

Report of the Professional Development Officer

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Certification Maintenance

2007 was a year of difficult transition from the voluntary Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program to the mandatory Certification Maintenance (CM) Program. The CM Program officially went into effect on January 1, 2008.

Program details, FAQs, CM approved programs, and CM credit logs can be found at the APA website at www.planning.org/cm/, and at the CCAPA site at www.ccapa.org/member_services/continuing_education.htm.

CM Committee

The new CM Program places a considerable burden on the Chapter to provide programs that are affordable and accessible to CT planners. The CCAPA Executive Committee (EC) understands that both national and regional conferences are out of reach for some, and perhaps many, CT planners. Consequently, the EC decided that any CM Program put forward by the Chapter should provide a reasonable opportunity for CT planners to receive their CM credits close to home — that is, within the state or in adjoining states.

The EC then convened a CM Committee consisting of Chapter President Don Poland, AICP, Marcia Banach, AICP, Dan Tuba, Glen Chalder, AICP, Matt Davis, AICP, Program Chair Patrice Carson, AICP, and PDO John D. Pagini, AICP, for the purpose of developing a program to meet that objective.

The CM Committee met twice and presented its draft report to the EC at its December 7, 2007 meeting, at which the report was accepted and approved. This report can be viewed at www.ccapa.org/pdf/cm_committee_report_12_07_07.pdf.

The report is but an outline of the Program, and much work still needs to be done to implement it. Look for the PDO's periodic CCAPA Member E-news reports and the CCAPA website as more details emerge.

Programs Approved and Pending for CM Credit

As of December, 2007, The APA National

Conference in Philadelphia, and the Southern New England Planning Conference in Hyannis have been approved for CM, and CT planners who attended either or both may log their credits.

In addition, Story Time — An Oral History of Planning in CT and Hot Topics have been submitted for CM approval, and approval is pending.

The Community Builder's Institute series co-sponsored by CCAPA with CEDAS still awaits a final point of clarification from APA.

CCAPA plans a similar collaborative effort in 2008. Finally, the 1000 Friends Smart Growth Conference has been approved by the EC for funding of CM credits. We are in the process of coordinating submission of most of this Program's segments for CM credit.

AICP Certification

• November, 2007 Exam

5 Connecticut planners took the AICP exam last November, and 5 have received tentative word that they passed. Unfortunately, the results of the Exam are not official until AICP officially notifies the candidates. We will reveal their identities at that time.

• May and November, 2008 Exams

The annual AICP classroom will be held at Central Connecticut State University on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

Any candidates who intend

to take either of these exams are urged to attend. Please contact John Pagini at pagini@charter.net of your intention to attend that classroom.

If you have not contacted him previously concerning your intention to take the exam, please do so.

FAICP Nominations

The Chapter submitted to AICP one nomination for Fellow in AICP on behalf of a very deserving colleague. Horace Brown, AICP has been selected to be inducted into the College of Fellows of AICP. Induction will occur at the 2008 National Planning Conference. ■