DESCRIPTIONS FOR APA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Amicus Curiae Committee
The purpose of the committee shall be to prepare briefs and to develop a systematic method of tracking cases as they originate in lower courts; and to file amicus curiae briefs on behalf of the association in select court cases related to planning issues.

Awards Jury
The purpose of the Awards Jury Committee is to implement the recommendations for established awards to be made at the National Planning Conference for each category in which the jury finds an appropriately meritorious candidate.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Committee
The purpose of the Diversity Committee is to promote diversity within the profession and the association to help planners serve and support more diverse and inclusive audiences. The committee will develop implementable strategies for consideration by the Board.

Education Committee
The charge of the Education Committee is to ensure that educational needs of members are addressed through our programs and partnerships, and to bring a strategic focus to APA’s educational activities.

Great Places in America Task Force
This task force is charged to make designations, and to advise on possible changes to this program in the future.

Leadership Development Committee
The committee shall advise and oversee the ongoing program of recruitment, development, assessment, recognition and retention of leaders across all components of the organization.

Legislative and Policy Committee
It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to coordinate development of, and convene the delegate conference to adopt, National planning policies of the Association, and to recommend the legislative priorities of the Association to the Board for review and approval. The committee shall also provide oversight and counsel for policy development, advocacy programs and events.

Membership Committee
The purpose of the Membership Committee shall be to increase and retain members while increasing the cultural and professional diversity of the Association. The Committee shall monitor membership trends through analysis of membership information; examine areas of activity as they relate to membership and member services; make specific recommendations to the Board of Directors on recruitment and retention; coordinate with all membership recruitment and retention activities of the Association; and carry out such other membership-related duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Planning Officials Committee
The Planning Officials Committee shall advocate for planning officials and to help develop programming to educate planning officials about implementing sound, ethical, inclusionary and non-discriminatory planning practices.