



APA Ohio Board of Trustees

2026 Slate of Candidates

Eric Anderson AICP

Position Statement

I am seeking election as an At-Large member of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees to continue my long-standing commitment to strengthening the planning profession across our state. Since joining the Board in 2017 and serving as President (2022-2024), I have developed a deep understanding of APA Ohio's operations and the evolving needs of our members.

Looking ahead, I am focused on two key priorities: financial sustainability and mentorship. Ensuring APA Ohio's long-term financial health is critical to maintaining and expanding member services. I will work to strengthen and grow the Chapter's sponsorship program, enhance conference sponsorship opportunities, and identify new funding sources to support resilient, high-quality programming.

Equally important is building a strong pipeline of planners and engaged members. Through my work as Professional Development Officer, educator, and mentor, I have supported students and emerging professionals through teaching, speaking, and initiatives like Adopt-a-Class. We must continue expanding pathways for involvement to develop future leaders and sustain our organization.

I will bring experienced leadership, institutional knowledge, and a collaborative approach to support APA Ohio's continued success.

Professional Experience

- Senior Vice President & Director of Operations, KZF Design (Cincinnati)
- 18 years of experience in urban planning, business development, and organizational leadership
- Project experience includes neighborhood plans, corridors, public spaces, parks, and multimodal infrastructure across the Midwest
- Leads strategic growth, marketing, and operations for a multidisciplinary design firm

Educational Background

Bachelor of Urban Planning, University of Cincinnati, College of DAAP (2008)

Volunteer Activities

- Immediate Past President, APA Ohio (2024-2026); Governance Chair; FAICP Committee Lead
- President, APA Ohio (2022-2024) - Led development of current Strategic Plan
- President-Elect (2021-2022)
- Professional Development Officer (2019-2020)
- Board Member, Cincinnati Section Representative (2017-2018)
- APA Cincinnati Section Leadership (2018-2026); launched Adopt-a-Class and expanded programming

Other Relevant Experience

- APA National Chapter Presidents Council Executive Committee (Secretary/Treasurer 2026-2027; AICP Liaison 2025)
- Adjunct Instructor, University of Cincinnati (Plan Making & Implementation course)
- Frequent conference speaker, mentor, and AICP exam preparation leader
- AICP and CPSM certified

Diversity - Yes

Jacob Barnes None

Position Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest. I am passionate about all aspects of planning, zoning, and economic development. Helping communities with these important items is something I greatly enjoy and there is a sense of satisfaction that comes with helping to address items that ultimately affect the quality of life for residents and the success of businesses. Over the years, I have grown to love helping and educating other Planning and Zoning Officials at various conferences across the State of Ohio. I am constantly increasing my knowledge of this profession not only for myself but to be able help others. I'm the Principal/Owner of a planning/zoning consulting business that does lots of work in Ohio and surrounding States. Thank you for your consideration, I greatly appreciate it.

Professional Experience

- 24 years overall experience in Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development.
- Principal/Owner of Zoning Solutions, a Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development consulting company that specializes in helping municipalities with planning and zoning issues. Have updated zoning codes and land use plans for local governments across the State of Ohio.
- 23 years as the Planning Director for Springfield Township, Lucas County. (left in 2025 to expand my company). 10 years as the Director of Economic Development for Spencer Township (Lucas County).
- Zoning advisor and regular speaker for the Ohio Township Association.
- 10+ years experience in various roles including Board President and President/CEO, Holland Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Educational Background

- B.A. Communications
- B.S. Earth Science
- Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy graduate
- Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy 2.0 graduate (inaugural class)

Volunteer Activities

- NW Ohio APA Secretary
- Regular speaker at APA sponsored events in NW Ohio
- Involved in planning local APA conferences and the APA State Conference in 2015 and 2025.

Other Relevant Experience

Fluent in English and Spanish

Diversity - Yes

Arin Blair AICP

Position Statement

As a member of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees, I will represent not only professional planners, but also the individuals in every Ohio community. I will combine my experience in private practice, nonprofit volunteerism, and public sector leadership with my experience as a former resident of Columbus and current resident of Sandusky to advance the mission and Strategic Plan of APA Ohio. Planners are facilitators and thought leaders. We are creators, educators, stewards, and advocates. We take responsibility for the care of millions—ensuring, to the best of our combined professional efforts, everyone has safe and equitable access to thrive. APA Ohio works to ensure the resources are available, educational opportunities are offered, and networks are in place, so planners and allied professionals can continue to elevate the quality of life for all Ohioans. It would be an honor and a privilege to continue serving as your representative as a member of the board.

Professional Experience

As Chief Planner for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, Arin Blair, AICP, oversees the Planning & Zoning Division within the Department of Community Development. Her role includes long-range planning, site development, overseeing zoning and permitting, policy and program development, special project management, public arts, and historic preservation. In her previous role as a consultant in a landscape architecture, urban design, and planning practice, Arin led planning, urban design, and community engagement projects across Ohio and the Midwest.

Educational Background

Arin holds a Bachelor of the Arts, summa cum laude, in Anthropology and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

Volunteer Activities

Arin has served one term on the APA Board of Directors, including active participation in the Legislative Committee. Arin regularly prepares content for continuing education credits for APA OH, APA NPC, APA regional P&Z workshops and allied agencies including the Ohio CDC Association and the Ohio Land Bank Association.

Other Relevant Experience

Arin is currently a board member of Leadership Erie County, 2025 alumni of Leadership Ohio, and an active volunteer with Equality Sandusky. Before moving to the north coast, Arin was named as a Columbus Business First 40 under 40 in 2021.

Diversity

Patrick Hewitt AICP

Position Statement

I am pleased to submit my self-nomination to serve on the APA Ohio Board of Trustees. I currently serve as a Planning Manager leading Strategy & Development for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, bringing more than 15 years of community planning experience across Cleveland and Columbus. In this role, I have led transformative projects that continue to shape the future of Cuyahoga County. My work includes directing more than a dozen community plans, a countywide Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Study, and a Single-Family Zoning Analysis. These initiatives have resulted in updated zoning regulations, community branding efforts, park and infrastructure improvements, and revitalized business districts. I am passionate about building vibrant communities and bring expertise in place-based design and community revitalization. I hold a bachelor's degree from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and a master's in City & Regional Planning from The Ohio State University. I currently serve as Vice Director of Professional Development for the Cleveland Section of APA Ohio, where I have organized community tours and webinars to support member growth. I have also contributed to the APA Ohio Legislative Affairs Committee. If elected to the Board of Trustees, I would focus on elevating the profile of planning across Ohio by highlighting the impact of our profession, strengthening connections between planners and public officials to inform policy, showcasing best practices from across the state, and expanding membership by clearly demonstrating the value of APA Ohio. As a committed member of APA Ohio, I value the role our organization plays in supporting professionals and advancing the field. I would welcome the opportunity to represent my colleagues on the Board of Trustees.

Professional Experience

- Planner, Senior Planner, Interim Executive Director, Planning Manager; Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Cleveland, Ohio, 2014-Present
- Housing & Community Development Specialist, Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Pittsburgh, PA, 2012-2014
- Intern, Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department, Columbus, Ohio, 2010-2012

Educational Background

- Master of City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2012
- Bachelor of History, Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 2010

Volunteer Activities

- Vice Director, Professional Development, APA Ohio Cleveland Section, 2024-Present
- Member, Legislative Affairs Committee, APA Ohio, 2025-Present

Other Relevant Experience

- Chair, Cuyahoga County Monument Commission, Cleveland, Ohio, 2019-Present
- Member, City of Cleveland Far West Design Review Committee, Cleveland, Ohio, 2024-Present

Diversity

Nia Holt AICP

Position Statement

I was honored to be nominated and selected to serve on the APA Ohio Board of Trustees following the departure of a member who relocated out of state. As a native of Dayton, Ohio (the Gem City), I have long believed that the true value of a city lies in its people and in the collective vision they bring to its future. This perspective has guided my contributions on the board, where I have sought to uplift and represent smaller communities and those often overlooked but rich with potential, true diamonds in the rough. I am eager to continue this service, ensuring that all communities have a voice in the planning processes that shape their growth and resilience. Equally important to me is fostering the next generation of planners and civic leaders. I am committed to creating space, support, and accessible resources so emerging professionals can thrive and build meaningful connections across our state. Strengthening these networks not only benefits individuals but also enhances the profession as a whole. I also believe we must broaden the pipeline into planning by encouraging involvement at every level, whether through local planning boards or Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committees. By engaging more people in these foundational roles, we can cultivate a more inclusive, informed, and forward-thinking planning community. Serving on this board is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to that vision, and I would be proud to continue that work.

Professional Experience

- 2017-2020 Planner, Louisville Metro Planning Office
Conducted research and analysis related to urban growth for Land Development Code amendments.
- 2020-2023 Zoning Administrator, City of Riverside
Coordinated multi-agency reviews and presented staff recommendations to zoning boards and City Council.
- 2023-2026 Community Development Director, City of Riverside
Continued Zoning Administrator duties. Oversee planning, code enforcement, and economic development staff and operations. Role involves collaboration with developers, regional agencies, and local decision makers to promote investment and sustainable development

Educational Background

- University of Louisville
Urban Planning. M.A.; Public Administration, M.A.
- University of Dayton
Political Science, B.A.; Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership

Volunteer Activities

- Miami Valley Section Professional Development Committee
- Led a session at the 2024 Miami Valley Section Workshop on Planners and Imposter Syndrome
- Coordinated a City Planning Workshop with Miami Valley Section volunteers for 3rd Grade students in the Riverside, Ohio for the past two years
- Contribute an article to the APA Ohio newsletter in 2025 about youth engagement and led a section at the 2025 State Volunteer on the 2026 OKI Planning Committee

Other Relevant Experience

University of Louisville MPA/MUP Advisory Council 2019-2021

Diversity - Yes

Sarah Kelly AICP

Position Statement

As a director and owner of Planning NEXT, a practice dedicated exclusively to community planning, I have led and contributed to planning processes addressing some of the state's most consequential challenges, including:

- Supporting rural communities in transition: Helped rural areas experiencing new investment and growth pressures build frameworks for managing change and planning for long-term prosperity.
- Charting a new course in counties: Led multijurisdictional collaboration through countywide comprehensive plans addressing land use, economic prosperity, equity, and more, earning recognition through multiple state and national APA awards.
- Advancing growing communities: Tackled pressing issues such as addressing middle-class housing supply and equitable development in communities across the region navigating significant growth pressure and demographic change.

Prior to Planning NEXT, I worked across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including as a planner at the Boston Redevelopment Authority and as executive director of the Boston Preservation Alliance, Boston's primary historic preservation advocacy nonprofit. I have also lived and worked internationally, in Ireland and the Netherlands. In a new term, I am especially committed to:

1. continuing to advocate for changes to the Ohio Revised Code that strengthen the practice of planning and raise the bar for comprehensive planning statewide;
2. supporting APA Ohio's communications efforts to ensure we are reaching planners and allied professionals in compelling ways that elevate awareness of planning's importance; and
3. positioning APA Ohio at the forefront of the state's most pressing planning challenges, including housing affordability and attainability; managing growth in rapidly changing rural and urban-rural interface communities; helping communities navigate the land use and infrastructure impacts of major investments, such as utility-scale renewable energy facilities and data centers; ensuring Ohio communities have the plans in place to leverage available state and federal investment; and advancing climate resilience through a Midwest-focused approach that addresses pressing issues such as flooding, extreme heat, and changing agricultural pressures.

Professional Experience

- Director and Owner, Planning NEXT (formerly Senior Planner)
- Senior Associate, Fort Point Associates
- Executive Director, Boston Preservation Alliance
- Interim Director / Program Manager, The Boston Harbor Association
- Planner, Murray O'Laoire Architects
- Planner, Boston Redevelopment Authority

Educational Background

- Master of City Planning, MIT
- BA in Government, Dartmouth College

Volunteer Activities

- APA Ohio Board of Trustees, four-year term: Involvement has included service on the legislative committee and co-leading the organization's advocacy to define a comprehensive plan in the Ohio Revised Code, which would raise the standard for planning quality and help communities position themselves for investment.
- APA Ohio Board engagement: Beyond legislative work, contributed to organizational initiatives including development of a new strategic plan for the chapter and communications committee work, including assistance updating the organization's website.
- Speaker at APA Ohio, OKI Regional Planning, and Central Ohio Planning and Zoning conferences, including The Housing Trifecta: Policy, Planning, and Progress and Reality Check on Ohio's Rural Communities: Economic Development Trends and Opportunities (APA Ohio, 2025); You're in Demand!: Building on Industrial Legacy to Harness Your Placemaking Potential and Partnering for Progress: How County Planning Can Help Lift Up Local Communities (OKI Regional Planning Conference, 2024); Comprehensive Planning: Is Something Really Better

Than Nothing and Urban Rural Interface: Planning for Transition (APA Central Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop, 2024); Your Plan is Done, Now What? (APA Ohio, 2023); and Health Equity in Unlikely Places (APA Ohio, 2023).

Other Relevant Experience

- Commissioner, Grandview Heights Planning Commission, 2017-2021
- Lecturer, Sustainable Infrastructure Planning, Knowlton School, The Ohio State University, 2014-2016

Diversity

Anna Kelsey AICP

Position Statement

It is important for early-career planners like me to get more involved with APA Ohio and help planners in our state prepare for the future. As an Ohio native, I feel particularly called to help guide our state's future. Ohio is growing quickly, and APA Ohio should be a resource for Ohio planners, elected officials, and others working to prepare for Ohio's continued growth. As a Board member, I would push for the following:

1. Best practices education: Harnessing the vast knowledgebase of APA Ohio members, the Board has an opportunity to create resources for planners. As many communities are working to update codes and regulations to reflect statewide policies and regional patterns, the Board should coordinate the creation of guidance documents (potentially up to and including sample code language) that governments and consultants could use to guide policy creation for things like short-term rental units, missing middle housing and housing stock diversification (ADUs, etc.), recreational marijuana, data centers, and procedural green-taping.
2. Public education: Many planners experience a great deal of pushback and "NIMBY-ism" as they work to plan better communities. APA Ohio should create a series of short, informational videos or simple infographics about the basics of land development rights, the legal basis for planning, and effective ways to get involved with the planning process that planners can use to educate the public in their area about planning. This could be part of a larger toolkit of public education materials planners could use to put on governing body education sessions.
3. Young professional outreach: APA Ohio should focus on bringing more young planners into the organization to educate them and let them educate us. Young planners bring unique perspectives and fresh ideas to our field which relies on creativity and innovation. The Board should create strategies to get young planners involved in all aspects of the organization through social media engagement, increased college and university outreach, and even youth planning education partnerships with Ohio school districts.

Professional Experience

- Planning and Zoning Administrator (City of Delaware, Ohio): November 2023- present
- Development Planner (City of Delaware, Ohio): November 2021- November 2023
- Project Coordinator (WD Partners): November 2020- November 2021
- AmeriCorps VISTA (Homes on the Hill CDC): June 2020-November 2020

Educational Background

- B.S. City and Regional Planning (The Ohio State University): rec'd May 2019
- DIS Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark): January- May 2018

Volunteer Activities

APA Ohio Central Ohio Section at-large board member: May 2024-present

Other Relevant Experience

- Knowlton Mentorship Program (as mentor): 2024/2025; 2025/2026
- Delaware County Housing Alliance Board Member: October 2024 - present
 1. Governance Committee Member
 2. Zoning Committee Co-Chair (responsible for establishing the Delaware County Zoning Professional Roundtable)

Diversity - Yes

Martin Kim AICP

Position Statement

I have had the honor to serve on the APA Ohio Board of Trustees since 2019 and hope to continue for another 4-year term.

APA Ohio is committed to advancing the art, science, and practice of good planning to create vibrant communities that are equipped to anticipate and navigate change. Its mission is accomplished through leadership, stewardship, and partnership. APA Ohio is proud to serve its diverse members and local sections, providing resources, education, and advocacy to strengthen communities across the state.

During my tenure, I have been actively engaged in numerous initiatives and committees to ensure we advance the important mission and goals set forth by the APA Ohio Board of Trustees and APA Ohio members together. Starting in 2025, I had the distinct honor and pleasure to represent my fellow Ohio planners as the President of APA Ohio. I am very grateful and proud of my involvement and accomplishments to date, but would like to have an opportunity to continue my contribution over the next 4 years with your support.

Drawing on my experience as a member of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees, as well as professional expertise gained through the regional planning organization in a unique and diverse capacity over the last 25+ years, I would like to contribute to the advancement of regional and community planning in the state of Ohio. As a member of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees, I would like to inform, advance, promote, and advocate:

- Service-oriented programs and opportunities to continue to provide the best services for our members and local sections, whether it is policy and advocacy work, educational and upskilling programming, or networking events;
- Retain and expand our ongoing partnership and inter-disciplinary collaboration with various allied professional organizations at the local, regional, and state levels to support our mission;
- Opportunities to inform and educate the general public, policy makers, and other diverse stakeholders on important planning issues that impact the quality of life and economic vitality;
- Planning for health and health in all plans and policies to achieve the goal of healthy people and communities;
- Social and economic equity to further the goal of revitalizing our communities, connecting people to resources, and improving economic vitality and socioeconomic mobility;
- Education of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) as a new disruptive transportation mobility technology and its impact, challenges, and opportunities, and integration at the local, regional, and state level; and
- Scenario planning as a process framework and Planning support systems to achieve a sound data-driven decision-making process.

It's been my great honor and privilege to serve and support my fellow APA Ohio members. I look forward to continuing to serve and working with you and the APA Ohio Board of Trustees to advance its important mission of creating vibrant, resilient, and sustainable communities together!

Professional Experience

I am currently serving as the Director of Community and Regional Planning at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Dayton, Ohio. With over 28 years of extensive public sector administration, management, and project experiences, I direct both long- and short-term regional and community planning and GIS initiatives and manage planning and data services to local communities in the Dayton metropolitan region for their successful planning and policy development efforts. The following describes my additional professional information:

- Expertise includes land use and transportation planning, scenario planning, strategic planning, planning support system, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and quantitative and qualitative research and analysis.
- Director of Community and Regional Planning at MVRPC since January 2007.
- Previously held positions at MVRPC include the Manager of Research and GIS and Senior Transportation Planner, August 2000-December 2006.
- Adjunct Professor at Wright State University teaching Community and Regional Planning I and II courses and Intro and Advanced Geographic Information Science courses, 2009- 2016 and 2026.

- Research and GIS Analyst at the Center for Urban and Public Affairs, Wright State University, July 1998-August 2000.
- Member of American Planning Association (APA) Change Ambassadors since March 2026.
- Member of American Planning Association (APA) Design Thinking in Planning Interest Group since March 2025.
- President of American Planning Association (APA) Ohio Chapter since January 2025.
- Steering Committee Member of American Planning Association (APA) Asian and Pacific Islander Interest Group since January 2022.
- Member of American Planning Association (APA) Ohio Chapter Board of Trustees since January 2019.
- Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 2005.
- Member of the Certified GIS Professional (GISP) since 2004.
- Member of American Planning Association (APA) since 1997 and a longtime member of Regional and Intergovernmental Planning and Technology Divisions.
- Steering Committee Member for numerous local community plans in Dayton metropolitan area.
- Frequent speaker at local, state, and national conferences, workshops, and local universities.

Educational Background

- Master of Urban Administration from Wright State University in Dayton, 2000.
- Bachelor of Engineering in Urban Planning from South Korea, 1996.

Volunteer Activities

- Chapter President since January 2025.
- Awards Committee Member, May 2024- December 2024.
- Chapter Vice President/President Elect, January 2023-December 2024.
- Governance Committee Chair, March 2021-December 2024.
- Education Committee Member, January 2021-February 2022.
- Policy Delegate to American Planning Association National since July 2021.
- Governance Committee Member, January 2019-February 2021.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Member, July 2020-December 2020.
- Board of Trustees Member since January of 2019.
- Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop Committee Member since 1997.
- Member of APA Ohio and Miami Valley Section since 1997.
- Frequent session organizer, speaker, and volunteer at APA Ohio sponsored local, state, and OKI regional planning conferences.
- Frequent author of articles in the APA Ohio Newsletters.

Other Relevant Experience

AFFILIATIONS

- Montgomery County Food Equity Coalition Leadership Team since May 2022.
- Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Policy Committee since January 2022.
- Master of Public Administration Advisory Board at Wright State University since September 2015.
- Ohio Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (Ohio URISA) since January 2012.
- Ohio Balanced Growth Program Best Local Land Use Practices Advisory Committee, June 2010-December 2012.
- Southwest Ohio GIS Users Group (SWOGIS) since February 2010.
- Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) since January 2003.

AWARDS

- 2025 Montgomery County Food Champion Community Partner Award, from Montgomery County, Ohio.
- 2023 Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) Distinguished System Award, Single Process System, from the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).
- 2019 Ohio Transportation Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion Local Public Agency of the Year Award, from the Ohio Department of Transportation, American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio, and Ohio Contractors Association.
- 2017 Best Practices Award for the Regional GIS Program, from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP).

- 2017 Vernon Deines Honor Award for an Outstanding Small Town Comprehensive Plan for the Jefferson Township Future Land Use Strategic Plan, from the American Planning Association (APA) Small Town and Rural Planning (STaR) Division.
- 2016 Medium Metro Achievement Award for the Going Places Regional Land Use Planning Initiative, from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).
- 2014 Outstanding Alumnus in Master of Public Administration, from the College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University.
- 2007 Best Practices Award for the Regional GIS Program, from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP).
- Numerous Map Awards from State and Local GIS Conferences and Events.

Diversity - Yes

Andrew Meyer AICP

Position Statement

My priority is to help ensure that APA Ohio remains a leading chapter in meeting the needs of its members and advancing the planning profession across the state. As a current member and chair of the APA Ohio Membership Committee, I work to keep member needs and expectations at the forefront of our efforts. I am also enthusiastic about APA Ohio's leadership in advancing a definition of the comprehensive plan within the Ohio Revised Code an important step toward strengthening the foundation of planning and zoning practices statewide. Finally, I believe it is critical that APA Ohio continues to elevate the value of our profession through conferences, awards, and the recognition of impactful planning work happening throughout Ohio.

Professional Experience

I have over 20 years of professional experience - the majority in the public sector at the local, county, and regional levels. For the past decade, I have served the greater Cincinnati region at the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).

Educational Background

I hold a Master's of Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati.

Volunteer Activities

I have served the Cincinnati Section for the past eight years; two as Program Chair and the past six as Section Director. I also serve on the APA Ohio Membership committee and recently been named chairperson.

Other Relevant Experience

The past four years, I along with other members of the Cincinnati Section, participate in Adopt-a-Class where we meet with a 7th grade class and introduce them to the planning profession. Adopt-a-Class is a Cincinnati non-profit that matches companies and professional groups with local schools. We meet with the the class monthly to talk about our professional experiences and lead them in activities that illustrate how community planning works. At the end of each school year, we take the class on a field trip where they can see planning in action. I feel it's vital to the future of our profession to bring along the next generation of planners, and participating in Adopt-a-Class is a rewarding way to do that.

Diversity

Susan Vincent AICP

Position Statement

Since my election to the APA Ohio Board, I have served on the state Awards Committee, been elected as the first Professional Development Chair for the Miami Valley APA Section, been an active volunteer on annual Planning and Zoning workshops, and presented at local and state conferences highlighting the importance of planning in community work.

Reflecting on my position statement from my first term, I don't think I can improve upon the following sentiment: I believe that all planners are public servants“ no matter if they work for the public or private sector“ and as such, we have clear responsibilities to understand the context for and impacts of our field, to meet our communities where they are, and to continually strive for improvement.

The APA Ohio Board pulls together a diverse group of individuals that allow our profession to keep these principles centered. The Board advocates for issues that will support and advance our communities, organizes educational opportunities that build deeper awareness and understanding of the diversity across our state, and provides resources and networks for both traditional and nontraditional planners. It is an honor to be included in this group of thoughtful, intentional professionals and I hope to continue to serve our state for another 4-year term.

Professional Experience

- Planning and Acquisitions Manager, Montgomery County Land Bank (Current)
- Planner II, City of Dayton, Planning Division (2019-2024)
- Senior Planner, Burton Planning Services (2019)
- Managing Member, Vincent Community Development Services (2018-2019)
- Assistant to the Mayor, Office of the Mayor of Cleveland (2017-2018)

Educational Background

- Master of Urban Planning, Development, and Design, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, 2017
- Certificate in Nonprofit Management, Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Case Western Reserve University, 2012

Volunteer Activities

APA experience:

- APA Ohio Chapter Board, Awards Committee member (2022-current)
- Miami Valley APA Section Board, Professional Development Chair (2024-current)
- Volunteer, Miami Valley APA (including annual P&Z workshop support, 2018-current)

Other Relevant Experience

Presentations/Panels:

- Ohio Land Bank Association State Conference (2026, 2024)
- Miami Valley APA Planning and Zoning Workshop (2025, 2023, 2022, 2021)
- Ohio CDC Association (2025)
- Ohio APA State Conference (2024)

Volunteer/Guest speaker:

- HATCH Architecture Camp (2024, 2023)
- Sinclair Intro to Built Environment guest speaker (2025, 2024, 2023)
- Dayton Public School Sustainability Week guest speaker (2023)

Diversity