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To: APA-WI Members

From: Larry Ward, AICP, APA-WI Chapter President

Re: A message From Your Chapter President

First, I want to thank everyone who voted in the recent Chapter Elections for the Executive Committee. Congratulations to Nancy Frank, AICP (Vice President - Professional Development Officer), Sarah Goralewski, AICP (Secretary), David Boyd, AICP (At-Large Representative, Membership), and Dennis Lawrence, AICP (Northwest District Representative), on being elected to your office. I look forward to working with all of you on the Executive Committee.

Next, I want to thank all of the membership for electing me to be your Chapter President. It is a role that I will take seriously. Here is a blurb from the Newsletter on the duties of the Chapter President:

Responsibilities of Chapter President include:

- develop the annual Chapter budget, call meetings,
- appoint committees
- represent the Chapter at the national level, and
- act as spokesperson for the Chapter on the state level.

Gary Peterson, AICP, who just stepped down as Chapter President, served for three terms (nine years). Gary provided excellent leadership and support for the Chapter. We all owe Gary a debt of gratitude. Next time you see him remember to thank him for the countless hours he spent working to improve our shared profession and our Chapter. Thank you Gary!

I also want to thank "super-volunteer" Bruce Wilson, AICP, who organized the elections. Bruce does many great things for the Chapter, including serving as Immediate Past President as a fill-in for Roland Tonn, AICP. The service of both of these individuals has been outstanding.

Now, when I look at the responsibilities of the Chapter President it is immediately apparent to me that there will be many opportunities for volunteers to contribute to the Chapter and I encourage all of you to do so. An organization is only as good as its members make it and APA-WI is no exception. We need you! Let us know that you want to help and we'll find a way to get you involved at whatever level you wish.

Lastly, I want to thank the rest of the Executive Committee for their continued support. Brian Ohm; Connie White; Carolyn Esswein, AICP; Allen Davis, AICP; Kathleen Spencer, AICP; Maria Pandazi, AICP; Joe Wantoch, Lara Rosen, Anna Haines, PhD; Linda Stoll, AICP; and Becky Roberts have been terrific to work with. We are all fortunate to have such a wonderful group working for the betterment of our profession.

In 2012 APA-WI will hold a one-day workshop in March and will host the Upper Midwest APA conference in October. The Conference Committee has just started its work planning these events. If you have ideas you would like to share please email me. We especially need sponsors, so if you know of someone who can sponsor our events let me know. We also had an auction at our last event that helped support our scholarship fund. If you make crafts or have something you would like to contribute for the auction please let Maria Pandazi know (or email me and I'll forward).

Again, thank you for all your good work. LTW