

APA-PA SW Meeting 4-17-19

Attendance: Laura, Corey, Jordan (phone), Daniel, Jeff, Rhiannon (phone), assortment of IUP students, faculty, and staff

Spring Workshop Recap

- Energy planning and local governance
- 40-42 people in attendance
- \$620.29 in registration fees collected
- Colin Kelly did some analysis of the evaluation sheets, which were passed around and also emailed
- People loved the venue and the food
- Lessons learned
 - Better outreach with partner organizations – ex. ask the speakers to promote the event and reach out to folks like Sustainable Pittsburgh and others to put in their newsletters
 - Was there enough appetite for the topic?
 - Better outreach within our own networks
 - Location? Is it still best to have workshops downtown since it is more centrally located?
- Send formal thank you to sponsors – Laura will do this.
- Send thank you to event attendees via Robly/social media with photos
- Still actually waiting to receive the \$500 from West Penn Power – Once we receive, Laura will send them a thank you letter.

Fall Workshop

- Tiny homes
- Focus on land use/zoning policy and regulation? Building codes too?
- Corey is nervous because everything is a mess in this municipality (Penn Hills)
- Think of a plan B (just in case)
- Our section should drive the curriculum. What do we want to accomplish?
- Cranberry Twp. has an ordinance and other places do, so we can keep the topic but may not have a site visit if the development is not yet under construction

IUP Workshop

- IUP is looking into hosting an AICP test prep for folks in Western PA (anyone could attend throughout the state though too!)
- IUP would ideally like to host two AICP Prep Sessions per year since the AICP exam is offered twice per year – August for the November exam and January for the May exam
- This is something the SW Section would co-sponsor with IUP and would also assist to market and promote the events
- IUP is also willing to host other trainings or workshops as needed for the SW Section on its main campus at the Kovalchick Center or at the Monroeville Campus

Mentorship

- Overview of mentorship program
- Send info out via email to get feedback
- Launch in August?

PDO

- Still need one. They have to work in local government (county or municipality).
- Send out an e-mail to see if anybody is interested.

Other Committees

- Still need a rep for statewide legislative committee. Corey is interested in becoming our rep for this committee.

Next Meeting

- Laura will send Doodle poll. Next meeting at SPC? Or maybe Cranberry?

Anything Else?

- Draft email for Rhiannon to send out about mentorship program.