GPSA Meeting Agenda – 1/23/14

APA’s 2014 National Conference
- Atlanta – April 26-30
- APA student member price deadlines:
  - $125 – February 27, $145 – March 27, $165 – On site
- www.planning.org/conference

GSA Professional Development Grant
- Up to $650 – Deadline January 31
- Sanctioned PD expenses include:
  - “Registration fees for academic conferences” and “Room and board expenses incurred while participating in an event and/or room and board expenses incurred on the day immediately preceding or following an event (while in transit to or from Albany).”
- http://www.albany.edu/gsa/docs.shtml (Grant Guidelines)
- Grant submission process:
  i. “To submit your Spring 2014 Professional Development or Research Grant Application, log onto MyInvolvement using your regular net ID and password (you can get to MyInvolvement by logging into your MyUAAlbany account, clicking the campus life tab, and clicking the MyInvolvement link in the left hand bar). Once there, you will see a list of organization pages and you can scroll through to find the GSA page. On the GSA page, you can click the forms link on the left bar and there you will find a Professional Development or Research Grant option. The questions and supplementary materials are identical to the new, redesigned forms. You can type directly in the text boxes or copy and paste as necessary. In addition, each form gives you the opportunity to upload supplementary documents as required by each respective application. You can start applications and submit them at a later time as necessary--they are saved in the system under your account. Applications are due by January 31. Please write to gsagrant@albany.edu with any questions.”

APA National
- Planning Student Organizations
- University at Albany – GPSA is now registered and has an automatic seat on the APA’s Student Representative Council
- http://www.planning.org/students/pso/list.htm

APA Student Representatives Council
- Outstanding Planning Student Organization Awards
- The APA Student Representatives Council (SRC) Executive Committee designed this awards program to:
  i. Promote students' volunteer involvement in their student organization, communities, and state chapters;
  ii. Recognize the outstanding efforts of these student groups;
  iii. Identify best practices in student organizations; and
  iv. Strengthen the ties between student organizations and the American Planning Association
v. Awards in each category will include a monetary contribution to school’s PSO to fund its activities. Funding is provided by APA divisions. The award will be presented during the annual APA National Planning Conference.
  - http://www.planning.org/awards/pso/

APA’s Student Representative Council’s Executive Committee
  - The SRC Executive Committee is the nationally-elected body representing the SRC and student issues within APA.
  - It is made up of eight positions: one chair, one past-chair and six regional representatives, one from each of APA’s six electoral regions.
  - The Executive Committee helps shape APA’s policies that affect student issues; keep SRC Student Representatives apprised of APA programs; and help organize student events at the National Planning Conference.
  - Currently accepting applications – deadline February 6
  - UAlbany planning students are eligible to run for two positions:
  - SRC Chair and SRC Region I Representative
  - Eligibility: An APA Student Member who will still be a student for at least six months of their term (April 2014 to April 2015) is eligible to run.
  - UAlbany student Brian Isoldi is the current SRC Region I Representative and can be contacted for more information about the position if you are interested in running.
  - http://www.planning.org/leadership/students/opportunities.htm

APA’s The New Planner
  - An online publication for and by APA student members
  - Call for Submissions
  - The editor, Natalie Macris, invites APA student members to contact her about the following:
    i. Feature articles: Explore current planning issues, document new research, or explain planning techniques
    ii. Case studies: Examine one or more planning projects, explain lessons learned from on-the-ground planning efforts
    iii. Book reviews: Share your thoughts on a planning book that shifted your perspective, motivated you, or informed you about something you didn’t know before
    iv. Campus spotlights: Report on a project, activity, or program undertaken by your planning student organization or discuss a hot topic on your campus

UAlbany “My Involvement” GPSA page
  - Submitted registration – status approved
  - Please register as a member to GPSA on My Involvement
  - Office of Student Involvement and Leadership – contact Beth Conrad
  - https://albany.collegiatelink.net/organization/gpsa

GPSA Website
Needs updating
http://www.albany.edu/~gpsa/
New GPSA logo

Old GPSA logo

GPSA Event Ideas

Open Discussion