



What's happening in 2007?

Winter Issue-2007

2007 Section Officers

After two years of service, Marilyn Gelzheiser has stepped down as your PPA Southwest Chair. On behalf of all members, we would like to thank her for her service and dedication to "making PPA fun!"

We would also like to introduce the newly elected 2007 officers for the PPA Southwest Section:

Chair: Joy M. Wilhelm, AICP,
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March Meeting

The March meeting will focus on regional and county planning efforts. The Washington County Planning Commission will host the meeting in the Washington County Fairgrounds (for directions please visit <http://www.washingtonfair.org>).

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is leading Project Region, the growth plan for the 10 counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Project Region will provide a set of coordinated projects and actions to help the region work together to maximize their assets, improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, and strengthen the economy. Lew Villotti, Planning and Development Director of SPC will present an overview of the process and next steps.

Washington County sits at the forefront of proactive planning efforts as evidenced by the adoption of a County Comprehensive Plan (2005) and the Washington County Greenways Plan (2007). Lisa Cessna, Executive Director of Washington County Planning Commission, will present an overview of their planning efforts and how the County is accommodating new growth.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE to
PPASWsection@planningpa.org

2007 Meeting Schedule

Friday, March 30th
2:30 PM – Washington County Fairgrounds, Hall #2

Friday, June 29th
2:30 PM– Location TBD

Friday, September 28th
2:30 PM– Location TBD

Friday, December 7th
2:30 PM– Location TBD

Do you want to sponsor a meeting? If so, please let us know!

Future meetings...where & what????

We need YOUR help to strengthen our outreach to our members and increase participation!

Question 1: The following are suggested meeting topics, please let us know what you think or offer suggestions for other topics. Please choose the topic that you would most like to learn about. The topics that receive the most votes will become the focus of the subsequent meetings for 2007!

1. Takings and Land Use
2. Wireless Communication: Cell towers and planning
3. Route 30 Master Plan www.route30plan.com
4. AICP Relevance and continuing education
5. County Planning Discussion (County planning directors participate in a panel discussion presenting County Development goals, what they look for in a consultant, etc)

Question 2: Where would you most likely attend a meeting?

Please choose one of the counties in the PPA Southwest Region that you would be most willing to travel to attend one of the future meetings.

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| 1. Allegheny | 7. Cambria | 13. Somerset |
| 2. Armstrong | 8. Fayette | 14. Washington |
| 3. Beaver | 9. Fulton | 15. Westmoreland |
| 4. Bedford | 10. Greene | |
| 5. Blair | 11. Huntingdon | |
| 6. Butler | 12. Indiana | |

Please respond to our survey by Friday March 16, 2007 at
PPASWsection@planningpa.org

The results of the survey will be announced at the March meeting!