



PRESS RELEASE:

**APA WV Announces newly nominated AICP and AICP Candidate Members
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The West Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA WV) is pleased to announce the latest round of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and AICP Candidates to be certified in the state of West Virginia. The American Institute of Certified Planners provides the only nationwide, independent verification of planners' qualifications. Certified planners pledge to uphold high standards of practice, ethics, and professional conduct, and to keep their skills sharp and up to date by continuously pursuing advanced professional education.

The WV Chapter of the APA congratulates the following members for excellence in their field and their community:

- Andrew Gunnoe, AICP, Deputy County Manager & Asst. County Attorney, Kanawha County Commission
- Natalie Hamilton, AICP, Community Development/Grants Administrator, Belomar Regional Council
- Janney Lockman, AICP Candidate, Planner, City of Huntington
- Josh Nolan, AICP Candidate, Planning Technician, City of Ranson

With these new members in the APA WV Chapter there are 20 AICP members and 3 AICP candidates or certified members in our statewide community. AICP Candidate members are part of a new process that American Planning Association created to simplify and expand the AICP certification process. To learn more about the One Path to AICP please visit:

<https://planning.org/certification/> to see the process and value the AICP program could bring to you.

About APA WV:

APA WV is the West Virginia state chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The organization is comprised of professional and citizen planners who work to support responsible planning throughout the state. Membership is open to professional planners employed in planning or a related field, lay planners who serve on planning commissions or boards of zoning appeals, student members who are enrolled in a course of study in planning or a related field, and citizens interested in planning for their communities. Visit wv.planning.org or reach out to wvapachapter@gmail.com for additional information.

APA WV Executive Committee:

- President: Jennifer M. Brockman, AICP, County Planner, Jefferson County
- Vice-President: Bre Shell, Planning Director, Huntington
- Secretary/Treasurer: Shae Strait, Planning and Development Director, Fairmont
- WV Local Government Representative: Rickie Yeager, AICP, Director of Development Services, Morgantown
- At-large member: Dana Keith, City Planner, Martinsburg.