Note from Susan Connors, President of APA OK

Over the summer months the APAOK conference planning committee has been hard at work preparing for the Oklahoma State Conference to be held September 25 through 27 at Quartz Mountain Resort Arts and Conference Center.

Last fall at the quad-state conference it was decided that the conference in 2016 should be at a State Park. Very few of Oklahoma’s State Parks can accommodate a conference of around 100 to 125 people. Quartz Mountain Resort is one that can. It is located 17 miles north of Altus in the Wichita Mountains of southwestern Oklahoma near the Texas border, Quartz Mountain Resort Arts and Conference Center is ideally located just two and a half hours from Oklahoma City. We seldom hold the state conference in the western part of the State so this is a good opportunity for all of us to experience a new place.

The conference will host a wide range of speakers, opportunities to meet and visit with other planners from all areas of the State and some fun planned activities such as the golf scramble to help fund a student scholarship in memory of Dean Graham.

Our good friend Dawn Jourdan has resigned as Director of OU’s planning program. She was offered the opportunity to serve as Executive Associate Dean at the college of Architecture at Texas A&M University. She moved at the end of July, but was instrumental in organizing the speakers for our conference in September. We certainly wish her well in her new job. Charlie Warnken is replacing Dawn as the Director of the planning program at OU, and we wish him well in this new position.

We continue to want to hear from you about the projects that are shaping your communities. Our newsletter is a great way to stay informed so please send us articles regarding your community and all the important planning work that is happening across the State. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on ways to continue to improve the Chapter and continue to serve the chapter members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Susan F. Connors, AICP
APA Oklahoma President
See you in September at the OKAPA Statewide Conference!

Join Oklahoma Planners from across the state at the Statewide Planning Conference September 25-27, 2016. The conference this year will be held at the beautiful Quartz Mountain Resort Arts and Conference Center, located 17 miles north of Altus in the Wichita Mountains of southwestern Oklahoma.

The conference "Moving Mountains" will inspire attendees with creative ideas and relevant skills ranging in topics from culture and history to resiliency and healthy communities. Also included will be sessions on active transportation and the environment. Topics will include discussions applicable to both small and large communities.

Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2016 Conference is open! You can register for the conference online by credit card or by mailing in the registration form with a check. This year’s conference is $125 for members and $150 for non-members if you register before September 1! After that the price raises by $25. The price includes all sessions, opening reception, keynote lunch and the awards dinner!

Accommodations

Quartz Mountain Resort Arts & Conference Center
22469 Lodge Road
Lone Wolf, OK 73655

For reservations, call 877-999-5567 and mention the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-OK) Conference to get the discounted group rates.

Room rates: Mountainside: $89/night plus taxes OR Lakeside: $99/night plus taxes

Reservation deadline: Monday, September 5, 2016
Special Events

This year's conference will kick-off with an Opening Reception to welcome all attendees on the patio overlooking the Lake. The next morning join us for the Annual OKAPA Members meeting to learn about the accomplishments for the year and the goals for the following year. Our Keynote Lunch held in the ballroom will feature a discussion of SQ 777 (a.k.a. Right to Farm Bill) by former state Attorney General and District Attorney, Drew Edmondson. Last, but not least, the Awards Dinner will be an event not to be missed on Monday Night. All events are included in your registration!

Conference Sponsors Needed!
Are you interested in sponsoring the 2016 Oklahoma Chapter APA Conference? With your sponsorships we are able to reduce our costs and keep our conference fees affordable. We have a variety of sponsorship levels available. For more information is available with the Sponsorship Form or contact Erik Enyart at eenyart@tannerbaitshop.com with any questions.

Conference Schedule

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Keynote Speaker W. A. Drew Edmondson

As a former state Attorney General and District Attorney, Drew Edmondson has been involved in some of Oklahoma’s highest-profile and most-complex criminal and civil litigation. He brings more than 30 years of legal experience in practice areas including administrative law, case settlement, commercial litigation, government law and white collar crime.

Drew served four terms as Oklahoma’s Attorney General. He was one of eight AGs asked to serve on the negotiating team for the states involved in the lawsuit filed against the tobacco industry. The suit resulted in a more than $200 billion national settlement with the industry that will bring more than $2 billion to Oklahoma over a 25-year period. The injunctive relief obtained has permanently changed the way tobacco products are marketed across the country.

Under his leadership, the attorney general’s office helped reform the death penalty appeals process, established victims’ services and vigorously represented ratepayers in telephone, gas and electric rate cases. On his watch, the attorney general’s office finally ended the Battles prison case, the Terry D. juvenile justice case and the Hissom class action lawsuit. Drew was instrumental in creating the constitutional Tobacco Trust and the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust.

Before his election as attorney general, Drew was elected, unopposed, to three consecutive terms as Muskogee County District Attorney in 1982, 1986 and 1990. He served as president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and was selected as Outstanding District Attorney for the State of Oklahoma in 1985 and the Outstanding Death Penalty Prosecutor in the 9th and 10th Circuits. He also served as president of the National Association of Attorneys General and was presented with the organization’s highest commendation, the Kelly-Wyman Award.

Drew received his bachelor’s degree in education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He taught high school debate and served one term in the Oklahoma Legislature before entering the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1976.

Drew is a Navy veteran with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Rotary, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Presbyterian Church. He is admitted to practice before the federal district courts in all Oklahoma districts, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Creek Nation. Drew and his wife Linda have two grown children, Mary Elizabeth and Robert Andrew.

Walking Tour of Downtown Altus

Join Ron Frantz, AIA, Associate Professor from the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, and representatives from the City of Altus in a walking tour of the Downtown. You will learn about the recent accomplishments in this Main Street Award winning community.

This tour will be on Tuesday, September 27 from 8:30 to noon. There is no charge for this tour. Transportation will not be provided, you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Altus. If you are interested in the this tour please check the box on the registration form!
Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser

OKAPA is hosting its 1st Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on September 25, 2016, at the Quartz Mountain Golf Club. We invite you to join us in supporting a new OKAPA student scholarship opportunity in memory of Dr. Charles W. Graham.

Dr. Charles W. Graham, FRICS, AIA, Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, who passed away on February 12, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. Graham was recruited to lead the OU College of Architecture in 2008. His outstanding leadership made an immediate positive impact on the university, the students and the architectural profession in Oklahoma.

You can choose play 9 or 18 holes! Registration for the game is due by September 12! To participate as a golfer or sponsor a hole or the game, please contact Chad Denson at cdenson@choctawcity.org or (405) 390-5136. More information and the registration form is available online.

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