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APA-RI Annual Meeting

Friday, October 26, 2023

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by RI APA Chapter Treasurer

Glenn Modica, AICP

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RI

FY24 Adopted APA-RI BUDGET

FY 2024 ADOPTED BUDGET

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Membership | \$4,300.00 |
| Programs | \$200.00 |
| Social Events | \$2,300.00 |
| SNEAPA | \$12,000 (\$6,711 income 2022; 2023 income TBD) |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$18,800.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Social Events | \$5,000.00 |
| Programs | \$1,000.00 |
| President's Travel | \$5,000.00 |
| General Business | \$5,189.00 |
| Membership Development & Outreach | \$1,010.00 |
| Professional Development | \$1,600.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$18,799.00 |

BALANCE

\$1.00

Account Balances



Checking 2023

- Checking Balance- January 1
 - \$45,836.23
 - Did not include \$18K paid out for SNEAPA 2022
- Checking Balance- October 26
 - \$26,645.57

Savings 2023

- Savings Balance- January 1
 - \$3,845.87
- Savings Balance- October 26
 - \$3,847.14

Oct. '23 Current Bank Balance Total = \$30,492.71

Major Chapter Expenses

SNEAPA 2022

- Distribution of proceeds to CT & MA= \$18,000 (Occurs in early 2023)

General Businesses Expenses

- RI League of Cities and Towns affiliation
- APA-RI Chapter website platform/support (no more!) Insurance policy and tax accountant services



Future Fundraising Needs

- Continued to expand membership in the RI Chapter (good progress made in last two years)
- Improve sponsorship fundraising
- Improve attendance at social events





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Chapter Highlights from 2023



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Professional Development

- Provided CM credits to Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (CAMP) for the Nat'l Alliance of Preservation Commissions (3/29/23 and 10/28/23)
- Lunch & Learn on the APA "Equity Guide" (4/28/23)
- Provided CM credits for the RI Flood Mitigation Association Conference (5/25/23)
- Lunch & Learn Ethics session (9/22/23)
- Co-hosted two Planners' Roundtable Discussions on new legislation (6/2/23 and 9/7/23)
- In 2022, APA RI provided CM credits for SNEAPA in PVD
- To date, almost 12,000 planners have attended our previously recorded sessions
- AICP exam- One new accredited RI planner in 2023



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Events/Programming

- Award's Party- Park Theatre- January 2023
- Planner Meet-up- The Guild, PVD Pedestrian Bridge (May 2023)
- Summer Social –North Beach Club in Narragansett (August 2023)
- Park(ing) Day- September 2023
- Chapter Breakfast- SNEAPA 2023





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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Vision

“More just, equitable communities that enable opportunity, quality of life, and a sense of belonging for all RI residents and visitors, supported by a more diverse planning profession.” *[under review by committee membership]*

Activities

- Met with Massachusetts’ APA Chapter EDI members.
- Hosted Lunch & Learn on APA’s “Equity Guide.”
- Developed list of possible work items for municipal & professional education.
- Seeking to draft foundational principles (similar to chapter’s legislative principles).
- Organized two SNEAPA ‘23 sessions: “Zoning for Equity in Action” and “EDI in the Private Sector.”
- Developed “Resources on Equity in Land Use Planning,” available on our website.
- Held a meeting with the Charrette Charter School in Providence.

We are always looking for more committee members!



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Awards

Annual Topics:

- Excellent Plan
- Excellence in Plan Implementation
- Paul Davidoff Award - Advancing Diversity & Social Change
- Student Award
- Dan Varin Memorial Leadership Award
- Propose your own category!!





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Awards

- Nominations (typically due in mid-November will be due in mid-December since we're getting a late start this year).
- Nomination Form will be available soon!
- Awards announced in January 2024 (a month late due to late start)
- Awards Party (TBD for circa April 2024).





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Membership



Total membership of 231 (104 chapter-only, 127 national)

- Increase from last year! (213)
- Twelve Planning Board chapter-only memberships
- Added five new planning boards after email sent in September
- Weekly e-news available only to members
- Increased chapter only rates to \$35 (from \$25) to be more in line with other chapters



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Legislative

- Thirty-five+ member Legislative Committee, which includes representation from the RI League of Cities and Towns.

More help is ALWAYS needed and welcome!

- Work with Statewide Planning, RILOCAT, GrowSmart RI, and others to monitor bills and form alliances for testimony.
- Many letters of support and opposition were filed this past year.
- Actively working with senators and representatives to have a seat at the table.
- Significant package of housing bills passed last session, further amendments to land development law may be coming in the 2024 session



Elections

Executive Board elections took place this year.

- Susan Mara of Weston & Sampson was elected President-elect.
- Glenn Modica and Stacy Wasserman were re-elected to the positions of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Beginning December 1, 2023:

- Roberta Groch will assume the Presidency for the next two years.
- Ashley Sweet will become Past President.
- Jeff Davis will rotate off after six great years of leadership!



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We have a new website!

RI.Planning.org

- Went live on October 1, 2023
- Platform is provided by APA National and it's free!

WELCOME TO APA RHODE ISLAND

Welcome!

APA RI IS ONE OF 47 CHAPTERS AND 21 DIVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

We are a non-profit public interest and research organization dedicated to urban, suburban, regional and rural planning. With over 150 members, APA RI is made up of planners at all government levels,





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Who is on the APA-RI Board?

President: **Ashley Sweet, AICP**

Past President: **Jeff Davis, AICP**

President-Elect: **Roberta Groch, AICP**

Treasurer: **Glenn Modica**

Secretary: **Stacy Wasserman**

Elections Officer: **Michael DeLuca, AICP**

Professional Development Officer: **Al Ranaldi, AICP**



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Who is on the APA-RI Board?

Membership Coordinator: **Rachel Selsky, AICP**

Legislative Liaison: **Jane Weidman, AICP**

Legislative Co-Chair: **Maria Mack**

Awards Chair: **Herb Durfee, AICP**

SNEAPA rep: **Jason Parker, AICP**

Events: **Sarah Ingle**

EDI Chairs: **Annette Bourne and MJ Bull**

Programs: ***Vacant***

Other Board Members:

Appointed by the
Executive Board, as
needed



Our Strategic Plan: *APA-RI 2026 (2021)*

Eight core values:

- Improve our reputation among policy makers.
- Make equity, diversity, and inclusion a top priority.
- Maintain strong and consistent communications.
- Educate and inform local decision makers about planning.
- Promote opportunities for members to socialize with one another.
- Provide opportunities for life-long learning for members.
- Seek grants and sponsorships to expand our work and effectiveness.
- Maximize the value of being a paid member of the Chapter.



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How can APA RI be more effective?

Housing?

Legislation?

Transportation?

Technical assistance?

Other?

How can APA RI grow as an organization?

- Increase membership
- More involvement with legislation
- Partner with like-minded organizations and groups
- Provide more information and/or events for education and social interaction

We need you!



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Thank you!