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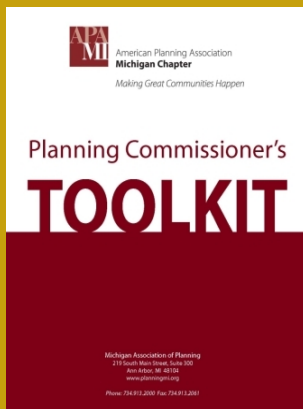
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Dear

The heat wave has finally passed and cool plans are coming together for important events this fall. This August MAP is continuing to provide you with information and high-level educational opportunities at every turn. Check out these training prospects and links connecting you to events in the coming months!

Link to www.planningmi.org throughout the year for additional educational opportunities and event information.

Stay cool Michigan!

Sign up now for MAP's
Planning Commissioner's TOOLKIT webinar
for MEMBERS-ONLY:

Tuesday, August 23rd, noon to 1pm

Focusing on the roles and responsibilities of Michigan planning commissioners, Andrea Brown, AICP and Kurt Schindler, AICP will cover expectations and functions, including recent updates to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3801 et seq.). This hour long webinar includes Q&A opportunities to address individual community concerns and questions.

This webinar series is free to members and is part 1 of a 4-part training program. Look for other training modules in the 2011-2012 member year.

The Planning Commissioner's TOOLKIT publication contains

publication to accompany the webinar, on or before August 15th for a discounted price of only \$20.00 (that's \$5.00 off the list price).

Contact Sherrie Howard showard@planningmi.org or (734)913-2000, to order your TOOLKIT at the discounted rate.

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additional foundational tools and best practices and is available for purchase. While the TOOLKIT is one of MAP's most popular publications it is not necessary to purchase the publication to gain valuable knowledge in the webinar.

Additional free webinars are available regularly through the Utah chapter of the American Planning Association. Link to <http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts> for more information.



Board of Director's Election Update:

With plans for a paperless election, MAP is preparing to transition the annual Board election to electronic balloting. Next month a postcard will be mailed (and emailed) to members with the voting link to cast your vote between September 19th and October 12th in the 2011 election. Candidate bio's and position statements will be made available in September at www.planningmi.org.

To vote, members will be required to enter their first name, last name and member ID# (as printed in your Michigan Planner and postcard address block).

For questions about voting or to request a paper ballot be mailed to you contact info@planningmi.org or call (734) 913-2000.

Planning Michigan 2011

October 19-21 | Amway Grand Plaza Hotel | Grand Rapids

Professional planners, community development experts, planning commissioners and elected officials, save the date and plan to attend *Planning Michigan 2011* to hear national and state leaders share expertise on how to advance your community's land use goals and agendas.

Consider these highlights of what to expect this year in Grand Rapids:

- **Keynote Presentation** | Tough Economy and Tight Budgets: How to Position Your Planning Department
- **Mobile Tour** | Using recreation plans to collaborate with your neighbors
- **Walking Tour** | Historic Preservation
- **Sessions** | Food and Farming as Economic Drivers | Measuring Sustainability in the Community | Site Plan Review for Wind Farms | Amplifying the Influence of Planners
- Michigan Citizen Planner Program

Continue to watch your inbox for links to easy on-line registration and additional information that will put you in Grand Rapids in

plus applicable taxes. Call the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel at 800.253.3590 and indicate you are with the Michigan Association of Planning room block.

October.

September Training Opportunities:

Local municipal staff members, planning commissioners, zoning board members, and other community officials require ongoing education to keep informed of changing trends, opportunities, and strategies for local government. Below are links to training opportunities offered by other organizations around our state in the next month.

2011 Michigan Wetlands Association Annual Conference
Transitions in Wetland Science, Management and Policy
Grand Traverse Resort near Traverse City
August 30 - September 2, 2011

Identification and Evaluation of
Mid-20th-Century Buildings

A workshop presented by the National Preservation Institute in cooperation with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Campus Inn, Ann Arbor, MI
September 12-13, 2011

Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Fall Conference
What Color is Your Infrastructure?
Using Green Practice to Improve Water Quality and Save Money
Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, MI
Friday, September 23, 2011

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