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## Note from Paula Dennison, President of APA OK

A Year's Worth...

WOW, this year has flown by, especially since there was such a learning curve for me in assuming the President post and with the positions to be filled on the Board.

So, here's a brief recap - and it is not over...we are still making extreme progress.

Newsletter. What a fantastic way to communicate with the entire membership and to have the membership participate. Keep sending in pictures and articles to Board member, Jennifer Gates. Also, we would like to hear your thoughts on the newsletter, so drop a note to any Board member.

CM unlimited opportunities and partnerships. The Board continues to grow our partnerships through the offering of CMs at no cost to another entity. We have partnered with ODEQ, OML, and Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition so far and there are many more identified the future.

Awards. APA Oklahoma is re-establishing the planning awards program. 2015 is the first year for applications which are coming out soon. Please be thinking of those plans, projects, citizen planners and planning student you wish to nominate for an award.

Quad-state conference. Every 3 years, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have agreed to hold a quad-state conference in place of each of our annual conferences. The 2015 conference is scheduled for Oct 21-23 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City. This conference theme is "Planning: What We Do Matters". If you are interested in presenting a session, please let me know or stay tuned for the call for presenters.

Finally, your APA Oklahoma Board is fully filled. If you haven't met your Board members, feel free to do so as we represent you, the membership. A full listing is found at: <http://www.okplanning.org/board-of-directors.html>.

Plan On, Oklahoma!

Sincerely,

Paula J. Dennison, AICP

APA Oklahoma President



# SAVE THE DATE

**October 21-23, 2015**  
Westin Crown Center  
Kansas City, Missouri

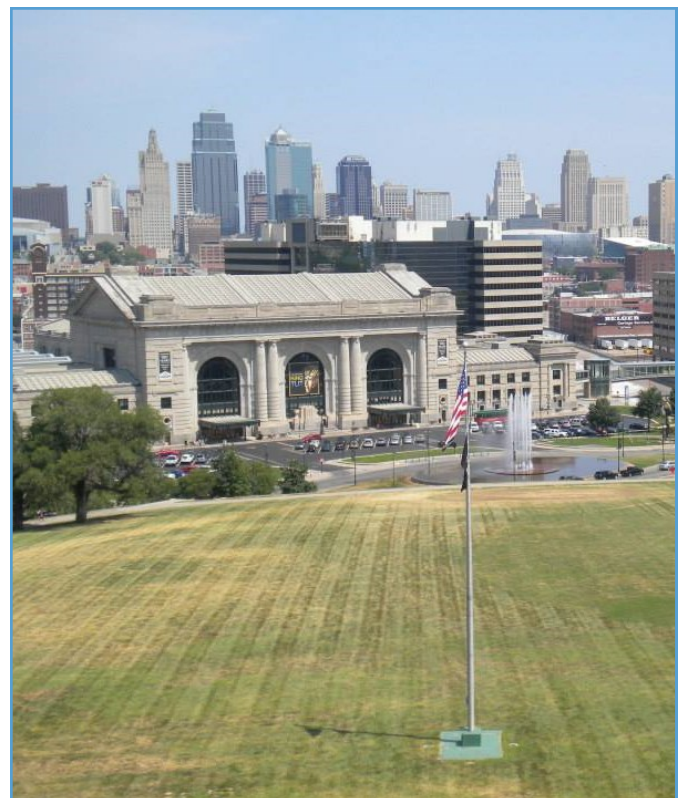
Planning:  
What we do  
**MATTERS.**



## Quad State Conference: Save the Date!

October 21-23, planners from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas will come together in Kansas City, MI for a conference to remember. With the theme, Planning: *What we do Matters*, expect many interesting sessions that explore many elements of planning that are affecting our communities big and small, rural and urban. Plan now to attend this conference. You will not want to miss it!

More information will be available soon! Please keep checking back on our [website](#) and on the [OKAPA Conference facebook page](#) and the [Quad State facebook page](#).



## Return of the OKAPA Awards

The OKAPA Board is please to announce the return of the OKAPA Awards. Starting June 1st through July 10th, OKAPA Awards Committee will be accepting nominations for the 2015 Awards. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- ◆ Outstanding Public Outreach, Program, Project, Tool, Community Initiative
- ◆ Outstanding Plan
- ◆ Outstanding Citizen Planner
- ◆ Outstanding Student Project
- ◆ Great Neighborhood, Street, or Public Space

The committee has designed the award categories, eligibility requirements, and nomination submittals to mirror the National APA Awards program to streamline the process for award winners to submit for the national award.

Award category descriptions and submittal requirements are available now on the [OKAPA website](#). **Start preparing your nomination now!**

A jury of planners from Oklahoma and Arkansas will be reviewing all nominations and selecting winners in August. Winners will be notified ahead of time and be recognized at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Quad State Conference in October in Kansas City.

For questions regarding the awards program contact Jennifer Gates at [jgates@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:jgates@cityoftulsa.org).



If you are going to the National APA Conference this week you will have an opportunity to bid on this picture as a fundraiser for the Planning Foundation. This picture was provided to represent Oklahoma and was taken by Shane Hampton in Oklahoma City last year after severe weather.

## Jobs and Events Needed

Do you have a planning job open in your community that you would like OKAPA to post? Do you have an event, workshop, training, or conference of interest to Oklahoma Planners you would like OKAPA to post?

OKAPA is now accepting jobs and events to post on our website and facebook page. If you have not viewed our new website recently we now have a calendar page and an available jobs page.

## Articles and Images Needed

We would like to hear from you about the great things going on in your community! Please share your images and interesting projects with fellow planners in Oklahoma in our quarterly newsletter! Contact Jennifer Gates at [jgates@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:jgates@cityoftulsa.org).

## Interested in Joining Our Board?

The following positions will be on the ballot for election this year:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- At-Large Director position 2
- At-Large Director position 3

If you are interested in joining our Board please let us know! Nominations will be accepted starting May 1st. Members will vote in August and the results will be announced in September.

Thank you to our 2015 Nominating Committee for volunteering: James Wagner, PDO, INCOG, Susan Miller, INCOG, and Aaron Baggarly, City of Stillwater.

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