

## **2006-2007 WORK PROGRAM (OCT. 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPT. 30, 2007)**

**A. Develop a Policy Guide Draft in Time for the Delegate Assembly at the National Conference in Philadelphia in 2007:** This is easily our highest priority and will take much hard work by members of the Division as well as many other APA members. A work program and time table which is adjusted periodically has been developed for this endeavor.

**(Note Subsequent to APA Legislative and Policy Committee Actions in Summer of 2006:** Though nine states responded in the affirmative at the 2006 Delegate Assembly in San Antonio in April in favor of a policy guide on this subject, in June of 2006 the Legislative and Policy Committee suggested a Planning Advisory Service (PAS) report instead of a policy guide. Present Division plans will look at the feasibility of both a PAS report and or/ a policy guide which might be preceded by a White Paper. If a policy guide were to be developed, it would now be developed in time for the Las Vegas National Conference Delegate Assembly in 2008.)

**B. Develop Policy and Possibly a Policy Guide for Disaster Planning, Mitigation, and Recovery:** Growing out of Hurricane Katrina and at the direction of the Division Council Chair, that our Division, "should take the lead on the development of such a policy," Robert Kull of our Division has taken the lead on this matter. We have also worked closely with James Schwab of the Chicago-APA staff who, basically, is in charge of disaster planning policy development for the APA staff.

**C. Increase our Membership to 190-200 by March of 2007:** Over the course of the last year, as previously mentioned, our membership has grown by 25-30 percent. We hope to maintain this growth at about the same rate. And looking forward two years to April of 2008, we hope to have our membership at about 225. Analysis indicates this latter number is just about the level that is needed to be self-sustaining in that the Division would pay for the travel of the pertinent officer (s) to attend required meetings at the annual National Conference and the Fall Leadership Meetings, and to meet other Division goals and objectives inherent in our mission statement.

**D. Review By-Laws With An Eye to Updating the Same:** These by-laws are 20 years old and they should at least be reviewed to ensure that they are at consistent with existing missions including the new name of the Division.

**E. Conduct the Allotted Two By-Right Panels at the 2007 National APA Conference**

**F. Develop at Least Two Newsletters**

**G. Better Integrate the Division's Web Site and List Serve:** We are now at the point where we can periodically send out documents on the list serve. However, we would like to get to the point where we can use our list serve in conjunction with web site to better utilize the two of them in combination. For example, we would like to highlight particular issues from the weekly Regional Community Development List Serve onto our web site. Also, as we develop the Policy Guide on Regional Planning we will be dealing with various groups (e.g. the National League of Cities) that are currently evolving substate regional policy. We would like to post their ongoing efforts on our web site with notice of the same on our List Serve.

**H. Carry Forward Solid Financial and Budgeting Controls As Done in the Past**

In a two to three year period we have gone from a financial situation where we not that far from being out of money to one in which we now have \$5,219.44, cash on hand as of April 2006. In the coming year we will probably have to draw on that money for expenses involved with the development of a Policy Guide on Regional Planning and possible policy development work for disaster planning, mitigation, and recovery. Such costs might be for reproduction costs, possible document review, perhaps teleconferencing, and possibly some travel

