The Chapter Bylaws may be amended “At any meeting of the Board of Directors, at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of at least sixty-six and two thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Directors present at such meeting after notice of such alteration, amendment, repeal, or new Bylaws has first been sent to the members at least thirty (30) days before the action taken by the Board.” The following amendment is proposed to create a Texas Emerging Planning Leaders Committee as a Standing Committee of the Chapter.

**Proposed Amendment to APA Texas Chapter Bylaws**

10.1.6 **Texas Emerging Planning Leaders (TxEPL) Committee:** The President shall appoint a Texas Emerging Planning Leaders (TxEPL) Officer who shall be responsible for the managing the Emerging Planning Leaders activities of the Chapter. The TxEPL Officer shall be a member of the Chapter Board of Directors.

10.1.6.1 Purpose: The purpose of TxEPL is to enhance communication between emerging and experienced planning professionals; provide for professional advancement in the field by identifying employment opportunities and through targeted training and education; and support the advancement of the planning profession through leadership opportunities.

In pursuit of the mission, TxEPL is committed to the long term goals of:

- Developing the skills and knowledge needed to become the next generation of successful planning leaders in the State of Texas;
- Providing a clearinghouse of communications, training, and networking opportunities for emerging planning leaders;
- Bridging the professional gap between college graduates, members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and members of the Fellows of American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP);
- Identifying individuals to move into leadership roles at the section, state, and national levels of the American Planning Association (APA);
- Building and executing a successful Mentorship Program to connect emerging planning leaders with the experienced planning professions and Texas AICP Fellows.

10.1.6.2 Members: The TxEPL Officer may recruit committee members of the TxEPL Committee. Membership of the TxEPL Committee shall be open to APA Texas Chapter members in good standing. The TxEPL Officer shall designate members of the committee to serve as the Mentorship Program Chair, Communications Chair, and Programs Chair. Each Section Director shall appoint a Section member to serve on the TxEPL Committee.