

# 2023 Annual Business Meeting

### April 2, 2023 | 12-1 PM EDT

In Person: Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Salon D, 5th Floor 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

OR

Virtual: Zoom

Meeting Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82116604260</u> Phone: 305.224.1968 | Meeting ID: 821 1660 4260

# AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME: DIVISION OVERVIEW & HISTORY Caroline Dwyer (Chair) (12:02 PM)
- 2. ROLL CALL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS All, name and role on EC (12:05:12:15 PM)
  - a. Division introduction
    - i. WPD history (Caroline)
    - ii. Current membership at around 1,400; has decreased since students cannot join for free. Still one of the largest divisions in APA.
- 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS (12:19-12:54 PM)
  - Chair's Report (Caroline Dwyer)
    - Anti-Harassment Policy Advocacy Update
    - 2023 Work Plan overview: vision, goals, highlights; priority focus areas
      - Grow mentor program; gender and racial parity amongst fellows; sexual harassment prevention advocacy work.
  - Vice-Chair's Report (Kate Zanon)
    - 2022 Highlight: Melissa Dickens, outgoing Vice-Chair):
      - Melissa Dickens, outgoing Vice-Chair in partnership with Kate Wintz conducted a survey with participants of the mentorship program participants; adapting the 2023 program based on this feedback
    - 2023 Work Plan:
      - Launch of women's stories database, collection of stories that share the untold stories of women in the planning professions; will be applying for funding to support the program materials and meta

coding of the submissions; welcome division members who want to volunteers to support his program

- Director of Finance's Report (Margaret Wallace Brown (Caroline Dwyer, Chair)
  - Significant spending on membership (FAICP nominations; scholarships)
  - Encourage members to apply for scholarships!
- Director of Administration's Report (Gaby Harpel)
  - 2022 Highlight:
    - Updated Bylaws to better incorporate the Division's goals related to enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusion - in the planning field and in our Division.
  - 2023 Work Plan:
    - Continue to support executive committee, recording and distributing meeting minutes, agendas, and action items to the EC
- Director of Communication's Report (Bethany Bella)
  - 2022 Highlights:
    - We've grown our social media follower count! (750 Instagram; 1,380 Twitter)
    - LinkedIn by creating an account page, which allows us to reach more followers/advertise our programming/programs to more potential members across the platform.
    - Member Spotlights series shared on all social media channels and will be archived on the website. It was also distributed in the Women's History Month wrap-up email.
    - A big thank you to everyone who submitted a spotlight!
  - 2023 Work Plan: This year, we're going to focus on creating a standard format for our newsletters, in addition to soliciting more content/articles/research to feature in the newsletter from our Division membership.
    - What else would Division members find as helpful resources/features in our newsletters?
    - We could always use more help with social media content and posting! Please reach out to Bethany for getting involved in our Social Media Committee.
- Director of Programs' Report (Katelynn Wintz)
  - 2022 Highlights: There were many great programs this year, including women's history month

- After the success of the 2022 mentor match, after NPC, Programs will focus on organizing the second annual WPD mentorship program!
- 2023 Highlights: Looking forward to hosting a population-based divisions conference!
  - Are there any programs hosted by the Division that members would like to see?
  - Volunteers are always appreciated if you would like to collaborate or bring a webinar concept to life with WPD!
- *Director of Membership's Report* (Brittany Griffin)
  - 2022 Highlights
    - We have revived the membership committee and have 7 wonderful ladies assisting. We would love more division membership to join and assist. Please reach out to Brittany for getting involved with membership.
    - We have gained 57 new members since January. Membership will be heavily pushing the Division-Only Membership this year.
    - Membership survey.
  - 2023 Work Plan
    - Our goal is 200 new members by December we are 1/4 there!
    - Design and publish an electronic 'snapshot' digestible summary report to share results with members. We are doing a state breakdown and sending to chapter presidents as well as an overall breakdown. This way we can keep track of membership by state!
    - Send welcome email to all new Division members monthly.
    - Send monthly reminder emails to expiring members, encouraging them to renew.
- Director of Chapter Engagement's Report (Meagan Booth)
  - 2022 Highlights and 2023 Work Plan
    - Working to contact chapter presidents and point of contact with each chapter. Working directly with divisions.
    - Collaborating with Corrin on student engagement, such as student planning organizations.
    - Encourage student planning organizations to update information and to attend events.

- Director of Funding and Financial Support (Amy Elmore)
  - 2022 Highlights and 2023 Work Plan
    - Four grant offered annually (AICP spring and fall; professional development grant for online learning; university scholarship)
    - New grant established by Corrin.
    - Call for volunteers!

# 6. OPEN DISCUSSION - PROGRAMMING, RESOURCING AND REQUESTS

#### - How is WPD able to engage with chapters?

- Establishing a group within the chapter and a contact person for WPD to communicate with (Meagan)
- We are able to attend local events or conferences, and share Division content, for online events; in-person events, would be challenging to attend, but there may be another way we can assist (Kate Z)
- A list of local Women and Planning groups would be great to share with members! If there are any other contacts that members know of, please contact Brittany and Meagan (Brittany)
- Advice to get a group going: hold a women and planning lunch and collect emails and begin sharing events/information with them (Meagan)

# 7. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Please reach out with any questions!

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT (1:03 pm)

#### **Executive Committee Membership**

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