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Welcome to our quarterly email newsletter! In it, you'll find quick updates, training opportunities, and news from other divisions to supplement our long-form annual magazine. Please feel free to provide feedback or submit news items to the FPD communications team at federalplanning@gmail.com.



FPD ANNUAL TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sharing Knowledge and Camaraderie in D.C.

Our Annual Training Workshop, held 16-18 June 2026 in partnership with the SAME DC Post, was truly one to remember. Engaging sessions, a lively exhibit hall, and ample networking time helped our community rekindle relationships and build new ones. In fact, we had so much fun at the workshop, we are a month behind with this edition of the quarterly newsletter! *(Your humble volunteer communications committee apologizes most sincerely.)*

We will have a full workshop recap coming soon in our annual magazine, but for now:

- Don't forget to log your CM credits on planning.org!
- Download session slides and professional photographs, along with a certificate of participation, from the email you received from the event organizer. Reach out to info@federalplanningworkshop.org if you missed this! The dropbox link expires **30 August**!
- Provide feedback on the event via our workshop survey.
- Take our annual member survey so we can find out how best to serve you in the future.

FPD HISTORY

We *Still* Need your Help!

We are still collecting photos and stories from the past 40 years of FPD. We are seeking photos and stories from the past 40 years of the Federal Planning Division. These can be from past workshops or other FPD-related events, activities, or gatherings over the years. You can submit yours to federalplanning@gmail.com or directly to Steve Baird, FPD vice chair.

FPD PLANNING AWARDS PROGRAM

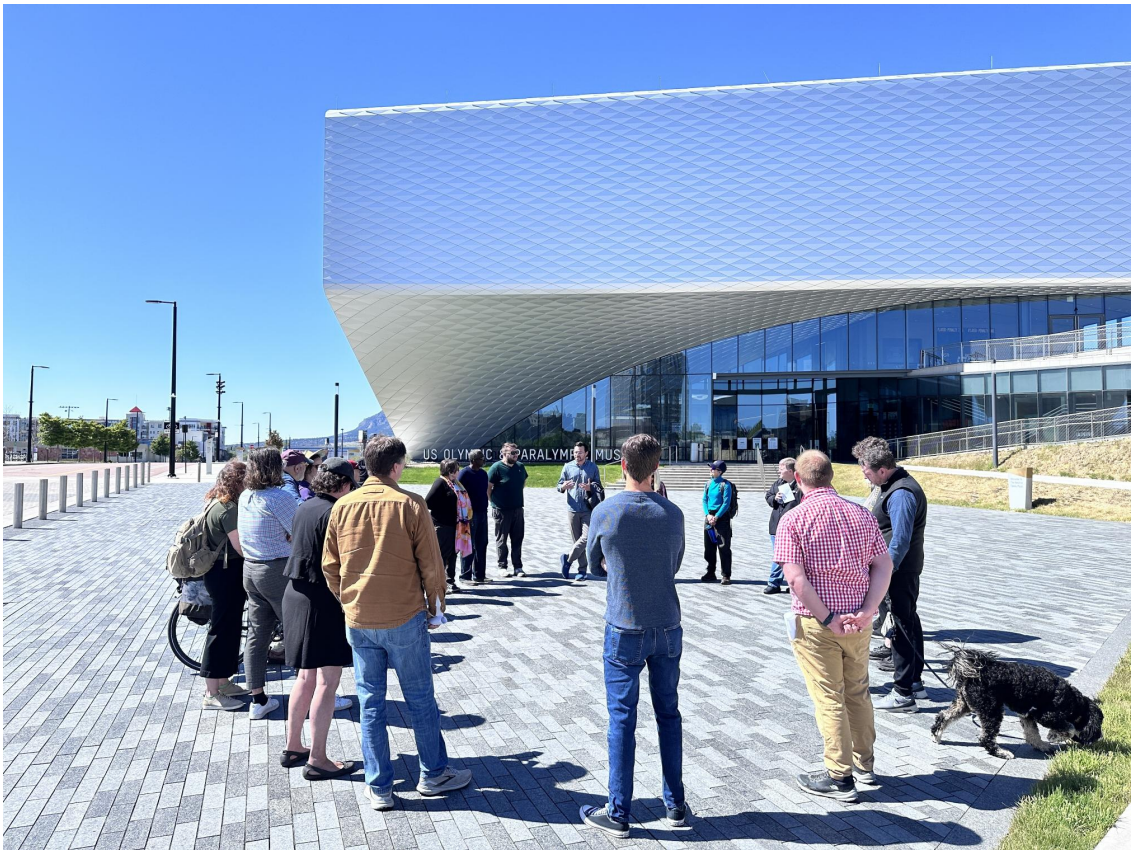
2025 Awards Cycle Complete

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who submitted their best work and stepped up to volunteer as jurors in this year's awards contest. Winners have been notified, and the full results will be available at our awards webinar. Watch this space for the exact date and time and a link to join us! If you are interested in volunteering next year as a juror or on the awards committee to oversee the process, contact fpd.awards.submittals@gmail.com.

credits!







FPD IN YOUR TOWN

FPD Regional Cohorts

Cohorts are going strong! We will have a full recap in our annual magazine. Thanks to member **Justin Morgan** for sending in a few photos from the San Antonio cohort's tour of Fort Sam Houston! In the lower photo, the Colorado Springs FPD cohort teamed up with APA's Southern Colorado chapter to host a Jane's Walk through downtown Colorado Springs. (Photo by **Katie Benzel**)

cohort in your local area. If you live in one of our cohort cities, reach out to the leaders to get added to the mailing list.



APA ELECTIONS

Stay Tuned for your APA Ballot

All members in good standing of APA should receive a ballot on **5 August 2026** from APA's election platform, Direct Vote. This year, we have the FPD secretary and vice chair positions on the ballot, along with APA national and your local chapter election slates. Members will need to submit ballots by **4 September 2026**.

Thanks for reading. Please send any feedback or news tips to the FPD communications team at federalplanning@gmail.com.

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