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## 2011 APA Florida Annual Conference

The 2011 FL APA annual conference held this September was a huge success. The Executive Committee and host section conference committee were pleased with an attendance of over 620 people. This year's topics included never before offered sessions, such as the repurposing of Kennedy Space Center's shuttle launch facilities after the last launch of Atlantis in July.

As you may know, Tim Brown, formerly with Walton County and now with the City of Dothan, was awarded a Chapter award for service to the chapter. I was fortunate to receive his award on his behalf since he was unable to attend. Thanks again to Tim for all he has done for FL APA and the Emerald Coast Section.

In my opinion, the highlight of the conference was when Senator (and former Florida governor) Bob Graham spoke for the conference kick-off Thursday morning. He was well received and was the first speaker in my history of annual conference attendance who received not one, but two standing ovations. His dedication to the Everglades and environmental protection for our great state is bar none.



From left to right: Jim Quinn, Marti Quinn, Allara Mills Gutcher, Bruce Stitt

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Emerald Coast section of FL APA for offering the conference fee reimbursement program, which helped enable my attendance at the conference. I hope that program will continue, as it is a great aid to enable the attendance of those of us who could not otherwise attend. I hope to see you all next year when the conference will be held in Naples!

-Allara Mills Gutcher, AICP

## Emerald Coast Section Annual Program in Destin a Success

The Emerald Coast Section held its annual meeting in Destin on July 29 with approximately 25 attendees. The program focused on multi-modal planning along the Emerald Coast with speakers from Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, and Destin.

Thank you to all of the speakers, participants, and to our host!!



**New 2011-2013 Section Officers**

**Chair - Christy Johnson, AICP**

**Chair Elect - Anna Papke**

**Secretary - Stella Jones**

**Treasurer - Paul Miller, AICP**

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**Membership Renewal Time!**

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew your membership with the Emerald Coast Section FAPA. There are so many benefits for a very low annual rate of only \$10. Download the application from the website and mail, with payment to:

Attn: Stella Jones, Planning  
 105 Miracle Strip Pkwy. SW  
 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**



Christy Johnson, AICP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy Fowler, AICP for an outstanding job as Chair of the APA- FL Emerald Coast Section over the last few years. Peggy volunteered many hours or her time to the section, while managing her own consulting firm, Peggy Fowler & Associates. She organized section events, programs, and luncheons that offered members in our seven counties a diverse range of informative topics and gave members of AICP, the opportunity to earn over 20 hours of CE credit. Her leadership and hard work as Chair are greatly appreciated, along with her continued guidance and active involvement in the section.

The section officers are busy working to offer several programs and webinars this year. Find information below on upcoming webinars, workshops, socials and training opportunities. The 2011 Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 9th at 790 on the Gulf, 2996 Scenic Highway 98 in Destin. Come join us from 6 p.m. to 9. Bring a guest for \$10. We are also working on a Friday afternoon tour of Maritime Park in February of 2012, a spring eco tour of communities along 30A, and a LEED workshop. If you have ideas for a future programs, please email me at [Christy.johnson@wfrpc.org](mailto:Christy.johnson@wfrpc.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2012 WEBINAR SERIES**

1/18/12	Resilient Planning	Pensacola
2/15/12	Informed Decisions	FWB
3/14/12	Urban Agriculture	Panama City
6/27/12	Law Review	Pensacola

The section is sponsoring a series of webinars at different host locations. This is an opportunity to earn CE credits without overnight travel costs. Please let us know if you plan to attend one or more of these. RSVP to [Christy.johnson@wfrpc.org](mailto:Christy.johnson@wfrpc.org).

**Annual Party!**

This year's annual holiday party promises to impress! Here are the details:

When: Friday, December 9, 2011, 6 p.m. to 9

Where: 790 on the Gulf 2996 Scenic 98 Destin, FL

Cost: Free for current members & only \$10 for spouse/guest. Includes food and 2 drinks each.

**MORE EVENTS**

Oct. 2011 2011 Community Planning Act Update in Destin

Nov. 2011 Planning Official Training in FWB

Dec. 2011 Annual Holiday Party

Feb. 2012 Maritime Park Tour

April 2012 Seaside Eco Tour