



CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

February 23-25, 2021 Alaska Planning Conference

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OVERVIEW:

The Alaska Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA AK) is hosting our annual Alaska Planning Conference – virtually!

2020 has been an unprecedented year for many communities across our state and the nation. Amidst the challenges, municipal and state governments, Tribes, businesses, families and neighbors are adapting and finding **new ways to work together toward our shared goals and vision for our communities and state.**

The **2021 Conference, *CHANGE IS CONSTANT, PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL***, will explore how planning is essential to prepare for the future, respond to the present, and **improve quality of life for all Alaskans.**

Example topics we aim to emphasize on this year include:

- Planning for equity: best practices and tools
- Proactive and responsive communities: codes, plans, politics
- Functional, Area, and Comprehensive Plans: why they matter and how to implement them
- Best practices for public and stakeholder engagement and working with your elected officials
- GIS mapping, community data resources, and forecasting
- Effective processes: from need, to funding, to actualization
- Planning for environmental and health changes in northern climates
- Transportation and transit best practices for large and small communities

This is your opportunity to earn up to 15 AICP CM credits!

WHEN:

February 23 – 25, 2021; approximately 9am to 2pm each day

WHERE:

Virtual – this year, sessions will be presented and viewed from wherever you have an internet connection. More information will be available in the next few months, including specifics on the virtual platform.

HOW THIS WILL WORK:

The 3-day virtual conference will be administered, moderated and supported by members of the APA AK Planning Conference Committee. Unlike our previous in-person conferences, we do not anticipate offering concurrent sessions this year; this means **your session/presentation will likely have a higher and more diverse attendance!**

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HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Please use the following guidelines to prepare and send your session proposal. *Please note – any deviation from the proposal requirements outlined below may result in the rejection of your proposal.*

DEADLINE: Friday, December 18, 2020

Proposal Content – Submit via email either as an attached Word document or in the body of an email (Word documents are preferred method). No additional attachments or materials will be accepted. The committee will follow-up with a request for more information if/as needed.

- **Email Title** – *In the subject of your email*, type: “2021 AK Planning Conference Session Proposal”.
- **Contact Information** – Include your name, title, organization, phone, and email.
- **Session Name** – Include a catchy, yet descriptive session title (*brief, 5 to 6 words*).
- **Session Structure** – All sessions will be either 1 hour or 1.5 hours, please note your preference.
- **Session Description and Purpose** – Include a short paragraph that clearly and concisely explains your proposed session, what participants will learn, how the session relates to the conference theme and identified topic(s). Provide enough detail so the conference committee can make an informed selection (*250-word maximum*). Please also indicate one of the following:
 - Presentation (single presenter)
 - Panel (multiple speakers, with moderator)
 - *Have a suggestion for an alternative virtual session format? Please let us know.*

AICP Certification – Indicate one of the following:

- My session should be considered for certified maintenance (CM) credits.
- My session has previously been utilized as CM credits under AICP.

Where to Send Your Proposal – Alexa Greene, agreene@dowl.com, 2021 Conference Committee Co-Chair

Comments or Questions? – Contact a Co-Chair: Taryn Oleson, TOleson@rmconsult.com, 907-646-9645, or Alexa Greene, agreene@dowl.com, 907-374-2011

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