



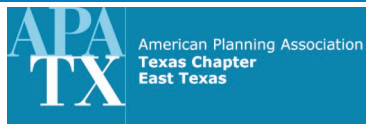
## Professional Development

The national professional Institute within the American Planning Association which has as its central mission the professional development and certification of its members. In pursuit of this mission, AICP establishes professional standards, educational requirements, and professional ethics, and is an advocate in behalf of professional planners. Source: American Planning Association

The purpose of the East Texas Section is to provide for enhanced training and educational opportunities, to increase exposure to the Texas APA leadership, and to promote contact with area planning professionals in the East Texas region.

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Check [www.txplanning.org](http://www.txplanning.org) for upcoming events.



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## Upcoming Events

- Annual East Texas Section Meeting  
Lufkin, Texas \* Thursday, September 29, 2011  
5:30 p.m. @ Ralph and Kacoo's - The Seafood Restaurant  
3107 South 1st Street (Hwy 59 S)  
Drinks and appetizers provided
- 2011 APA Texas Conference  
Austin, Texas \* October 5th - 7th  
AICP members earn CM credits (47 sessions and four workshops eligible for credit)  
Registration fee required
- Planners Training Service  
Fort Worth, Texas \* November 9-12, 2011  
AICP members earn CM |14 credits  
Register at <http://www.planning.org/pts/registration.htm>.
- Planning Webcast Series (Sponsored by Chapters, Divisions, and Universities)  
November 10 - New Energy Economy  
December 2 - Wasted Love:  
The Irresistible Benefits of Regional Food Waste Planning  
December 9 - Blue Urbanism  
Register at [www.txplanning.org](http://www.txplanning.org)  
Cost: Free



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## 2011 APA Texas Conference



## October 5-7

Please join us for the  
2011 APA Texas Chapter  
Annual Conference  
in Austin, Texas!

The Conference will be held at the  
Hilton Hotel in downtown Austin.

All 47 SESSIONS and the  
four Workshops have been approved  
for CM credits!

Go to [www.txplanning.org](http://www.txplanning.org)  
for more details!

## Election and Bylaw Amendment Results

Dear Fellow East Texas Planners,



It's been my honor to serve as your Section Director for the past two years. I now turn over the reins to a very competent planner, Stephanie Rollings, who will serve as your Section Director for the next two years.

The reason I worked to create a section specifically for East Texas planners was so we could have more opportunities to get together and help each other with the challenges unique to East Texas.

During our initial two years, we offered 10 meetings and social events and four (free!) CM events. I've enjoyed getting to know you and finding ways for us to work together for the betterment of our region.

We've now held two elections and I'm pleased to announce that the recent elections resulted in overwhelming support for our state required two year officer terms. I know it's a lot to ask of a small section, but the job is fun and does not involve a huge time commitment.

Now for the results of the officer elections:



Section Director Elect  
Heather Nick



Director of Professional  
Development  
Larissa Philpot, AICP



Director of Finance  
Angela Choy



Director of  
Communications  
Dorothy Wilson, AICP

My congratulations to all who offered to serve in this volunteer capacity. We had lively interest this year in the voting and appreciate sincerely the willingness of all of you to stay involved and help our communities and our profession grow.

Sincerely,

Barbara Holly, AICP



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## Inhofe-Coburn deal aids Senate passage of transportation bill— Tulsa World, 2011-09-16

Sept. 16--WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Senate gave final congressional approval Thursday to a stopgap measure on aviation and highway programs after Sen. Jim Inhofe helped broker a deal involving fellow Oklahoma Republican Tom Coburn.

Approved by a 92-6 vote, the bill now headed for President Barack Obama's signature averts another partial shutdown for Federal Aviation Administration workers.

The FAA faces that deadline on Friday.

"Righteousness prevailed," Inhofe said after voting for passage. "This extension will ensure that no FAA workers will be furloughed tomorrow in Oklahoma or anywhere in the nation."

Inhofe, the state's senior senator and a top player on transportation

issues in Congress, announced the deal allowing the vote on the bill but shared credit with Coburn.

"This is a team effort between Coburn and myself, and it was successful," he said.

Inhofe said the agreement covers an opt-out provision to be inserted into the next transportation bill allowing states to avoid spending federal dollars on so-called enhancement projects such as bike paths. Instead,

**Under the legislation, funding is extended for the FAA another four months and another six months for the Federal Highway Administration.**

he said, states could use that money on environmental mitigation.

Coburn had targeted the spending on enhancement projects and was threatening to hold up the bill, which already had been passed by

the House.

Under Senate rules and procedures,

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one senator can delay the chamber's business.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had heaped criticism on Coburn's tactics, but Coburn said he would not give in.

With the House already gone, Inhofe said he went to the floor and worked out the agreement with Coburn and Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"We had already been talking about that," said Inhofe, who serves as that committee's ranking member and agrees with Coburn that states should not be required to spend federal dollars on enhancement projects.

"Coburn got what he wanted. I got what I wanted. It's a happy ending."

Boxer described the time as a "crucial moment" for the 1.8 million workers and the thousands of businesses that depend on a strong transportation bill.

"There were needless delays, but in the end the Senate showed it was willing to do the right thing," she said. Reid agreed.

"We can accomplish so much when we work together," he said. "Today, Democrats and Republicans voted overwhelmingly to make sure that 74,000 aviation workers and nearly 2 million construction workers will stay in their jobs."

Coburn, who voted no on the bill, did not respond to a request for a comment.

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## Message from the Incoming 2011-2013 Section Director



The time has come for the new Director of our East Texas Section to move in to place. We say to Barbara Holly,

thank you for your leadership through the beginning stages of creating our own East Texas Section. She did a great job and we all hope she is elected to serve the Texas Chapter and represent us at the State level.

I am very excited to serve this Section and I welcome any suggestions or comments we can build upon to make our Section even more successful this year. I am looking forward to visiting with you all at the State Conference in October!

See you in Austin!

*Stephanie Rollings*

Stephanie Rollings  
2011-2013 Section Director

## Debunking the Cul-de-Sac

By: Emily Badger, *The Atlantic Cities*  
Descend from 40,000 feet into just about any major metropolitan airport in the United States, and patterns of the trajectory of American life over the last century become clearly visible. Old urban cores are etched out in tight grids modeled off a sheet of graph paper. Further out, all those neat lines and right angles begin their curling meander into suburbia. Sparsely populated roads loop through the countryside in an odd geometry designed around the residential real estate dream of post-war America: a cul-de-sac for every family.

"I think it's a missed opportunity when I'm flying and I can't look out the window and see what the patterns are," says Norman Garrick, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Connecticut.

This is where it's most apparent – from an airplane window – that American ideas ...

[Click here](http://www.theatlanticcities.com/design/2011/09/street-grids/124/) to read the full article or go to <http://www.theatlanticcities.com/design/2011/09/street-grids/124/>.



## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PLANNING MONTH

This year's theme is

*"New Ideas  
for  
America's Future".*

Raise awareness of the importance of planning in your community by participating in the 2011 National Community Planning Month.

This year's theme reflects on how planners help envision the future and address the needs of communities

The American Planning Association website offers all the resources you need to successfully promote your event. You can even search a listing of previous events to help you get started!

To download

- Graphics
- Sample Proclamations
- Presentation Templates
- Fact Sheets
- Communications Guide
- Event Tips

simply click the following link:

<http://www.planning.org/ncpm/>

## Helpful Websites and Services

Urban Network Analysis: A Toolbox for  
ArcGIS 10

<http://cityform.mit.edu/projects/urban-network-analysis.html>

(Open-source plug-in for the ArcGIS mapping program provided by MIT. Free tool that allows urban planners to analyze spatial patterns of cities and better understand urban environments.)

<http://zuckersystems.com>

(Zucker Systems specializes in the analysis of planning, building and community development functions and related departments. Organization, management and process consultation is primarily completed for city and county government and non-profit clients.)



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