



# National APA Conference 2007 Philadelphia

**Friday, April 13 - Wednesday, April 18**

<http://www.planning.org/2007conference>

**Conference Site:** Conference sessions will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, located at 1101 Arch Street.

**Registration Hours:** Registration will be held in Exhibit Hall B at the Pennsylvania Convention Center

Friday, April 13, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17, 7:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

# Local Officials APA Conference Events

## **National Conference Orientation**

**Saturday, April 14, 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.**

If this is your first APA conference, then join some APA leaders and staff. In an informal gathering of other planning commissioners and local officials.

## **Variances, Special Uses, and Board of Adjustment Operations**

**Saturday, April 14, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

While the planning commission/ board or planning and zoning board renders decisions about development in conformance with plans and regulations, the board of adjustment decides on variations to those standards. Learn how this board acts as a relief valve, provides oversight, and exercises discretion in the application of conditional or special-use zoning.

## **Welcome Reception at the National Constitution Center**

*All members and interested Conference attendees are invited!*

**(\$65/includes deserts and cocktail; Limited event, so sign up early)**

**Saturday, April 14, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

## **Welcome to the Commission**

**Sunday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m.**

You've been appointed—now what? This session introduces you to the role and responsibilities of the planning commissioner. Learn how to prepare for meetings, make your participation effective, and enhance the community's planning

## **Topics at the Top of Your Agenda**

**Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon**

Spend a few minutes discussing the many hot topics faced by commissions around the country. The group selects the topics, shares tips and insights, and covers ground

## **Dealing with Hostile Audiences**

**Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m.**

These two sessions address the key factors that cause hostility, such as saving face and frustration. While designed specifically for the chair of the planning commission, ZBA, or other commissions, councils, or committees, others are welcome to attend. The second session introduces master techniques for addressing hostility, including active listening, reducing anonymity, and setting ground rules.

## **Planning Commissioners, Elected Officials, and Appointed Officials Breakfast**

*Join your colleagues for this popular networking event and hear attorney Timothy Dowling discuss the Supreme Court ruling on eminent domain and the good news on the takings issue*

**(\$45/ includes hot buffet breakfast. Registration required.)**

**Monday, April 16, 6:45 a.m.–8:00 a.m.**

## **Run Efficient Meetings and Act Fairly**

**Monday, April 16, 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.**

Learn how to engage in a better and fairer decision-making process. Explore how planning commissions can best run meetings, hear evidence, deliberate fairly, and make sound findings that support strong decisions. Master the checklist for decision making within the context

**A few other sessions of interest:**

Effective Local Government Conservation Programs  
Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Do We Need a Comprehensive Plan?  
Committee  
Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
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The Politics of Planning  
Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Are Neighborhood Groups Representative or Self-Serving  
Monday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.

**Helping the Media to Understand Planning.**  
Monday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m.

Hot Topics for Planning Commissions  
Tuesday, April 17, 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Open Forum of the Planning Officials  
Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.–11:45

**Infrastructure Planning**  
Tuesday, April 17, 2:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

**Helping the Public to Understand Planning**  
Tuesday, April 17, 4:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

**Planning Commission Ethics**  
Wednesday, April 18, 8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

Fees and Deadlines	On site
<b>Planning Commissioners, Elected Officials, and Appointed Officials</b>	
<b>APA Planning Board Member</b>	
Entire Conference	\$750
Saturday/Sunday	\$285
Monday plus reception	\$240
<b>Nonmember (verification required)</b>	
Entire Conference	\$795
Saturday/Sunday	\$385
Monday plus reception	\$240
<b>Group Rates</b>	
Register 10 or more planning commissioners, elected officials, and appointed officials from the same jurisdiction and receive a 10% discount. (Discount applies to the cost of basic registration only.) You must submit all group participants' registrations together. (Because this registration option is not available online, APA will waive the \$30 paper processing fee.) For more information about group registration, call APA customer service at 312-334-1250.	