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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

From your APA President

Committees are continuing to work to provide you, as APA members, with the services that you have come to expect in the areas of training and education. The planning is well along for another great annual meeting in 2019. Take time to review the extensive progress the various committees have already made this year.

This year we are continuing the program of growth approved by the Board of Directors' planning session last March (It seems like years ago, after a busy first half of the year.) On June 28th and 29th, we met in Orlando and Miami with a core group of ADA professionals interested in establishing an APA Florida Chapter. All this has been at no cost to APA. We are planning to delay the training seminar in Florida until the first week in November, as requested by the Florida group. That same group met in August to plan their objectives and strategy for becoming the first recognized chapter of APA. We have shared our drafts of the chapter agreement for their input.

Your Board of Directors is in the process of modifying the bylaws to create chapters. With the advice of counsel, the Board hopes to have the necessary amendments and a formal chapter agreement form in place in October. Enthusiasm for the growth potential of APA is rising. We see that people in other areas are willing to participate to create a local organization for accessibility professionals linked to and with the support of APA as the national organization.

We will continue to be sensitive to the needs of the RAS community as Texas transitions to being a chapter of APA. Just as Florida and Texas share a common interest in many aspects of ADA, they also have interests specific to their state that can be addressed at the local "chapter" level. This will not happen overnight, but it will accelerate as we learn from the process, just as we have learned from the testing process.

I know we can count on many of you when we call for your help. You can be part of the next generation of APA, making it a truly national organization.

Jack McClellan, 2018 APA President

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.

Save the Date!

APA Annual Conference & Expo
Round Rock TX - near Austin
January 30-February 1, 2019

Welcome These New APA Members!

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

[Bruce Cripps](#)
Kerrville, TX

[Bemmie Eustace](#)
Oviedo, FL

[Mark Hulme](#)
Pasadena, CA

[Robert Johnson](#)
San Antonio, TX

[Caitlin Mcgehee](#)
Portland, OR

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

If you are a current member, this year's APA Member Logo is available for your use.

See these three great articles on our APA web home page!

- Architects Inspire Fun and a Good Soak at San Antonio Theme Park, Splash Park
- Door Openers - and Closers!
- Four Questions Google Maps has for YOU

each by [Maggie McCarthy](#), APA Member

Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship - Your Fundraising Efforts

The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship 2018 Summer Donation Campaign is nearing its end, and we will soon begin gearing up for the JBMS Silent Auction at the 2019 APA Conference. Our goal for the Summer Campaign is \$5,000, and to be honest, donations have not been as we had hoped. Since June, we have received only one contribution. In order to keep supporting students interested in accessibility, WE NEED MORE CONTRIBUTIONS. Please honor the legacy of Jim Boyce by making your tax-deductible contribution now by clicking the donation link on the Scholarship page of the APA Website or by **mailing a check (payable to Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship) to Jim Boyce Scholarship Fund, 9433 Bee Cave Road Building II, Suite 203. Austin, Texas 78733.**

The JBMS Committee is also gearing up for the silent auction which will be held at the Annual Conference. Proceeds from this auction fund are critical in funding the scholarship. If you have an item to donate, please contact Minda Weldon at mindaweldon@gmail.com

Please, check out the Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship page on Facebook and feel free to post your personal stories or photographs of Jim (you know he would want the stories to make us laugh). If you were a past recipient of the scholarship, leave a note about how it impacted your studies.
<https://www.facebook.com/JBMScommittee/>

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

APA Needs You!

It is never too late to help an APA committee - either as a committee member or djust volunteer for 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

- [Tanya Allen](#)

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[Pruitt](#)

Membership

- [Marcela Abadi Rhoads](#)

Technical Standards

- [Kim Hooker](#)

Marketing

- [Donald Bloom](#)

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.

[Our Website](#)



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Know Someone who Would Make a Good Exhibitor/Sponsor?

We are at mid-year and your Exhibitor-Sponsor Committee is busy Planning for the Annual 2019 APA Conference. The Committee is geared up to secure participants and would like to solicit a few minutes of your time. The Exhibit Floor is fun, interesting and interactive. Do you know of a potential Exhibitor or Sponsor that you can invite to our next Conference?

As you work through your day, there are countless products and services that you come across that are intriguing, innovative and solution-impacting. Share your experience with our membership by asking the point-of-contact if they would consider being an Exhibitor or Sponsor at our 2019 Annual Conference. Collaboration, Networking and Information-Sharing are some of the great benefits of our organization. We had 160 attendees last year, 2018 Annual Conference. Can you imagine how impacting and fun it would be if even half of our attendees invited just one Exhibitor or Sponsor for the 2019 Annual Conference?

It's an easy challenge. When you find that one interested individual, just send me their contact information and the Committee will take it from there. We will email them information about opportunities for being an Exhibitor or Sponsor. Your assistance will undoubtedly make the 2019 Annual Conference a rewarding experience. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Nina or me.

[Paul Glenn](#), Exhibitor-Sponsor Committee Chair

Looking to increase business? Update your Profile!

Member Referral Requests are Increasing!

"I am receiving 4-6 inquiries 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 website's member directory to do a search by City or by Skill" So, it's time to update your profile, ADD a picture, and 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

If you have any articles for our next Newsletter please submit your articles to ninapaquette@gmail.com

APA Board of Directors

Meet this year's **Board of Directors**. Members may see all Board minutes [here](#).

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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.

[Link to APA Mission](#)

[Link to past APA annual reports](#)

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- * 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.

Still unsure of what to do? [Watch this helpful video](#).

APA Needs Your Voice - Join a Committee!

See a list of chairs to contact on the left side of this newsletter.

APA Marketing Task Force:

We are looking for feedback from those national members who live and work outside of Texas in order to expand our reach and provide members with more opportunities.

APA Communication Committee:

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 Committee:

The Membership 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. Additionally we want to PROMOTE MEMBERS and the APA to the building and accessibility industry.

APA Technical Standards Committee:

The Technical Standards 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.

APA Exhibitor/Sponsor Committee:

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:

The Education and Events Committee is responsible for continuing education programs throughout the year in addition to programs at the annual conference as well as regional training.

APA Legislative & Legal Committee:

The Legislative and Legal Committee keeps a watch on legislative activity and takes action when needed.

APA Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship Committee:

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.

APA is an Approved* Provider for AIA, ICC and TDLR!



**APA is a TDLR Provider (#1521), AIA/CES Provider (#G583), ICC Preferred Provider (#1321) and provides selected courses which apply toward ACTCP certification, APA also awards an APA-ADA Specialist Designation, APA Assembly Designation and Accessibility Standards completion certificate, when all criteria are met*

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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](#) .

We Welcome Members to Submit Articles

Include articles on topics of interest to your readers, relevant news and events. If you find an interesting article on the Web, you can easily ask the author's permission to summarize the article and link to it from your newsletter. Inserting a link in your article lets you track which topics attract the most interest.

