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## **Note from Susan Connors, President of APA OK**

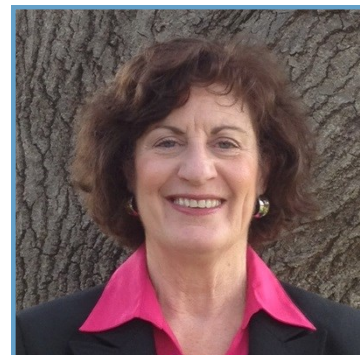
As 2017 is well underway, so are the plans for our next State conference to be held October 8, 9 and 10 in Claremore, OK. Jill Ferenc, AICP the City Planner in Claremore is heading up the planning for the conference and needs people to help who are located in that part of the State. Please contact her if you are interested in helping with that event. Her contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

I hope to see some of you in New York at the National APA conference. I am always refreshed by the many new ideas that I am able to experience at the national conference.

In the first quarter of this year our Plan4Health grant program project that was funded through APA was completed. Our program was titled Pathways to Health and was a local non-profit coalition designed to ensure the goals of the Tulsa County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by leveraging resources across the community to more effectively and efficiently target strategies to improve health. Through the Plan4Health grant, Pathways to Health was able to secure the opportunity to fund two positions at the Tulsa Health Department: a Shared Use Specialist and a Chronic Disease Epidemiologist. Both individuals participate in the CHIP alliance workgroups: the Shared Use Specialist in the Food Environment group and the Chronic Disease Epidemiologist in the Built Environment group. Thank you to the organizers and participants in this very successful and well-designed project.

We are looking for people to run for several positions opening on our Board in 2018. The elections are this summer, but we need to identify candidates by May 10th to stay on the APA Consolidated Election Schedule. The open positions include Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer and At-large Positions #2 and #3. Being part of the Board helps to keep the planning profession relevant and strong in Oklahoma. Please consider being a part of our Board.

Susan F. Connors, AICP  
APA Oklahoma President



## 2017 OKAPA Conference

It's Conference Planning Time Again!

The Oklahoma APA Board selected the City of Claremore, Oklahoma, as the host for the 2017 Oklahoma APA Conference, October 8-10, 2017. Conference attendees will experience “clearly more” in Claremore.



If you are interested in presenting at a session, gather your topic as a Call for Presentations is coming soon. Sessions provide great opportunities for you to “show your stuff” and to aid planners in other communities/areas who may be experiencing similar situations.

We want to again thank all the many individuals, sponsors and organizations who made the 2016 conference such a huge success. Here's to the 2017 conference!

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## Oklahoma APA Board Elections

Nominations are being taken for the following Oklahoma APA Board positions:

Vice-President/President Elect

Treasurer

At-Large Director #2

At-Large Director #3

Terms are for 2 years, beginning January 1, 2018. The Vice-President/President Elect assumes the office of President at the end of the VP/President Elect 2-year term.

If you are interested in continuing to Make Oklahoma Great and in growing your Oklahoma APA Chapter, please contact Paula at [pdennison@stillwater.org](mailto:pdennison@stillwater.org) before May 10th. Thanks, in advance, for your service.

Oklahoma APA 2017 Nominating Committee  
Paula J. Dennison  
LouAnna Munkers  
Brent Isaacs

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## 2017 OKAPA Awards Program

Our 2017 OKAPA Awards Program is opening soon with deadline for nominations by mid-July, 2017. The 2017 OKAPA Awards Dinner will be held at the Oklahoma Planning Conference in Claremore.

Information on award categories and the nomination forms, as well as past winners, is found here: [OKAPA Awards](#)

Also, for information about APA's Great Public Spaces and Streets, visit [www.planning.org/greatplaces](http://www.planning.org/greatplaces).



**Coalition Name: Pathways to Health, Tulsa County**

**Organizational Members of Coalition.** Pathways to Health is a local non-profit coalition designed to ensure the goals of the Tulsa County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by leveraging resources across the community to more effectively and efficiently target strategies to improve health. Membership is comprised of local elected officials, business leaders, leaders from local health and hospital systems, education partners and many non-profit partners such as the YMCA. Through the Plan4Health grant, Pathways to Health secured funding of two positions at the Tulsa Health Department: a Shared Use Specialist and a Chronic Disease Epidemiologist (CDE).

**Target Community.** The target communities for the Plan4Health project in Tulsa focused on two main communities and their respective geographies: Tulsa County residents and the four largest school districts entirely or partially in Tulsa County: Broken Arrow Public Schools, Union Public Schools, Tulsa Public Schools and Jenks Public Schools

**Community Action Plan (CAP) Strategies**

- 1) To ensure sustainability of recognizing public health in the built environment, a Chronic Disease Epidemiologist will participate in city development and planning meetings.
  - Reach Number: 380 with the CDE attending 19 various local city development and planning meetings, city councils, planning commissions, planning review committees, technical advisory committees and small project workgroups.
- 2) To reduce barriers to physical activity and nutrition, community partnerships will expand the use of Shared Use Agreements and implement a Food Forest.
  - Reach Number: 335,212 where Food Forests were implemented in targeted ZIP codes with the population totals summed to estimate the reach number (35,062); shared use agreements were made with all four public school districts with estimates based on total populations living within a 1/2 mile radius of a designated shared use place to play (300,150).
- 3) To increase communications regarding health equity, Pathways to Health will engage in cross sector collaboration and conduct 'health in all policies' educational activities.
  - Reach Number: 152,590 through individuals participating in the launch of the Tulsa County CHIP (100) and visiting the website (273) through February 23, 2017; includes news media viewership of the launch event (152,217).

**Project in Pictures**

Online Arc GIS map. [Places to Play Map](#)

Marketing materials

[Tulsa County Community Health Improvement Plan](#)

Tulsa County Community Health Improvement Plan [At-a-Glance](#)

Video. Pathways to Health LiveStories [page](#) and video

To learn more, visit Pathways to Health at [Pathways to Health](#)

## Become a Certified Planner!

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CONGRATS to our most recently Certified Planners:  
Justin Debruin, Kathryn Friddle, Shane Hampton,  
Justin Henry, Megan Ryan, Stuart Sandidge, and  
Mark Zitzow



We have a new PDO...Charlie Warnken, AICP.  
Charlie stepped-in as PDO when Jennifer Gates  
notified the Board she was leaving Oklahoma.

THANK YOU, Charlie!



## Where in the US is it?

Hint: Host for 2017 NPC!



Last Newsletter Answer:  
Claremore, OK

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