

**AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION FLORIDA CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: MARCH 4, 2015

Members Present

Melissa Zornitta, AICP, President
Andre Anderson, AICP, President Elect
Brian Teeple, AICP, Past President
Alissa Barber Torres, AICP, Secretary
Ryan Morrell, AICP, Treasurer
Kathie Ebaugh, AICP, VP Conference Services
Laura Everitt, AICP, VP Membership Services
Henry Bittaker, AICP, VP Professional Development
Tony LaColla, AICP, VP Section Affairs
Marcie Stenmark, Interim VP Communications
Silvia Vargas, Gold Coast Section
Jason Burton, AICP, Orlando Metro Section
Tony Palermo, AICP, Promised Lands Section
James Ratliff, AICP, Sun Coast Section
Joseli Macedo, University Liaison (UF)

Members Absent

Rick Perez, AICP, VP Certification Maintenance
Dodie Selig, AICP Atlantic Coast Section
Michael Alpert, AICP, Broward Section
Keith Burnsed, AICP, Capitol Area Section
Christy Johnson, AICP, Emerald Coast Section
Tony Robbins, AICP, First Coast Section
Hetty Harmon, Heart of Florida Section
Dean Mimms, AICP, San Felasco Section
Josh Long, AICP, Treasure Coast Section
Macy Fricke, Student Representative (FSU)
Juan Higuera, Young Planners Group

Guests

Karen Hamilton, Co-Chair, Conference Committee (Gold Coast Section)

Melissa Zornitta called the meeting to order at 12:08 a.m. after ensuring that a quorum was present on the conference call.

Conference Workshops

Karen Hamilton reviewed the pre-conference workshops listed in the briefing sheet provided to the Executive Committee before the call. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of the AICP exam preparation course to the workshop listing, logistics of transitioning the AICP exam course from a half-day to a full-day workshop, and related matters. Executive Committee members did not make any changes to the pre-conference workshops as presented by the Conference Committee.

Conference Speakers

Karen Hamilton reviewed the draft list of conference speakers and their biographical information, noting that Jorge Perez had not yet confirmed, but that Peter Kageyama had confirmed he would participate for a speaker fee. She indicated that the speaker order would be Peter Kageyama as the opening Plenary speaker, Eileen Jones as the Thursday Lunch speaker, and David Erikson as the Friday lunch speaker. Discussion ensued regarding the planned conference topics, other speaker options considered, and speaker fees. Jason Burton expressed a concern that while Peter Kageyama is a good speaker, he has been a frequent speaker at events. Discussion ensued regarding alternative speaker options, the role of the plenary speaker in setting the tone for the conference, Mr. Kageyama's speaking style, the coordination between the Conference Committee and the Executive Committee in the development of the draft speaker list, and related topics. Karen Hamilton suggested that Peter Kageyama be provided an outline to structure his remarks to the "creative cities" conference theme and the location of the conference being in South Florida. Jason agreed that would be a preferred approach and withdrew concerns about Mr. Kageyama's participation.

A motion was made by Andre Anderson and seconded by Henry Bittaker to approve the Conference Committee's list of speakers. The motion passed unanimously. Karen Hamilton requested Executive Committee input on Peter Kageyama's outline.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.