

APA Virginia 2024-2026
Board of Directors Election
Candidate Statement



Position Seeking
Name
Current Job Title, Employer

Background: Insert Job History

Insert Position Statement: I hope to continue to build off the many items that APA Virginia has been putting in place to bring more services to the membership, while expanding our influence within the State of Virginia. Over my past term as the Vice President for Chapter Affairs, we have had a very successful conference at Wintergreen and I look to follow up on that success with future conferences. Prior to that served six years, as the Public Relations Director and Vice President for External Affairs. Through my positions on the Board, I have helped move the organization forward through the development of the new website and listservs, diversifying the Chapter's rich history in awarding excellence, and working with the Board to advance member services for professional planners and our student population. The primary mission of Chapter Affairs is conference planning and I find this particularly intriguing given the increasingly high bar set for the Chapter's annual conference and the challenges of certification maintenance. Through your continued support, I can only hope to see the services APA Virginia provides you, our allied organizations, and the public increase.

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Insert Position Statement: In my professional life, I am the Planner for the City of Noname. I have held this position for eight years and prior to joining the City staff I worked in several other Virginia jurisdictions including the City of Something, Bygone County and Another County.

In my professional volunteer life, I am past President, Secretary, and Newsbrief editor, working on the APA Virginia board for the past thirteen years. I would like to take this experience and further my contributions by working on Chapter Affairs. Chapter Affairs includes conference planning and I find this particularly intriguing given the increasingly high bar set for the annual conference and the new challenge of certification maintenance. I would appreciate your support.

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Insert Position Statement: Great Communities don't just happen. Community development today occurs within a framework that is more akin to a maze of overlapping laws, regulations and rules and where seemingly every affront or slight results in someone proposing a legislated solution. Some of these are good, but too often many more are not helpful. But when added to the several thousand other items to be considered on a compressed schedule by the General Assembly, less than perfection results. One of the primary functions of the Chapter is to provide information—targeted, timely and accurate—to the members and to the legislators about pending legislation which may stimulate a dialogue resulting in better outcomes. Over the past four years, the Chapter has made great strides forward in providing information and timely input into both the legislative and regulatory processes. That positive momentum must be perpetuated and at the same time, we need to take the next step forward which is to be recognized as the voice of professional planning and development in the Commonwealth and thus be asked to have a seat at the table when laws, regulations and rules are being drafted. Advocacy is critical and never more so than today in ensuring that Great Communities can be created, maintained and sustained.

Professional Biography

- Currently ...
- Previously ...
- List other items ...
- Served on advisory committees and local and regional commissions
- Participated with the Legislative Committee ...

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Insert Position Statement: Serving as the Legislative and Policy lead on the Board is a natural fit when one considers my experience and interests versus the objectives and strategies outlined for the Legislative and Policy Program. Having relocated to the beautiful Valley nearly three years from the City of Noname, I feel that having the life long experience of an urban setting with the relatively recent experience of the rural, establishes a unique and important perspective that will benefit the APA Virginia Board as we (as an organization) continue to tackle complex and unique issues.

I am a professional planner with over 13+ years of experience ranging from serving as a legislative liaison, authoring local and regional comprehensive plans, to co-authoring national guidelines (e.g., AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities) and policy documents (e.g., APA Climate Change Policy Guide). I hold a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from University and a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University. I am currently employed as a Planner with the Department.

In addition, I am a recent appointee to the City of Noname's Planning Commission where I live with my wife and three children.