

Dear Fellow YPGers,

Hello again, and welcome to our newest members! As summer is quickly approaching, we are looking forward to re-engaging with you all after these challenging past two years. We are currently developing the VA YPG 2022 Work Plan and are excited to restart the statewide group as a whole and the regional sections.

We hope to make this year a year where we can revitalize the YPG program and offer some form of engagement and professional development for each of our members.

Over the next year, we have decided to focus on **re-engagement**, **professional development**, and **community**. We are doing this by revamping the way we interact with y'all, and how each of you interacts with YPG.

Currently, one such mechanism to achieve this is to revitalize the regional sections of YPG. These sections are regionally based and are encouraged to host local meetings, events, etc for members living and working in each area. You can read more about the YPG Sections at the following link:

<https://virginia.planning.org/connect-apa-virginia/young-planners-group-ypg/ypg-sections/>

Right now, we are still looking for YPG Section leaders for:

Fredericksburg

Hampton Roads

Northern Virginia

Charlottesville/Piedmont

If you are interested in being a YPG section leader in your area, please email ypg@apavirginia.com. Additionally, if you are located in an area that does not have a YPG section and would like to start one, please reach out!

Our next big event is going to take place this summer at the upcoming statewide APA VA conference in Richmond. We are planning an after-hours mixer and a "speed planning" career development session. Stay tuned for further updates for these events!

For additional information regarding the annual conference, please see conference website:

<https://www.apavirginia.com/annual-conference>

After the upcoming Board Meeting on March 21, I will be sharing the updated YPG Annual Work Plan to the website and the email feed, so that you all may see how we plan to operate this year.

We would like to host virtual meet and greets with each section before the annual conference this summer so that we may build relationships with all of you and field any questions or concerns you may have.

We are truly excited to have gotten this opportunity and we look forward to meeting all of you! If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you wish to chat about please feel free to contact us at ypg@apavirginia.com.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Aubut, YPG co-chair