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This year you will be **voting for President and Vice President**. Ballots will be **mailed to you** in early April and must be post marked no later than **May 31, 2006**. All **candidate information is found in this newsletter**. Candidates for President include: **Nicole Cline, Phillip Hill, and John Janson**, Candidates for Vice President Include **Aric Jensen and George Ramjoue**. Write in Candidates are permitted.



### Presidents Message

Chuck Klingenstein, AICP

One of the major focuses of this Utah Planner is to introduce you to your possible new leaders for the Chapter. It truly has been an honor for me to serve as your president for these past three terms and I am heartened by the interest of people in the president and vice president positions. The Utah Chapter is in fantastic shape when measured by membership, membership services, programs, conferences, budget, newsletter and the creation of a sub-contractor administrative support person. All of these are admirable accomplishments for a medium sized chapter of 560+/- members (a lot of our new growth is in students and planning commissioners) and a budget of approximately \$40,000. The area we continue to struggle with is the provision of continuing education for members of our chapter as well as non-members that include non-member planners and citizen planners (planning commissioners, boards of adjustment and elected officials). This is an area that we need to focus on since some of the fundamental issues behind SB 170 may be attributable to weak knowledge of Utah law and land use principles. We also have to remember that until there is a monumental shift in the Legislature's thinking, we will need to be sensitive to their whims and machinations.

And speaking of SB 170 and the "offspring" of it (SB 267 & 278), we need to applaud the efforts of Wilf Sommerkorn in his leadership of the Legislative Committee and his yeoman's service at informing all of us through his daily emails through the list serve. Neil Lindberg was also instrumental in our legislative efforts this year. Since the passage of SB 267 & 278 there have been many programs around the region explaining the events surrounding SB 170 and its "offspring." The Utah Chapter has been in the middle of some of these including the recent one at which 76 of you

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showed up. We jointly hosted another session with ULI and the majority of the attendees were planners affiliated with the Utah Chapter. What this tells me is there is a thirst for understanding what were the motivations and possible reasons behinds this bill. I think it is safe to say that SB 170 was more than an effort to get the attention of the cities and counties but rather a full-on assault on planning in Utah. There was a hasty retreat and we saw SB 267 & 278 in its stead. Should we all sit back and crow about this? I think not! We have been fortunate that a partnership of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah Association of Counties (occasionally) and the Utah Chapter have been effective in blunting these full on broadsides. These are not shots across the bow and I fully expect that we will see more of these bills next year. So why are we seeing more of these bills. Some possible reasons:

- Unprecedented statewide growth.
- Larger players (from out of state) in the land development business.
- Increasing stakes in terms of the cost of doing business (land values are rapidly increasing; all of the easy parcels have been picked over, Utah's fragmented land ownership patterns, and cost of consultants).
- Cities and Counties are becoming savvier in the application of land use planning and growth management principles.
- Angst created in the land development and property rights community due to the Kelo decision.
- Uneducated or poorly educated planners and citizen planners.
- Uneducated or poorly educated elected officials.
- Uneducated property owners & developers.
- Failure by jurisdictions to follow their own general plans and development codes.
- Inconsistency of decision-making.

There are probably others to list but I think you get the idea. We all have a "hand on the knife" of the problems. So what is the answer? As I am fond of saying, there is no one silver bullet, but I am sure it is not the heavy hammer of legislation. All tactics, such as SB 170, accomplish is to polarize positions and make it harder for all involved in the middle to find consensus solutions. I do believe the answer is education of planners, citizen planners and elected officials and also developers and legislators. This is an area where there are several classes out there, but they all seem to be teaching at about the same level and similar information. If the legislature would like to take a more proactive approach to land use problems, I would strongly recommend they put some money into the education of the people who affect land use decisions. What I have learned over the years is if we try to legislate change some clever attorney's will figure out ways to do an end round. So, in the absence of a rational legislature regarding this topic, I will hopefully continue to advocate for a more coordinated effort between the land use education providers of the state. Of course, that role will need to be defined by the new leadership of the Utah Chapter. So please vote. To quote an old cliché, your vote does really matter.

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Candidate for  
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#### APA

- Member APA (1992 - current).
- Member AICP (1996 - current).
- Board member, Utah Chapter, Small towns, cities and rural areas (2004-present).

#### Professional

- Fifteen years of professional planning experience in the public sector in Utah.
- Past member of State of Utah Geographic Information System Advisory Committee.
- Past president of Utah Ordinance Compliance Association (1996).
- Past member of State of Utah, Department of Environmental Quality Ground Water Planning Conference Committee.
- Planning and Economic Development Division Manager, Tooele County Planning Division, (1991-present).
- City Planner, Grantsville City, (1992-1997) (2004-present).
- Authored chapter: Tooele County 2050 in the book, Utah 2050, (2003).
- Principle, Nicole L. Cline, AICP, planning consulting firm. (2004-present).
- Principle, Transamerica Development LLC. (2006-present)
- Member of the Toolbox Committee, Envision Utah.

#### Education

- Bachelor of Science - Urban Planning, University of Utah 1995.
- Associate in Applied Science - Aviation Maintenance Management, Pikes Peak Community College 1984.
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) 1996.
- Certified zoning enforcement officer, American Association of Code Enforcement (1995-present).
- Certified zoning inspector, International Code Council (1995-present).
- State of Utah, Peace Officer Standards and Training (1992-present).

#### Community Involvement

- Guest speaker at various seminars educating professionals on the values of ground water resource planning.
- Mentored several recent planning graduates.
- Volunteer locomotive fireperson, Golden Spike National Historic Site (2003-present).
- Volunteer fundraiser, Muscular Dystrophy Association 2006.

#### Position Statement

A key goal of the Utah Chapter of APA is to promote the education of professional and citizen planners. The Utah Chapter must fill the role as the professional organization for planning in the state of Utah. The chapter has many of the resources needed for continuing efforts to strengthen communication between APA and other professional and educational organizations. Utah chapter has the responsibility to provide the tools for education and outreach to planners, other professions and the general public on the planning profession and current planning issues. By providing educational and informational assistance to local communities the chapter can extend a service that will help increase membership and provide more services to our members. Increasing our membership should be a goal of the chapter. Continuing education for professional and citizen planners is critical because the profession is constantly evolving. The complexity of planning in the state of Utah with the recent changes in LUMDA requires that as a chapter we bring planning back into a context that is applicable to both urban and rural communities. The chapter can serve as a forum to discuss planning concepts and promote quality growth through outreach to

all areas of the state. With the experience in rural and urbanizing settings, my work in both private and public practice, working in an area with growth rates as high as 8% gives me a good understanding of the broad needs of our membership which will assist me in serving the members of the chapter. I have enjoyed the opportunity to bring rural planning to the forefront in the chapters programs and see so much more that can be done. I look forward to collaborating with the groups and organizations that can help serve the members, both current and future in the state of Utah.



**Phillip Hill, AICP**  
Candidate for  
President

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#### **Professional Experience**

- 2005 to Present – Community & Economic Development Director, City of Midvale
- 2000 to 2005 – City Planner, City of Midvale
- 1996 to 2000 – Staff Planner, City of West Jordan

#### **Education**

- MBA, Business Administration, University of Utah
- BS, Urban Planning, University of Utah

#### **Affiliations**

- Member, American Institute of Certified Planners (2001)
- Member, American Planning Association (1996)
- Awards Chair, Utah Chapter American Planning Association (2001)
- Member, Urban Land Institute (2002)
- Member, International Conference of Shopping Centers (2005)

#### **Position Statement**

During my tenure as the Awards Chair for the Utah Chapter, I have seen the chapter head in a positive direction under the leadership of Chuck Klingenstein. As Chuck steps down as President, I would enjoy the opportunity to lead the chapter. The chapter is enjoying growth in membership, standing in the professional community and increased activity in training and information sharing through the monthly luncheons. We have also seen the implementation of the electronic based newsletter and the creation of Chapter Administrator.

The biggest challenge of the immediate future for all of those engaged in planning throughout the state is that of training. With so many engaged in training efforts for the planning profession, including the ULCT, ULGT, ULI, U of U CAP and the UAPA, we need more than ever to pool our resources to provide a continuing education curriculum to our planners, planning commissioners and city council members. Now more than ever, with the passing of SB 60 and the introduction of SB 170, we need to ensure that our ordinances are in line with State Code and all of those who implement those ordinances are trained properly.

At the national level, we need to continue to push for more services from APA. While the local chapters are out drumming up members to the benefit of the national chapter, services back to those chapters are limited. We must remember that planning is a “grass roots” profession, and if we don’t build from the bottom up the efforts at the top will be fruitless.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity and the challenge of leading UAPA for the next two years.



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**John M Janson, AICP**  
Candidate for  
President

### Education

University of Utah, Bachelor of Science in Geography - 1975  
The Ohio State University, Master of City and Regional Planning, 1977

### Employment

Millard Consultants, vice president, 1977 -1978  
Master planning for various small communities  
Davis County Planning, planner, 1978 -1980  
Responsible for the planning needs Kaysville and Fruit Heights  
Hillside Ordinance, Community Design Handbook, Kaysville RDA  
West Valley City, Assistant Director of Community and Economic  
Development, 1980-to the present  
Long Range Planning emphasis, grants, CDBG, ordinance development  
Co-author of the Transfer of Development Rights, Sign, Mixed Use and other  
ordinances, City General Plan 1984, Vision 2020 Plan, Strategic Planning, and  
City Center Vision Plan. Project review, special projects, Special  
Improvement District project manager  
Pleasant View City, City Planner, 1996 - 2005  
Responsible for the planning needs of this semi-rural Weber County  
community, General Plan update, preservation alternatives, ordinance  
enhancements, project review  
Consulting planning work, "Planning Solutions," with Steve Pastorik AICP  
Davis County, Foothill Study, fall 2002  
Managed the public involvement portion of the Plan  
Kaysville City, 2003 - to the present. Various ordinances and project  
review, downtown priorities plan.  
Plain City, consulting planner, 2005 - to the present. Co-authored Plain City's  
first Planned Unit Development ordinance

### Associations

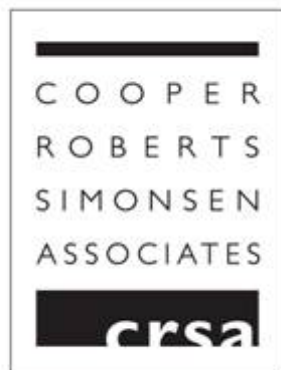
Past President of the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Past Professional Development Officer - Utah APA  
Past President of ASSIST - a non-profit community design coalition  
Past Board member Provo-Jordan River Parkway Authority  
Current Vice President Utah APA  
Various employee recognition awards from West Valley City

### Position Statement

Utah APA is an amazing, mostly volunteer organization. Chuck Klingenstein has done a fantastic job, by increasing communication and moving us forward over these last 6 years. We have had great conferences, hired a contract assistant to help with all the day to day work, reduced costs and improved our newsletter by going electronic, increased communication via the list serve, increased the opportunity for member interaction with monthly luncheons, improved our rural communities outreach, and lots of other stuff. I know he has an unfinished agenda to improve and coordinate the planning education opportunities for commissioners and elected officials, but with so many competing organizations, and the fact that this really is a volunteer responsibility, you can't do it all.

So, how do you follow up that track record and what still needs to be done?  
Here's my list:

1. Find out what you all think should be our priorities over the next few years. I think it is time for a simple survey via our list serve to help establish direction and evaluate how we are doing.



2. Improve and expand our committees – we have many committees that are composed of only one or two people. If we can get more members involved, greater advancement can be achieved.
3. Keep it going – maintenance of established programs is a big job and needs a constant, coordinated effort.
4. Explore the educational opportunities created by the new State Ombudsman legislation. Could that office spearhead a coordinated educational effort for the State as a whole?
5. Take the newsletter another step up by providing an educational series, focusing on good planning practices. We need to chip away at outdated ordinances and policies that cause some of the “horror stories” we have heard from the development community over this past year.
6. Coordinate a proactive effort to address the major development community complaints and issues before the 2007 Legislature convenes. Wilf, Neil, Ralph and the League of Cities and Towns, have done an incredible job this past session of heading off a very controversial SB 170. Although I thought we were in pretty good shape with the passage of LUDMA last year, apparently we are not. The development community has *at least* 6 central topics on their agenda including affordable housing, reasonable base densities, more administrative actions, timely processing of applications, making the General Plan more than advisory, and setting additional rules for citizen advanced referendum. To a certain extent, we cannot prevent extreme, offensive bills from being presented, since planners are not an elected “force” on the hill (and developers are), but we should have the ability to address issues in an open, collaborative process, that needs to be initiated right now.

I am currently the Vice President of Utah APA. I have a long history with the Chapter. I’d like to help continue the significant advancements achieved in the last few years. Vote for Pedro, oops, I mean JJ!

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**Aric Jensen**  
Candidate for Vice  
President

**Education**

B.U.S. Real Estate Development; University of Utah  
Graduate Certificate in Urban Planning; University of Utah

**Biography**

Mr. Jensen currently serves as the Director of Planning and Economic Development for Bountiful City, Utah. Past employers include West Jordan City, West Valley City, Davis County, and Centerville City.

**Leadership Experience**

Mr. Jensen serves, or has served, on several boards and committees in the following positions:

- Chairman; Bountiful Administrative Committee
- Chairman; WFRC Regional Open Space Subcommittee
- Board Member; Provo-Jordan River Parkway Authority
- Board Member; Davis Affordable Housing, Inc.
- Board Member/Webmaster; Utah-APA Executive Committee

**Position Statement**

I have served on the Utah APA Executive Committee for the past five years as the Chapter Webmaster, and have thoroughly enjoyed working with President Klingenstein and the other Committee Members. It has been a great experience and I recommend that all Chapter members make an effort to become involved as much as their circumstances will allow.

One of the primary responsibilities of our current Vice-President is to oversee membership and to encourage Chapter activities. As Vice-President I would continue the monthly lunchtime program, and in addition, I would work to establish activities oriented toward up-and-coming planners. Over the course of the next several years a large portion of the baby-boomer generation will be retiring, and it is extremely important that we begin to pass on our institutional knowledge to the next generation of leaders.

One of the major challenges of the Executive Committee is meeting the needs of both our rural and urban communities. I would like to thank everyone who has donated their time and money to make both our Spring and Fall Conferences such a success. As Vice-President I would continue to support both a Spring and a Fall Conference, and I would work with other organizations to establish a state-wide training program for public officials.

Our status as a non-profit organization limits our ability to become involved in politics. However, as Vice-President I would support our participation and involvement in planning-related discussions to the maximum extent allowed. I also believe that we should expand our outreach efforts, especially to members of the development community.

In conclusion, I have enjoyed serving for the past five years as the Chapter Webmaster, and I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the members of Utah APA for the next two years as Vice President.

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**George Ramjoue,  
AICP  
Candidate for Vice  
President**

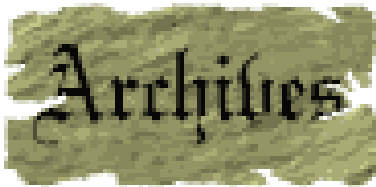
**Short Biography**

- Planning Manager for the Wasatch Front Regional Council
- 32 years in general and transportation planning field
- Past Planning Director for West Jordan, Utah, and Pocatello, Idaho
- Education: Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees - University of Utah
- Ph.D. work at Michigan State University and University of Utah
- Has served in APA Utah Chapter Board for 10 years
- Currently on Western Planning Resources, Inc. Board of Directors
- Member APA and AICP
- Hold a Utah Real Estate License

**Position Statement**

I think it is really important to stay involved in the APA as a professional planner. It is particularly important to contribute to the local chapter organization. I know this becomes difficult, since all of us are very busy. However, with proper time management, we can do it.

I think one of the most important things the Utah Chapter can do is to facilitate the continued education of the professional as well as the citizen planner. New planning techniques, tools, and state planning statutes are always changing, and for that reason we need to keep informed. There are many organizations that provide opportunities for planning education. However, there is very little if any coordinated effort relative to this issue. I think there is a role for the Chapter to play in this area in order to offer quality and pertinent educational opportunities (outside of the classroom) for both the citizen and professional planner in our state. I think this can only be done through a collaborative effort and the leadership role that the Utah Chapter can play.



**From the Archival  
Library**

From the August 1979  
Newsletter:

**New Planning Curriculum Approved**

On March 26, 1979 the Utah State Board of Regents approved a (B.S. and B.A.) baccalaureate degree program in Urban Planning at the University of Utah. The first degree will be awarded in June, 1980. The program will be inter-disciplinary in nature and guided by a Planning Program Committee composed of faculty from geography, economics, political science, civil engineering, leisure studies, social work and architecture. The Department of Geography will continue to administer the program. No new faculty or staff positions were included at this time.

This approval culminates ten years of urban planning program development on the University of Utah campus, primarily within the Department of Geography. AIP, assisted in approval of the program by their support at the university level. The certificate in planning and urban planning coursework at the graduate level will continue while the undergraduate program makes the transition to this new degree basis in 1979-1980.



## Aprils Luncheon



### April 10, 11:30 Design Review Boards - vs- Standards

**Please note:** April's luncheon will be held from **11:30 until 1 and not 12 to 1:30 as previously scheduled.** We hope this better fits your schedules. Please plan on arriving on time. Thank you.

April's Utah APA luncheon will address the subject of Design Review Guidelines. The speakers - Steve McCutchan, AICP, Blake McCutchan Design Principal and Soren Simonsen, AIA, AICP, CRSA Principal, will address subjects such as:

- When should a municipality consider developing and implementing Design Review Guidelines
- What elements and what level of detail should be included in a set of Design Review Guidelines
- How much detail should be placed in a set of Design Review Guidelines
- How to implement a set of Design Review Guidelines
- How to set up a Design Review Committee
- The pros and cons of having a Design Review Committee
- How to achieve meaningful public interaction and input in the Design Review process.

The luncheon will be held on Monday, April 10 beginning at 11:30 am and ending at 1:00 pm. We have been provided a unique location for the luncheon courtesy of Ivory Homes, their Club Ivory clubhouse facility at their new Ivory Crossing community in South Jordan. Ivory Crossing is located just east of the Bangerter Highway on 11400 South (11400 South 3030 West).

The luncheon costs \$10.00, which includes a box lunch and drink provided by Skool Lunch.

Sandwich choices are: Club, Roast Beef, Ham & Swiss, Chicken Cashew and Pastrami. Salad choices are: Chef Salad, Chicken Caesar and Garden Pasta. Drinks include Pepsi soda products, juices and bottled water. Please specify on your reservation the sandwich or salad you wish and the drink.

Payment will be made at the door.

Due to the size of the facility, seats at the luncheon are limited to fifty (50). Reservations will be taken on a first come basis. Reservations can be made by email to [stevem@blakemccutchan.com](mailto:stevem@blakemccutchan.com). A confirmation will be replied.



Looking for hosts for  
Spring Conferences  
2007 and 2008!

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Spring Conference 2007 or 2008 could be held in your town! The Small Cities/Rural Areas Committee is looking for locations for the 2007 and 2008 spring conferences. We have held the conference in St. George, Blanding, and Torry in the past years. We are looking to locate this conference in various areas of the state. As an added bonus, this conference can bring some tourism dollars into your area. This conference has historically drawn approximately 50 - 80 people. If your town, city or county is interested in hosting one of the conferences for 2007, 2008, etc, please email Nicole Cline at [ncline@co.tooele.ut.us](mailto:ncline@co.tooele.ut.us).



## Annual Treasurer's Report

Our annual financial report shows that APA Utah Chapter is healthy. Our account standings as of February, 2006, show a cumulative account valuation of \$40,482.72. Assets include \$20,815.02 in our checking account, \$5,640.85 in our Savings Account, and \$14,026.85 in a 6-month renewable bond. Total assets are up from \$34,036.46 on January 1, 2005. This is a total asset increase of 16% since last year. Overall, our total assets are much larger than they have been in previous years, and the Chapter is sitting on a substantial amount of money. One of the Executive Committee's next agenda items will be discussing how to spend some of this additional money to best serve the chapter. Ideas include the funding of a new outreach professor connected with the University of Utah to help educate communities and hopefully prevent another SB 170.

A large part of this increase has been the success of our Fall and Spring conferences over the last few years. The past four conferences have been well in the black, thanks to attendance and participation by members, and the generous support of corporate sponsors. The Fall Utah APA/Western Planner conference in 2005 was our largest conference in Chapter history and generated a total net income last year of over \$6,300. Additionally, the most recent spring conference, held in Torry, generated a total net income of nearly \$2,400. Our goal is to break even each year on the Spring Conference, so bringing in this much income is remarkable. Congratulations and thanks to those who organized what has probably been our most successful conference year ever.

Given the success and net revenues generated through our programs over the past year, the Executive Committee approved a 2006 Chapter budget in March. Our Budget in 2005 added a new line item cost for the funding of a Chapter Administrative Assistant, whom I hope you are all getting acquainted with. Mirinda Schiele has done a great job for the Chapter. Among her successes are higher than ever membership numbers and our new digital Chapter newsletter.

The approved budget for 2006 is based on a total revenue projection of \$37,374, which is higher than we have ever received in the past, but a reasonable goal given the success of the Chapter each year at meeting its projected revenue goals. Total expenses are projected at \$37,375. With the addition of a carryover from 2005, we have projected a balanced budget for this year. Membership is also up in the first quarter of 2006, which may mean a larger than projected dues income from APA, resulting in a slightly higher than expected rebate. Hopefully this trend will continue throughout the year. Other budget highlights that may be of interest:

- Largest projected income category is the Fall Conference at \$15,000 (40% of total income), followed by Dues at \$11,000 (29% of total income), and Spring Conference at \$4,500 (12% of total income)
- Largest projected expense categories are the Fall Conference at \$11,000 (29% of total expenses), Chapter Administrative Assistant at \$9,600 (26% of total expenses), Rural Community Outreach at \$4,500 (12% of total expenses), and the Spring Conference at \$3,000 (8% of total expenses).
- The total allocation of funds to member events, programs and outreach (including conferences, newsletters, web page, professional development, chapter programs, and chapter awards) represents a total of 64% of funding for this year, underscoring the commitment of resources that provide direct benefits to Chapter members. The majority of the remaining funding goes to our Chapter Administrative Assistant, another tremendous resource for the Chapter.

Overall, our total assets are much larger than they have been in previous years, and the Chapter is sitting on a substantial amount of money. One of the Executive

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Committee's next agenda items will be discussing how to spend some of this additional money to best serve the Chapter. Ideas include:

- The funding of a new outreach professor connected with the University of Utah to help educate communities and hopefully prevent another SB 170.
- Partner with the Utah Private Property Ombudsman to develop education programs
- Partner with the Utah Office of Planning and Budget to develop education programs

If anyone is interested in additional information, or a printed or electronic copy of the entire budget, please contact me at 801-355-5915 or email [laura@crsa-us.com](mailto:laura@crsa-us.com).

Very truly yours,

Laura Hanson  
Treasurer

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## Utah APA Spring Conference



Vernal, Utah  
May 17, 18, 19

We are finalizing plans for the Spring Conference and hope that it is in your plans also. The conference will be held in Vernal, Utah at the Western Park Convention Center. The conference will start on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 with a Golf outing at Dinaland Municipal Golf Course. Sessions start Thursday morning, May 18<sup>th</sup> and the day ends with an old-fashioned Dutch oven dinner at historic Main Park. Friday morning, May 19<sup>th</sup> you will find more great sessions and then the conference wraps up with lunch.

A detailed agenda has been emailed to your address of record. If you look it over I am sure you will find a session that interests you. The committee has worked hard to put together a conference to meet the needs of Utah's rural planners, but urban planners will find something useful as well.

A list of local lodging options has been sent out. If you don't have your room booked, get it quick. Springtime in Vernal can be beautiful and lots of people know it. If you need that list again, let us know at [utah-apa@utah-apa.org](mailto:utah-apa@utah-apa.org).

The conference ends with lunch on Friday so you will have plenty of time to see Dinosaur Land and visit Flaming Gorge or any of the other great local attractions.

Registration information will be available soon, watch your emails in box. If you have questions please feel free to contact this year's conference host: [crookedskyranch@excite.com](mailto:crookedskyranch@excite.com).

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**Planner Spotlight**  
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**Summit County**  
**Community Development**



*What did you set out to be and how did you come to be a planner? Or how did you find yourself in the position you are in today?*

I love geography, lived in China for a while and did a lot of traveling and study of the world, and as part of my geography major took a planning class. That was it, it was fascinating and I was hooked. In a rush since it was my last year of school, I crammed in all the planning classes I could fit. During my last semester, I interned for Provo City and from there moved into the position of Planning Technician. After a year and a half at Provo, I became a Planner I for Summit County, Utah.

*What do you love most about planning?*

The ability to encourage good development and work to improve bad development.

*What do you dislike most about planning?*

The bureaucracy and red tape.

*What have you done professionally that you are most proud of?*

Worked for a year as a cruise director in China on the Yangtze River, and worked hard to now speak Mandarin Chinese quasi-fluently.

*What is a typical day like? Or what tasks/activities take up most of your time?*

Many, many things. At work I spend a lot of time on the computer (sitting on an exercise ball for back strength) writing memos, staff reports, emails, and letters, but I also spend a lot of time in meetings, reviewing plans, attending/presenting at public hearings, and conducting site visits. After work, outdoor activities take up my time, most importantly competing in the sport of skeleton in the winter months and racing downhill mountain bikes in the summer. Camping, traveling, swimming, skiing & snowboarding, running with the dog, and other pursuits also swallow my time. Everyday includes some office work as well as an outdoor activity of some sort.

*What advice do you have to offer those following in your footsteps?*

Make time for yourself. Work is great, but it does not and should not define you. Ensure that you are comfortable with yourself rather than becoming your job. Have a balance of pursuits, both work related and NON-work related. Also, leave work at work. As soon as you walk out the door, STOP thinking about it and don't dwell on it until you walk back through the door for the next workday.

*What topic would you like advice on from those who have gone before you?*

How to work within the system without compromising your values.

*If you had to choose another profession, what would it be?*

International development.

*What inspires you?*

Those who set goals and then work consistently to reach them, who constantly challenge themselves and never become satisfied with the status quo.

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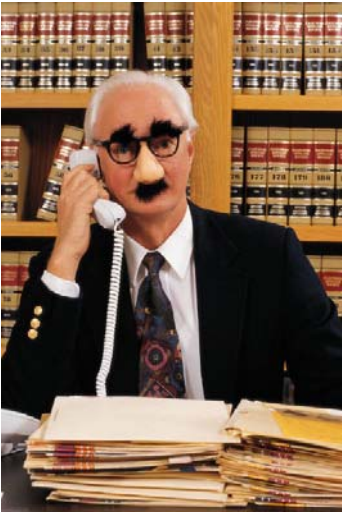
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**Funny of the month Contest!**  
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**Funny of the Month**

The Northern California Chapter came up with these APA twists on Mother Goose. Can Utah do better? Or at least as well? Send me your APA mother goose rhyme (it doesn't actually need to rhyme). If your submittal is chosen for publication in the Utah Planner you will win a Utah APA hat or t-shirt. Send your funny to [utah-apa@utah-apa.org](mailto:utah-apa@utah-apa.org). Good luck!

Tired of dealing with children and childish adults, and ever concerned about the environment, Mother Goose went back to school and earned a planning degree. She did marvelously in the field; her succinct council reports winning doubters over to her recommendations. Buoyed by success, M. Goose revamped many of her nursery rhymes. Following are previously unpublished, updated versions of her old classics, along with the names of her assistants.



**HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK (ANNE BURNS)**  
Hickory, dickory, dock;  
The mouse ran up the clock;  
Wait a minute ...  
Where's the Certificate of Occupancy?

**THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT (WENDY COSIN)**  
This is the house that Jack built (without permits).  
This is the notice of violation that was  
Posted on the house that Jack built without permits.

This is the use permit application that was filed in response to  
The notice of violation that was  
Posted on the house that Jack built without permits.

This is the letter from the neighbors  
Opposing the use permit application  
That was filed in response to  
The notice of violation that was  
Posted on the house that Jack built without permits.

**THE ITSY BITSY SPIDER (WENDY COSIN)**  
The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the water  
spout,  
Down came the rain and washed the spider  
out,  
This is a very serious problem because  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination  
System  
(NPDES) requirements prohibit water  
spouts.

**JACK AND JILL 1 (GISÈLE SORENSEN)**  
Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of  
water.  
The toxics guys said that's not wise  
And closed down the well.

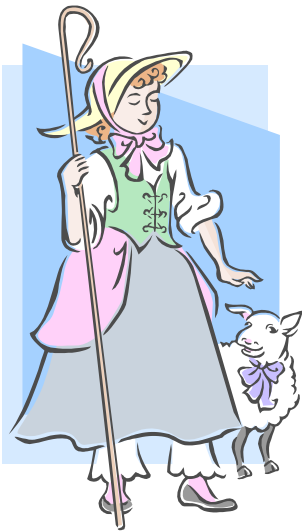
**JACK AND JILL 2 (STEVE ROSS)**



Jack and Jill went up the hill,  
 To fetch a pail of water;  
 Jack fell down, and broke his  
 crown,  
 And Jill came tumbling after.  
 Jill decided that the hill was a  
 hazard,  
 And not ADA-compliant;  
 So off Jill went, and hired a  
 lawyer.  
 They sued the city to grade a safe  
 ramp to the well,  
 But then the well was  
 Landmarked! Oh, well!



**LITTLE BO-PEEP (WENDY COSIN)**  
 Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,  
 And can't tell where to find them;  
 Leave them alone, and they'll come home,  
 But there better not be more of them than allowed by the zoning ordinance.



**MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY (WENDY COSIN)**  
 Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
 How does your garden grow?  
 Probably not that well,  
 Now that there is a five-story  
 Apartment building next door

**PAT-A-CAKE, PAT-A-CAKE (ANNE BURNS)**  
 Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,  
 Baker's man!  
 Bake me a cake ...  
 Wait; is that a conforming use in this district?

**RIDE A COCK HORSE (GISÈLE SORENSEN)**  
 Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross  
 To see a fine lady upon a white horse.  
 With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes,  
 She shall make music wherever she goes.  
 But only in accordance with the city noise ordinance,  
 And providing she first obtains a special events permit.

**THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN (WENDY COSIN)**  
*There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.  
 She had so many children, she didn't know what to do.  
 She applied for a use permit to make her shoe larger.  
 But the zoning adjustment board said "no,"  
 And made the following findings:  
 The shoe is too close to a creek, and  
 The expansion would block views from neighboring shoes.*



**Don't forget to Vote!**  
 Ballots will be mailed in early  
 April. Cut in half, mark the boxes, add a stamp, and mail.



A charrette is something of a buzzword in planning these days. Many new plans for communities start off with a charrette. But, what is a charrette and how can a planner make one happen for their community? Over the last month several

## What is a charrette?

Elisa Hamblin

students at the University of Utah have had the opportunity to participate in planning charrettes for classes and as an activity for the Utah Planning Student Organization (UPS0).

Firstly, we must understand what a charrette truly is. Charrette is French for 'little cart.' These little carts were used to collect final architectural drawings at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris. Today, a charrette is typically between four and eight days and ends with concrete designs. The term is often misused, however, and should not be used for any public meeting. A true charrette lasts a few days and ends with a definite conclusion.



What is beneficial about a charrette is the chance to get people from diverse backgrounds together to discuss their ideas for the community. Participants can range from political representatives, to planners, to business owners, to the concerned community member. Rather than ideas being presented to people in a formal setting, they are grouped together in a small group and asked to present their ideas. Often the people that operate in the community from day to day are the ones with the most instinctive knowledge of what needs to change. They may need a little coaxing, but the participants often have valuable knowledge that can assist in improvements.

The activities that take place at a charrette can range from brainstorming, drawing, discussion and other design techniques. Recently students in the Graduate Workshop Course conducted a charrette to serve various communities on the West Side of Salt Lake City. One group that was focused on serving youth in their area had them rip and tear images from magazines and then talk about them. Students in another group had participants draw park ideas and rate streetscapes from other communities. Another group that was focused on a community garden had local residents draw ideas for how the space should be used. The outcomes from the charrette were invaluable to students that needed to know what real people thought about the places in which they live, work and play.

The UPS0 is hosting several charrettes during the spring semester to bring students together and get their creative juices flowing. Although not a true charrette, because of their one-day time frame, they have helped students to get together and talk about the issues that are important to them. In this way, a charrette can also serve as a tool to bring people together and become more invested in their community (in this case a student community).



A charrette can be a very valuable experience for any community. As such, if your community has a planning problem that is in need of public input, a charrette may be a good solution. A small warning though, a charrette is a hard process. It takes careful preparation and is exhausting in its intensity. But, if done correctly a charrette could be a major benefit for your community.



## Plan on it!

**April 10, 11:30~** Design Review Boards versus Standards  
**April 12-** Audio Conference, Design Graphics for Planning  
**April 22-26~** APA National Conference; San Antonio, Texas  
May 8, 12:00~ Redevelopment Lessons in Ogden City  
May 12-14~ Innovative Ideas For a New West; Sopris Foundation, Aspen, CO [www.soprisfoundation.org](http://www.soprisfoundation.org)  
May 18-19~ Spring Conference; Vernal, Utah  
June 12, 12:00~ BRT versus LRT  
June 14-15~ Land Use Law After the four Supreme Court Decisions of 2005; AICP sponsored workshop; Chicago, Illinois  
June 14-15~ Paying for economic development; Lincoln institute of Land Policy; Chicago, Illinois  
June 16-17~ Growing Green, Achieving Sustainability; AICP sponsored workshop; Chicago, Illinois  
June 16-17~ Tax policies and techniques that support planning; Lincoln institute of Land Policy; Chicago, Illinois  
July 10, 12:00~ Ordinance Writing tips  
August 14, 12:00 Chambers, BIDs and Planning  
September 27-29~ Fall Conference Provo, Utah  
October 9, 12:00~ Monster Homes, Trophy Homes and your neighborhood  
November 13, 2006, 12:00~ Creating Community Identity  
December 11, 2006, 1:00~ Customer Service

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