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The 2009 National APA Conference in Minneapolis was one of the best for GALIP! Even with the current economic downturn, we had overwhelming support from GALIP members. Here’s a recap of the conference:

**GALIP Reception:** Mike Larson and his co-workers at URS hosted the GALIP reception at URS offices in downtown Minneapolis. The highlight: continuous viewing of the *Mary Tyler Moore* show in the conference room!! Over 60 GALIP members and potential new members attended.

**GALIP Mobile Workshop:** Although we had a somewhat small showing (about 18 participants), Mike Larson and Jack Byers (City of Minneapolis) put together an incredible workshop. Participants met with developers in the Hennepin Theater District, met with legislators in City Hall, toured HIV/AIDS and senior housing projects, and walked around local neighborhoods.

**Dinner at Salsa ala Salsa:** Even without much advertising, we had over 50 GALIP members at our informal dinner gathering at a local Mexican restaurant. We basically took over the restaurant and enjoyed eating and drinking and meeting new friends.

**Annual Business Meeting:** Our annual business meeting was very well attended with about 30 participants. During the meeting new officers were appointed (see page 2), a new budget was adopted (page 16), and ideas for member recruitment were discussed. The Annual Report from the meeting is provided on page 13.

**Industrial Lands Session:** GALIP members Dan Burke and Ben Bakkenta, along with Seattle City Councilmember Sally Clark (one of two openly gay Seattle City Councilmembers), spoke to over 60 attendees about industrial lands and family wage jobs in Seattle and implications for the future of industry in our cities.

**Definition of Family Session:** GALIP member Pat Finn pulled together a well attended (almost 60 participants) session exploring the definition of family as it relates to zoning. On the panel was national land use attorney Dwight Merriam.

**Non-GALIP events:** GALIP members joined together and socialized at the Opening Reception and the Joint Division Reception. Fun had by all!!!

Photos from all of these events are presented throughout this newsletter. Enjoy!!!
Thoughts from the GALIP Chair...

Greetings! I am thrilled to be writing my first column as your Chair. I want to thank Past Chair Vince Papsidero for his two years of service as Chair. Vince is not being let off the hook just yet though, as Past Chair, Vince will still be providing guidance and insight over the next two years.

Since our appointment in April, the new Executive Committee has been busy developing new services and activities for GALIP members. As new leaders for the division, we have lots of ideas and are committed to growing our division and enhancing your experience as a GALIP member. Before I share some of our ideas, let me introduce your new leadership team:

- Kevin McDonald, AICP (Vice Chair),
- Brian Lutenegger (Secretary/Treasurer and Communications Chair),
- Vince Papsidero, AICP (Past Chair).

I also want to welcome David Dollahon, AICP. David is a Neighborhood Services Planner in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He graciously volunteered to head up our Membership Committee.

Marj Press, Past Past Chair, has also volunteered to spearhead our 2010 Conference Planning Committee.

And of course, if any of you are interested in helping out— even with a small, one time task— please contact anyone on the Executive Committee. We welcome and encourage your participation in our division.

Here are some of the ideas/activities that we are working on:

Monthly Updates

One of our new services will be a monthly e-mail from the Executive Committee— we will keep you posted on conference planning activities, local GALIP events being held around the U.S., job announcements, and educational opportunities. We will also be asking you to provide us with employment updates, articles, and anything else that may be of interest to other GALIP members.

Website/Facebook

GALIP Member Tony LaColla set up a Facebook page for us. See page 17 for details on how to join. The Executive Committee will be uploading some Division information to our account and will send out an e-mail over the next month when things are up and running. We are also exploring a presence on other social networking sites. Also, our APA website will be updated over the next month. We will be working hard to make sure the latest information is always available on the division website: www.planning.org/divisions/galip/.

Regional Liaisons

Vice Chair McDonald and Membership Chair Dollahon will be calling some of you with the hopes of identifying regional liaisons. The role of the liaison will be to host local GALIP events (happy hours, brown bags, etc.) and solicit new members. We also hope to have GALIP-sponsored sessions at state conferences.

2010 National Conference

We are already working diligently to plan GALIP activities for the 2010 National Conference in New Orleans. Marj Press has volunteered to spearhead conference activities. Marj is currently working with members in Louisiana to develop a mobile workshop. The rest of the Executive Committee are also planning our annual dinner and reception. This year, divisions will have one by-right session (reduced from two). If you have an idea for a session, please submit a session proposal! More details are presented on page 17.

As you can see, we have lots on our plate! I look forward to serving as your Chair for the next two years. Please let me, or any other Executive Committee member, know if you have ideas or want to volunteer.

Linda (linda@galip.org)

Because Gazette is a digital-only publication, it is very important that we have access to your current email address. To be sure that your contact information is correctly reflected in your APA profile, go to www.planning.org/, enter your APA ID (from Planning magazine mailing label or invoice) or your email address as well as your password (click on “create a new password” if you’ve forgotten it or do not have one) and verify or update your profile. GALIP relies on APA to provide accurate contact information for our membership! Thank you for your help!
GALIP Reception at URS

Right: Mary Tyler Moore viewing in the URS conference room

Below: Marj Press, Past Chair (2003-2007) welcomes attendees

Remaining Photos: GALIP members and friends enjoy drinks and food at URS offices
GALIP-Sponsored Sessions

Left: Industrial Lands session panel: Ben Bakkenta, Sally Clark, and Dan Burke

Below: Conference attendees listen intently to industrial lands

Left Above: Patrick Finn moderates “Whose Family is it Anyway?“

Above: Panelists reviewing materials prior to session

Left: Attendees view zoning ordinance and definition of family from jurisdictions across the U.S.
Great turn out for our informal GALIP dinner. After the Annual Business Meeting members and friends walked over to Salsa ala Salsa for food and drink. Afterwards, many continued on to local bars and clubs.
Where are you currently living and working?

My husband Albert and I live in Sherman Oaks, California. On June 15, 2009, I started a new job as the Community Development Director for the City of Ventura. I ended over 5+ years of my private consulting practice (Lambert Consulting), which primarily represented developers in their effort to get local government approval for their projects. Albert owns a retail store in Hawaii and does landscape design and installation.

What are your primary planning interests? What types of projects really captivate you personally?

I am most interested in honest community engagement, whether it be to help a developer obtain community support for a project or to help a local jurisdiction understand and respond to community needs and issues. I often take on the role of “interpreter” where I help the city staff and the developer understand each other’s speak...plannerese and developer speak can be very different. I have also had great opportunities to work on terrific development projects in Southern California and have seen many of them built. It is really satisfying to make a real difference and see it in action.

What drew you into the planning field?

I love the professional variety of planning. The profession offers so many different “specialties” and the opportunity to change job focus while staying in the same profession. I certainly have had a very “unconventional” career path.

“Unconventional”?

I spent 5+ years as a “planner” with Kaiser Permanente (national HMO). My job was to coordinate an in-house entitlement team to manager the local government approvals for health care facilities expansions. The best part of the job was they hired me in part because of my APA involvement because they needed to develop relationships with local planners. Also, my AICP on my card helped get the door open to many planners I didn’t previously know.

How have your first few weeks at the City of Ventura been?

The job has been amazing. Of course starting a new job in a new community brings with it the need to “come out” all over again. My approach is to just be direct about it without making it a big deal. I refer to my husband every chance I get and people just figure it out. It is not always easy to be open at work, and some just can’t do that. But it is important to be open so others see just how “regular” we are. I really love the staff development part of the job and missed that as a sole proprietor. I was immediately invited to join the LGBT professional association in the community.

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How do you think being out with your clients has affected your career?

I don’t think it has impacted my career at all. I do know that a recruiter for a job I had applied for years ago thought I may be gay and told the employer that I may not be “a good fit.” To that employer’s credit, they proceeded with the recruitment anyway and I was hired.

When and why did you join GALIP?

I am proud to say I was one of the original 17 founders of GALIP at the 1991 APA DC conference. However, I only recently “officially” joined GALIP as a dues paying member. It is important to me to support GALIP so it can remain a strong part of the APA family. I understand that although I have been blessed to be open in my work places, not all LGBT planners have the option….a supportive network is vital to them.

What accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction in your life?

I am very proud of my work with APA. Having been the California Chapter president was a great honor and now serving on the National APA board is a terrific way to help move the profession of planning forward.

What are the current major issues facing the National Board of APA?

The biggest issue facing APA is the economy and how we can support good planning in the face of budget cuts. Also, how we can maintain our membership. The end of the first CM cycle is quickly approaching and APA/AICP will be following closely how our members complete their CM responsibilities.

In your opinion, what roles should small divisions like GALIP play within APA and for our division members?

I think our Chapters and Divisions are key parts of the organization because they are most directly connected to our members. Divisions, especially the population-based divisions, have a unique opportunity to provide more than just professional support; they provide networks to ensure all members have a place where they clearly belong. Divisions need to focus on providing member services such as professional development and networking. They also need to feed up to the Board any member issues they come across so we can face them head on.

If a GALIP member were to visit Los Angeles (such as the national APA conference in three years), what is the one place they must go?

In LA, there is no “one place”. Los Angeles has so many amazing and diverse neighborhoods and attractions. I personally love downtown LA...there is a new energy and excitement and the APA conference will be right in the thick of it. I also love my walkable 1940s neighborhood. There is great history in many urban neighborhoods and amazing architecture in places like Pasadena. Of course, a gay visit to LA would not be complete without a trip to West Hollywood (Weho).

Where do you want to be ten years from now?

Semi-retired? No, not likely. But I do want to be working in an environment where I can make a difference to in daily lives of people. That could, and likely will, mean many possibilities.

Upcoming Events

- GALIP Chair Linda Amato, AICP will be teaching a 5.5-week online course Project Management for Urban Planning for Rutgers University’s Professional Development Institute beginning on October 21st. Earn 14 CM credits and help support Rutgers’ Planning School. For more information visit: policy.rutgers.edu/pdi/
- Need CM credits? Go to APA’s webpage to find free offerings: www.planning.org/cm/free/
Mike Larson, URS and Jack Byers, City of Minneapolis pulled together one of the best mobile workshops we have ever had! The following three pages highlight the tour activities and identify organizational participants for those of you interested in the projects presented in these pages.

First Stop: Hennepin Theater District

- Participants: Hennepin Theatre Trust, Saloon Nightclub, and Leo A. Daly Architects
Mobile Workshop (Continued from page 8)

Second Stop: Minneapolis City Hall (Listed on the National Register of Historic Places)

- Participants: City of Minneapolis “Out and LGBT-supportive” elected officials and staff

Left: Memorial at City Hall to Brian Coyle, one of the city’s first openly gay public officials, who served from 1983-1991.

Right: Sculpture entitled “Father of Waters” by Larkin G. Mead. Rubbing his toe (not shown) will bring good luck!
Third and Fourth Stops: Clare Apartments (Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS) and Spirit of the Lake GLBT Senior Housing Project

- Participants: Clare Apartments staff and Cermark Rhoades Architects
- Powderhorn Park Residents Group and GLBT Generations/Spirit of the Lakes Church

Top: Clare Apartments
Top Right: Presentations by Clare Apartment staff and architects

Left & Above: Presentation to mobile workshop attendees by representatives of Spirit of the Lakes United Church of Christ, the first LGBT congregation in a mainline denomination
Next Stop: 38th and Chicago/Park Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization

- Participants: Neighborhood residents/activists and local entrepreneur

Clockwise from Top Left:
- Local activist Montana Scheiff talks about the revitalization of 38th and Chicago.
- Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center
- Mike Stebnitz discusses his building’s renovation
- GALIP members listen to Ryan Knocke talk about his neighborhood
- Historic Park Avenue
Final Stop: District 202/Loring Park

Participants: District 202 Arts Program Director
GALIP Annual Business Meeting held April 28, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
Submitted by Linda Amato, AICP

Officers Present: Marj Press, Past Chair; Linda Amato, Secretary/Treasurer; and Brian Lutenegger, Communications Committee Chair

I. Call to Order
Marj Press called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm in Minneapolis. All in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda
The agenda was adopted unanimously as presented by the Past Chair.

III. Adoption of 2008 Business Meeting Minutes
The Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on April 30, 2008 in Las Vegas were moved, seconded and adopted unanimously by those who were present at that meeting.

IV. 2008 Annual Report
Due to logistical problems, the 2008 Annual Report was not available for discussion. The Executive Committee promised to send the Annual Report (Performance Report) to all in attendance (as well as the membership as a whole) via e-mail or the newsletter. The 2008 Annual Report will also be posted to GALIP’s website (www.planning.org/divisions/galip/).

A general discussion took place regarding activities in 2008, including how GALIP is aligning itself with APA policies and how we can/have been helping APA meet their mission, including outreach, elections, and communications.

V. Treasurer’s Report
Linda Amato distributed the Treasurer’s Report for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. She stated that GALIP is in very good financial shape with over $9,000 in savings. Revenue from membership dues remains stable. The proposed budget shows a goal of 200 members (about 30 members more than we currently have). Everyone agreed that we should work towards this goal, and exceed it. As such, it was voted that we increase the budget for social activities. A vote was taken and the proposed budget was adopted, as amended.

VI. 2008/09 Work Plan
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However, Marj and Linda highlighted some anticipated activities for the coming year:

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• Partnership with other Divisions to present classes for CM credits

• 2010 Conference - Lloyd Matheson has volunteered to coordinate division activities in Las Vegas, including the recruitment of a local conference committee; the Executive Committee will consider additional activities such as a Sunday brunch, perhaps dinner with a Vegas show, and perhaps student subsidies for the GALIP dinner.

• Development of a GALIP Facebook page

Continued support for growing the membership was noted, including division funding for local GALIP events to recruit new members, such as house parties.

VII. Committee Reports

Communications – Brian Lutenegger reported that:

- GALIP continues to produce 4 newsletters each year as required by APA national; member profiles are being featured in the Gayzette, they have also received kudos from APA national; he asked for help to prepare articles and to expand the newsletter committee.

- APA national is currently hosting the GALIP website.

- Gayzette newsletter is now distributed electronically and all members need to keep their email addressees up to date at APA national’s website (go to My APA).

- Brian asked for volunteers and Tony LaColla offered to set up a Facebook page.

- Alicia Crain volunteered to write an article about her summer trip to China.

- Jon Hoffman asked for volunteers for our Member Profiles.

Membership – Marj Press reported that:

- Jeremy Lochirco resigned as membership chair. She went over tasks involved as chair:
  - Send out a welcome letter to new members.
  - When folks don’t renew, send out letter asking why.

- Marj then asked if anyone was interested in taking over the membership chair role.

Conference Host – Marj welcomed everyone to Minneapolis and thanked member Mike Larson for hosting the wonderful reception at URS. She then discussed the mobile workshop. Thanks were given to other URS staff as well as Jack Byers, Supervisor of Planning and Preservation with the city of Minneapolis. Jack co-sponsored the mobile workshop. It was also reported that the two GALIP sessions were very well received.

Local GALIP Groups – Marj asked Tony to continue his great work in South Florida. A new PRIVATE list member from Florida said she would also be happy to work with Tony and other folks to set up social events in Florida, and next year in New Orleans.

VIII. APA Divisions Council and Leadership

Marj talked about the Divisions Council and explained that there are 21 Divisions and the chair of each division sits on the Divisions Council. The Council meets twice a year and discuss division activities and APA policies and programs.

Marj shared some of the discussions at the Divisions Council meeting from earlier in the week (which she attended as a proxy for Vince Papsidero):

- APA is trying to get more elected officials to join the organization. Marj mentioned that Linda Amato invited a Seattle City Councilmember to present at a GALIP-sponsored session this year and hopes that the Councilmember will join APA.

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APA now wants Divisions to provide opportunities for their membership to receive CM credits. Linda said she is currently teaching online for Rutgers University and is going to see if GALIP (and the other population-based divisions) can team up and teach classes together through Rutgers’ already established system.

APA is going green and wants the divisions and chapters to use as little paper as possible.

APA is concerned that divisions are not growing – when GALIP became a division we agreed to have at least 200 members. We have never reached that number. Linda said it was a goal to reach 200 members within the year.

APA has convened a Divisions Futures Task Force to look at how we grow and if some divisions should merge or be dissolved.

Marj asked Jeff Lambert (founding GALIP member and member of the American Planning Association Board of Directors) to share what is going on at the National level. Jeff said that APA is really focused on infrastructure and is holding a series of town hall meetings across the U.S. If any GALIP members are interested in participating they should contact APA (and also let them know that you are a GALIP member). He also talked about APA’s Young Planners Group. This group is setting the stage on how APA will be engaged with students and young planners. It is expected that chapters and divisions reach out to young planners. Jeff also mentioned that a Diversity Forum was held the previous day and it did not include a gay perspective. It is hoped that next year GALIP is included.

IX. Recognitions

Marj and Linda again thanked the local host committee, Vince Papsidero (outgoing Chair), Mike Levine (outgoing Vice Chair), Linda Amato (outgoing Secretary/Treasurer), and Jeremy Lochirco (outgoing Membership Chair).

X. Election Results

Marj reported that a call for candidates was issued in early January. Nominations were:

- Chair – Linda Amato;
- Vice Chair – Kevin McDonald and Amelia Costanzo; and
- Secretary/Treasurer – Brian Lutenegger.

The election was conducted electronically. The results were:

- Chair – Linda Amato;
- Vice Chair – Kevin McDonald; and
- Secretary/Treasurer – Brian Lutenegger.

XI. Open Discussion

David Dollahon volunteered to Chair the 2011 conference committee (Boston). Marj closed the meeting by inviting attendees to join us for dinner.
# GALIP 2009-2010 Adopted Budget

As passed at the Annual Business Meeting  
April 28, 2009  
For October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

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| **Total** | **$3,600.00** | |

| **Net Income (Loss)** | **$54.00** | |
Call for Session Proposal
for the 2010 APA National Conference

Yes, planning for the 2010 National Conference in New Orleans is underway! The Executive Committee invites GALIP members to submit proposals for a Division-sponsored session. Unlike previous years, Divisions will only have ONE by-right session for 2010. Have an idea? Here are the guidelines and process:

Potential Topics:

- LGBT communities’ response to Hurricane Katrina.
- Emergency management: how does “definition of family” play into emergency response?
- The changing face of LGBT neighborhoods: should they/could they be preserved?
- Past sessions have included: family wage jobs and industrial land use; definition of family as it relates to housing; clear and concise writing; views from planning directors; LGBT safety; LGBT senior housing

The Basics:

- If your proposal is selected, you are responsible for managing your session, including speaker recruitment, presentation coordination, finding a moderator, etc.
- GALIP has a small amount of money available for an honorarium. If you have a speaker in mind that usually charges a fee, the division could potentially provide some funding.

General Process:

- The Executive Committee will review all proposals and select one. You will be notified by August 21st if your session is selected.
- Any proposals that are not accepted by the Division will be placed into the general proposal pool and will be reviewed by other conference committees. It is possible that your proposal will be accepted for the conference, even if not selected as GALIP’s by-right session.

Deadline and Procedure:

Your proposal MUST be submitted (online) by August 14th. To submit a session proposal go to: www.planning.org/conference/proposals/divisions.htm

CRITICAL: When submitting your division proposal, you must click on the appropriate division (GALIP) in the drop-down menu!

Questions: Information is provided on the link above, or contact Linda Amato at linda@galip.org

Member Updates

GALIP member Rick Landman has been involved with a movement to create a memorial at Sheepshead Bay Holocaust Memorial Park in New York City for other victims of the Nazis, including homosexuals, gypsies, disabled people, Jehovah’s Witnesses, and other groups. After 13 years of effort, the project appears to be moving forward thanks to permission from the city. For more details, visit www.infotrue.com/sheep.html.

Brian Lutenegger, a transportation planner, is no longer employed by ICF Jones & Stokes. He is currently seeking another position hopefully on the East or West Coast in which to utilize his skills.

Join the GALIP Facebook Group!

Thanks to member Tony LaColla, GALIP now has a group of its own on Facebook. We will continue to update members of our activities via email updates, this newsletter and our website, but this offers yet another way to stay in touch. To join, log into Facebook and search for our group: “Gays and Lesbians in Planning.” Then just click on the link to join the group and you will have full access. If you have any difficulties, email brian@galip.org and we will help you out. Look for GALIP to expand onto additional social networking websites in the near future.
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GALIP Website

Check out the GALIP website for the latest news about our division including business meeting reports, financial data, and leadership contact information.

Members can log in to view past newsletter issues and see a roster of other members.

www.planning.org/divisions/galip/

While you are there, check out the completely redesigned American Planning Association national website! The site has a wealth of information including job announcements. You can also log in to your APA member account there to make sure your personal information is current.

Volunteers Wanted!

GALIP is always looking for volunteers to help with our many activities including membership, newsletter, website, national conference, local events, and research. There are volunteer opportunities for every interest and skill!

Interested? Contact any Executive Committee member for more information.

The Gayzette, published quarterly, is the newsletter of the Gays and Lesbians in Planning Division of the American Planning Association. We welcome articles, letters, suggestions and information regarding workshops and other educational opportunities of interest to our membership. Please forward your submissions by email to our Editor, Brian Lutenegger.

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