

2009 Midwest Section Budget

The major points in the 2009 Midwest Section Budget from last year are as follows:

		Proposed 2008	Actual 2008	Proposed 2009
Income				
⇒ State Conference proceeds were re-moved for 2009 due to the cancellation of the 2008 conference in Galveston	Quarterly proceeds	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,500
	State Conference proceeds	\$ 500	\$ 1,637	\$ -
	Seminars	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,419	\$ 2,500
	P&Z Seminar	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,530	\$ 2,250
⇒ In view of the current economic downturn the P&Z seminar registrations, Director's Travel, and Awards Banquet dinner have been revised slightly downward.	Awards Banquet Registrations	\$ 1,000	\$ 781	\$ 1,000
	Event Sponsors	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -
	CD interest	\$ 300	\$ 429	\$ 300
	TOTAL	\$ 9,300	\$ 8,606	\$ 8,550
Expenses				
⇒ The Midwest Section will continue to fund Audio/Web Conferences to assist in the education requirements of our members.	Postage & labels	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Workshops	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,594	\$ 2,000
	VITAL	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
	Director's Travel	\$ 1,200	\$ 657	\$ 950
	Awards Banquet dinner	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,500
	UTA	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Contingency Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Continuing Education	\$ 700	\$ 630	\$ 700
	Misc.	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
	TOTAL	\$ 9,300	\$ 7,311	\$ 8,550

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Free Ethics and Law Seminar

A free Ethics and Law webinar is available until March 31, 2009 from Richards, Watson and Gershon Attorneys at Law. The free webinar addresses topics including Conflict of Interest, Bias, Electronic Records and the Public Records Act. The webinar is approved for 2.0 AICP Certification Maintenance credits. For more information go to the following website: <http://www.rwglaw.com/events.aspx>

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Networking Luncheon & Audio / Web Series

Again in 2009, the Midwest Section will be hosting a series of Networking Luncheons geared to planning issues within the North Texas area as well as linking our membership to the National APA Audio/Web Conference training series. Both programs are hosted with the intention to bring our membership together for networking, information exchange and certification requirements.

Our first Networking Luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th. The topic of the session will be: **Rail North Texas & the Southwest to Northeast Rail Corridor**. Usually held between 11:30am (for registration) and 1:30pm, further details will be sent out regarding the price and RSVP. The luncheon will be held in the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) at 1000 Jones Street in Fort Worth.

Our next Audio/Web Conference series will be on March 18th at 3:00pm. The topic is **Designing for Water Conservation**. A site to host the conference has yet to be determined. Notices will be sent with specific location and reservation information.

If you have a topic you would like to either hear about or present, please contact Director-Elect, Curvie Hawkins, AICP at chawkins@the-t.com.

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A Planner on a Planning Commission

Todd Carlson, AICP
 Place 4, Planning Commissioner—City of Bedford, TX

I find myself in a slightly odd position. I am an AICP member, but I am also a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for my city. If the APA membership rolls are accurate, there are not too many of us out there. My career track has not been the stereotypical one presented to us in planning school. I am a transportation researcher, neither a city planner nor do I work in development or design. It turns out I ended up on the other side of the meeting room.

Nevertheless, I believe my planning education and experience have allowed me to be a more effective Commissioner. It has provided me with a wider perspective on cases brought before the Commission. I have more sympathy for the city planners and our consultant who present cases to the Commission. In planning school, we were given the image of the overworked, underappreciated city planner and there is a kernel of truth there. My city has a population close to 50,000, but also has what I consider to be too small of a planning staff. Yet I am quicker with questions on data, legalities, traffic counts, and can identify spot zoning a little faster than most on the Commission. I also lobby consistently for updating our city plan.

The main lesson I have learned serving on the Commission is that a planning degree and AICP membership does not provide all the answers. Our Commission has a land developer, a lawyer, a tax district appraiser, and several concerned citizens. Plenty of meetings have shown that I am far from the smartest guy in the room and thank goodness there are enough citizens in my city that care enough to give the time to make sure our city keeps moving forward.

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2009 Midwest Section Proposes By-Laws Revisions

In 2009, the Midwest Section Executive Committee will discuss proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Section. The current by-laws were last amended in 2000.

Following distribution of the proposed amendments to the membership, a written ballot will be submitted to the membership for action. If you have questions or comments about the current by-laws or suggestions for amendments, contact Clayton Husband, AICP at clayton.husband@arlingtontx.gov or 817-459-6668.

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2009 Sustainable Development Funding Program

The North Central Texas Council of Governments hosted the 2009 Call for Projects Stakeholder meeting on January 26, 2009, at the NCTCOG offices in Arlington. The meeting provided opportunity for city staff and developers to provide ideas/feedback for the upcoming call for projects.

Stakeholder meeting topics included:

- A status update on the 2001 and 2005-06 projects
- Pros and cons of the 2005-06 Call for Projects
- City staff and developer input for the 2009 Call for Projects
- Question and answer session

Information Workshop

The Sustainable Development Call for Projects Information Workshop will be held in March of 2009. The workshop will cover new rules and eligibility requirements.

Workshop topics will include:

- Highlights of the proposed program rules and structure
- Focus area, points system, categories, and themes
- Question and answer session
- \$40 Million available for funding- What it can be used for
- Application Tips

Further details on the specific date and time of the meeting will be updated on the NCTCOG website: <http://www.dfwinfo.com>.

For additional information or to be added to the NCTCOG contact database, please contact Staron Faucher, Transportation Planner, at (817) 704-2505 or sfaucher@nctcog.org or Patrick Mandapaka at (817) 704-2503 or pmandapaka@nctcog.org.

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CLIDE Awards Call For Projects

It's CLIDE time again! The Center of Development Excellence has announced a Call for Applications for the 2009 Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards. Public and private entities, including cities, developers, architects, planners, engineers, and others, are invited to submit online applications by March 13, 2009 for this prestigious regional award program. The Call for Applications and more details are available at <http://www.developmentexcellence.com>.

Begun in 2003, the biennial CLIDE awards recognize projects and programs that are helping to ensure North Texas' sustainability into the future by putting the region's Ten Principles of Development Excellence into action. 2009 CLIDE Awards will be presented in the categories of New Development, Redevelopment, Special Development, Public Policy and Planning, and Raising Public Awareness.

The Ten Principles of Development Excellence were established by regional leaders in 2002 and outline a vision for sustainable, livable communities in North Texas. These principles are:

- Development Options
- Efficient Growth
- Pedestrian Design
- Housing Choice
- Activity Centers
- Environmental Stewardship
- Quality Places
- Transportation Efficiency
- Resource Efficiency
- Implementation

More information on the Ten Principles is available at <http://www.developmentexcellence.com/principles.asp>.

The mission of the Center of Development Excellence is to promote quality growth in North Central Texas that enhances the built environment, reduces vehicle miles of travel, uses water and energy resources effectively and efficiently, and helps advance environmental stewardship in order to ensure continued economic vitality and provide the highest attainable quality of life for all residents.

The application deadline is March 13, 2009. A jury of nationally-recognized experts will be convened in April 2009 to select CLIDE recipients from eligible applicants. Recipients will be notified in May 2009 and the 2009 CLIDE Awards will be presented on June 12, 2009 at the NCTCOG General Assembly, to be held at the DFW Airport Hyatt.

For more information, contact Mike King at mking@nctcog.org or 817-695-9277.

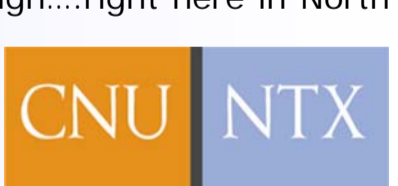
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CNU North Texas Event

Save the Date!

Learn from some of the top professionals in Urbanism, planning, and design....right here in North Texas!

AICP Credits Will Be Offered



What: "Rebuilding our Cities and Suburbs: A Fresh Start for Tired Places"

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Andrés Duany is a founding principal at Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). Recently ranked #5 in Builder Magazine's annual "Power Brokers" list, there is probably no industry expert that knows more about building better communities. He has delivered hundreds of lectures and seminars worldwide and recent publications include *The New Civic Art* and *Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream*. Andres is a founder of the Congress for the New Urbanism, where he continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

Ellen Dunham-Jones, AIA, is director of the architecture program at the Georgia Institute of Technology and co-author of *Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs*. A world-renowned expert on urban and suburban design and a board member of the Congress for the New Urbanism, she shows how design of sustainable, walkable places can solve some of the most pressing issues of our times - reducing our ecological footprint and energy consumption while improving our health and communities and providing living options for all ages.

William H. Lucy is professor of urban and environmental planning at the University of Virginia and is one of the nation's foremost urban economists. He has written several books, including *Confronting Suburban Decline: Strategic Planning for Metropolitan Renewal* and *Tomorrow's Cities, Tomorrow's Suburbs*.

Shelley Poticha is the President and CEO of Reconnecting America, a national non-profit organization working to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve, with the goals of generating lasting public and private returns, improving economic and environmental efficiency, and giving consumers greater choice. Prior to this position, she was the Executive Director of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU). She has authored several books, including "The New Transit Town: Best Practices in Transit-Oriented Development."

David Goldberg is Communications Director for Smart Growth America and Transportation for America (T4America), a nonprofit coalition advocating transportation reform. David coined the term "complete streets" and has been writing about metropolitan and growth planning issues for more than a decade. He has authored dozens of publications, including, "Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development & Climate Change" and "Choosing Our Community's Future: A Citizen's Guide for Getting the Most from Development."

Please RSVP to northtexas@cnu.org and be first to receive location and registration details!

Sponsored by the Congress of the New Urbanism North Texas Chapter

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17th Annual Building Professionals Institute to Host Planning Track

The Building Officials Association of Texas and the Construction Research Center at The University of Texas in Arlington will be hosting the 17th Annual Building Professionals Institute conference and training May 18-22, 2009 at the UTA campus. The Institute is an intensive training seminar for building officials, inspectors, code enforcement, architects and engineers, real estate appraisers, fire protection officials and other similar professions. 116 different courses are held during the one week training program.

This year, a planning track has been added to include classes on code writing, sustainable development, land development process, smart growth codes, form-based codes, the development review process and ethics for planners.

The Midwest Section is working with the organizing committee to procure AICP CM credits for the seminar. Full-day registration for non-members of the Building Officials Association of Texas or Construction Research Center is only \$85.00 per day. For more information, and a detailed brochure of all classes to be held please go to <http://www.buildingprofessionalsinstitute.com>

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Transit Oriented Development Case Studies

The North Central Section of Texas APA will be hosting an event on Transit Oriented Development within the cities of Carrollton and North Richland Hills.

Event Details

Date: Friday, February 20, 2009
 Time: 12:00noon—1:00pm
 Location: North Central Texas Council of Governments
 Address: 616 Six Flags Drive Centerpoint Two
 Arlington, TX
 Cost: Free (Brown Bag Lunch)

** The seminar will be held in the Transportation Council Room on the first floor. Please see the receptionist and you will be directed to the meeting room.

Presenters

Eric Wilhite, AICP—City of North Richland Hills

Christopher Barton, AICP—City of Carrollton

Seminar Description

This seminar will include a presentation and commentary from Eric Wilhite and Christopher Barton, regarding the implementation of Transit-Oriented Development regulations within their respective municipalities. Reference will be made to specific projects within both cities.

Please note the CM credits for this seminar have not been approved as of the date of this announcement. Notification will be sent to attendees once CM credits have been approved by AICP.

RSVP to Brooks Wilson at bwilson@mckinneytexas.org

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Job Posting—Planner / Urban Designer

Planner/Urban Designer (2009-1240)
 Fort Worth, Texas

Freese and Nichols, Inc. is seeking a Planner/Urban Designer to assist our planning studio. This professional will work in a multi-discipline environment on diverse projects including downtown revitalization, streetscapes, corridor plans, campus master plans, and park projects. Qualified candidates must have and accredited Bachelor's or Master's degree in Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, and/or Architecture. A minimum of two (2) or more years experience and ability to work well in a team environment and with the public is preferred. Applicants must demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills, and strong graphic presentation/sketching abilities. Computer skills required for this position include AutoCAD, Photoshop, and Microsoft Office. Proficiency in Sketchup, Illustrator, In-Design, and hand renderings a plus.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resumes in confidence to <http://jobs-freese.icims.com>.

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Call for Articles and Job Postings

The Midwest Memo provides you as a planning professional an opportunity to reach hundreds of your colleagues within the local section and hundreds more professionals state-wide as the newsletter is posted on the Texas APA website. Tell us about your development code innovations, your successful planning programs or your lessons learned from that challenging public involvement process. Articles of any length are appreciated along with associated graphics.

Even in difficult economic times, the future of our communities still depends on professional guidance and technical skill. Do you have that type of position to fill with the right person? Post your positions in the Midwest Memo. At no cost to you the Section membership, postings may be made either within the newsletter itself (published approximately quarterly) or can be sent via email to the Section members. Please contact Stephen Cook, AICP scook@ci.eulesstx.us 817-685-1648 with your articles or job postings.

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Midwest Section Logo Redesign Opportunity

The Midwest Section Board is considering a redesign of the Section logo which has served the Section well for many years. Instead of attempting a quick redesign by some presets in a piece of software, the Board proposed to have the potential new logo be designed by one of our members and perhaps have a contest to choose the best one by the Section.



The Section would like a new logo that can be easily scaled and printed in black and white as well as in color. If you are interested in putting your artistic and graphic design talents to the test, contact Clayton Husband, AICP at clayton.husband@arlingtontx.gov or 817-459-6668.

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2009 Midwest Section Calendar

February 2009	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009
20—Transit Oriented Development Case Studies from Carrollton & North Richland Hills. 12noon-1pm NCTCOG 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington. Free Brown Bag Lunch.	Sustainable Development Program Funding Application Process Begins (Kick-off Meeting Date TBD) 13—CLIDE Award Application Deadline 18—Audio/Web Conference Designing for Water Conservation. 3:00pm-4:30pm Place TBD 25—Networking Luncheon: Rail North Texas—ITC Fort Worth 1000 Jones St. 11:30am 31—CNU NTX New Urbanism Time, Place TBD		18-22—Building Professionals Institute. University of Texas at Arlington.

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