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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.

[Karen Braitmayer](#)  
*Riverdale, MD*

[Fay Faraone](#)  
*Newport Beach, CA*

[Myriam Guerrero](#)

## From your APA President - Accessing the Future

This summer the weather was hot, but now many of us have family and friends that are dealing with and facing much more than simply heat. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have raised the bar on records that didn't need to be raised, and will be challenging those that live and work in their paths for some time to come. On behalf of APA, I wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Hopefully, the day will come soon when everyone has recovered from these devastating events.

Your APA Board and Committees have been hard at work in the background continuing the work of our organization. Unfortunately, TDLR postponed the adoption of new RAS procedures until early next year. However, TDLR is working on implementing new online services for our work and we are hopeful that it may be in place by year end. Stay tuned for more information!

Looking forward, our association will be attending and exhibiting at the American Institute of Architects next June in New York. This is a big step for us as we move onto the national scene. If any of you will be attending, please let Shirley or Nina know.

Let me also encourage you to get involved in your community and advocate for greater accessibility. While much has been accomplished in the last 26-plus years since the enactment of the ADA, there is still much to be done and many still need to be educated on the importance of making the built environment accessible.

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

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

[Carroll Pruitt](#), FAIA, NCARB, 2017 APA President

**APA Jim Boyce Scholarship Fundraising**

El Paso, TX

Nathan Lester  
San Antonio, TX

John Montalvo  
Corpus Christi, TX

Clint Ryan  
Dallas, TX

Kelly Rosson  
Wheat Ridge, CO

Elizabeth Thompson  
Missouri City, TX

Peter Walper  
Midland, TX

Charles Watt  
Oklahoma City, OK

### **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.

## **Campaign in Progress!**

The [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**

Houston - October 20, 2017 - \*CANCELED\* due to recent flooding in Houston area

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. We have posted the Guidelines for 2018 [here](#).

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

### **APA Newsletter now accepting advertisers!**

If you know a vendor who might be interested in a similar ad, have them contact [ninapaquette@gmail.com](mailto:ninapaquette@gmail.com). This ad is just \$50 per issue in our 2016 pilot year.

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Mark Morley, Communications Chair

## 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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## Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS NATION-WIDE!

The Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship 2017 Summer Donation Campaign is nearing its end, and we will soon begin gearing up for the JBMS Silent Auction at the 2018 APA Conference. Our goal for the Summer Campaign is \$5,000, and to be honest, donations have not been as we had hoped - yet. We feel confident that our goals will be reached and that we will continue to honor the legacy of Jim Boyce through this meaningful scholarship established in his name. There's still time to make your tax-deductible donation either by clicking on the donation link on the Scholarship page of the APA Website or by mailing a check to the address below.

Please, check out the Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship page on Facebook, too, 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/>

Donations may be made by clicking on the "Donation" button [here](#) 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.*

Donation forms for our Annual Silent Auction can be found [here](#).

## Email a Chair to Join a Committee in 2017!

### APA Communication Committee:

Chair - [Mark Morley](#)

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

The Communications committee is responsible for the quarterly APA newsletter and the oversight of all APA

[today!](#)

If you have any articles for our next Newsletter please submit your articles to [ninapaquette@gmail.com](mailto:ninapaquette@gmail.com)

## 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

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.

## APA Legislative & Legal Committee:

Chairs - [Peter Grojean](#) & [Carroll Pruitt](#)

MEETING DATE = TBD

Watch legislation activity and take action when needed.

certified accessibility specialists and consultants.

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**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 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
- \* 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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\*As classes are submitted.

### **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.