors Association (ACIA)** -

The ACIA is a Non-Profit membership organization that offers educational programming for construction inspectors and other construction professionals, and certification of inspectors in numerous areas including ADA Compliance inspection. Contact: Dale Lacasella

## REPORTS

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