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ARTICLE I: NAME AND AREA SERVED

This organization shall be known as the Central Coast Section of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. The area served by the Section shall encompass Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties. The Section shall be a not-for-profit entity under the auspices of the California Chapter.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

2.1 Statement of Purposes

The purpose of this organization is to carry out the objectives of the American Planning Association and the following Section goals to:

- a. Provide local expression of Association purposes and objectives;
- b. Provide maximum membership awareness and involvement in Association, Chapter, and Section affairs;
- c. Communicate and exchange information among those interested in planning and related activities;
- d. Provide a forum for the discussion of issues and pending legislation vital to the planning process;
- e. Promote solutions to local urban and regional problems through a legislative agenda;
- f. Increase the public's awareness of the importance of planning;

- g. Maintain a liaison with other planning related organizations;
- h. Promote the highest standards of professional planning;
- i. Offer an educational resource to Section members; and
- j. Provide adequate financial resources to support Section goals.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

California Chapter members whose address of record, as provided by the members to the national or state chapter offices, is in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties shall automatically be members of this Section.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

4.1 Executive Board Duties

The Section Executive Board shall:

- a. Establish policies, formulate programs and provide guidance in carrying out the Section's purposes;
- b. Adopt an annual budget;
- c. Authorize appointments of Executive Board members and staff needed to carry out the Section's affairs;
- d. Receive and consider resolutions, petitions and recommendations from Section members;
- e. Conduct the Section's annual awards program;
 - i. Demonstrate active involvement through the following expected participation for all Section Executive Board positions:
 - ii. Attend in-person or virtual meetings or retreats of the Section Board;
 - iii. Participate in monthly Section Board conference calls;
 - iv. Attend the annual awards event to represent the Section Board, engage with membership, promote Section Executive Board role, and assist in

- v. succession planning for future Section Executive Board candidates;
 - v. Contribute to Section monthly informational eBlasts or newsletters as feasible;
 - vi. Partner with other Section Board members to create and implement events and professional development opportunities for the Section membership;
 - vii. Provide training and support to new Section Board members; and
 - viii. Perform any other duties necessary to carry out the Section's purposes.
- f. Establish and maintain a high-quality Section website with appropriate functionalities to efficiently communicate with members and the public.

4.2 Executive Board Members

The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected officers.

4.2.1 Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Section shall be:

- a. Section Director;
- b. Section Director-Elect;
- c. (Immediate) Past Section Director;
- d. Subsection Director - Santa Barbara County;
- e. Subsection Director - San Luis Obispo County;
- f. Subsection Director - Ventura County;
- g. Professional Development Officer (PDO);
- h. Finance Officer;
- i. Finance Officer-Elect;
- j. Public Information Officer;
- k. Deputy Public Information Officer – Board Secretary;
- l. Legislative Officer;
- m. Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer (DEMO);

- n. Planning Awards Officer;
- o. Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officer – Santa Barbara County;
- p. Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officer – San Luis Obispo County;
- q. Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officer – Ventura County;
- r. Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer; and
- s. Social Media Officer (SMO).
- t. California Planning Foundation (CPF) Liaison

4.2.2 Appointed Officers

In a timely manner following the certification of annual election results, the Section Director, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, may appoint the following officers necessary to carry out the Board's purposes and objectives. These may include but not be limited to: Student Representative(s), Newsletter Editor, Planning Commission Representative, Assistant Website Administrator and Award Committee Members.

4.2.3 Voting Members

Voting members of the Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers. For purposes of these Bylaws, the immediate Past Section Director, Section Director-Elect and Finance Officer-Elect shall be fully vested members of the Section Executive Board and shall also have voting power. If one person holds more than one position or office at one time, that person shall never have more than one vote.

4.2.4 Term of Office

Executive Board Members - The term of office of all elected and appointed Board members, shall be for two years except for Director-Elect, Immediate Past Section Director and Finance Officer-Elect, whose terms shall be one year. All Chapter Officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election, unless otherwise appointed to office by the Executive Board mid-term.

Section Director - The Section Director shall serve a four-year term commencing January 1 of odd years, as follows: the Section Director shall serve the first year of the term as Director-Elect, the next two years of the term as acting Section Director, and the final year of the term as Past Section Director. As Director-Elect

and Past Section Director, the Section Director’s term shall overlap by one year each with that of the previous and next elected Section Director in accord with the following timeline:

Odd years: January 1, every two years - New term begins as Director-Elect for one year.

Even Years: January 1, every two years - Director-Elect begins term as Acting Section Director. Prior Acting Section Director term ends and new term begins as Past Section Director.

Example:

	YEAR	TERMS
Odd Year	2023	Elected as Section Director-Elect for a 1-Year Term
Even Year	2024	Begins 2-Year Term as Section Director (Does not need a vote if already was <u>elected</u> (not appointed) as Section Director-Elect.
Odd Year	2025	Continues the 2-Year Term
Even Year	2026	Begins 1-Year Term as Past-Section Director

The election of a new Section Director-Elect shall fall within the odd term year into the term of the acting Section Director.

Subsection Directors, Diversity, Equity, and Membership Inclusion Officer, Social Media Officer, Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer, and Legislative Officer - The Subsection Directors, Membership Inclusion Officer and Legislative Officer shall serve a two-year term commencing January 1 of even years.

Professional Development Officer, Finance Officer, Public Information Officer, Webmaster, Programs and Social Officer, Planning Awards Officer and Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officers - The Professional Development Officer, Finance Officer, Public Information Officer, Programs and Social Officer, Planning Awards Officer, and Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officers shall serve a two-year term commencing January 1 of odd years.

Finance Officer – The Finance Officer shall serve a three-year term commencing January 1 of odd years. The Finance Officer shall serve the first one year of the term as Finance Officer–Elect and final two years of the term as Finance Officer. The Finance Officer’s second year of term shall overlap one year with the new Finance Officer-Elect. The election of a Finance Officer-Elect shall fall within two years into the term of the acting Finance Officer in the even year term. If there is a current Finance Officer and no Finance Officer-Elect in the position, the current

Finance Officer shall be elected to serve a two-year term commencing January 1 in even years.

4.2.5 Elections

Elections Committee - An Elections Committee, consisting of no less than two (2) Executive Board members, shall be either determined by the Executive Board or appointed by the Section Director. The Elections Committee shall be formed at the September Board meeting. The Past Section Director or Section Director Elect shall be named chair of the Committee unless there is a reason neither can serve as chair. In this case, the Section Director may appoint a Chair of the Elections Committee from the Executive Board. The Committee shall be responsible for nominations, the conduct and tally of annual elections. Elections shall take place prior to December 1 of each year. The Committee shall conduct the annual Board Section elections, report the results to the Section Board, candidates, and Section membership.

Balloting - Section elections shall be conducted by anonymous ballot.

Election Results - The candidate for each office receiving the largest number of qualified votes shall be declared elected, the outcome published, and all candidates notified in writing within 45 days of the close of voting. Prior to notification, the Executive Board shall certify all election results as complete and accurate by majority vote.

4.3 Officer Attendance. Vacancy and Removal

4.3.1 Attendance

In the event that any officer of the Section Board misses more than three (3) regularly scheduled board meetings without prior consent of the Section Director, the Director shall contact the absent officer documenting these absences and the provisions of this Bylaws section concerning performance, vacancy and removal.

4.3.2 Vacancy

In the event that an office is vacated by the holder due to relocation, extended illness, absence, death or inability to perform the duties prescribed in these Bylaws, the Section Director may, with the advice and consent of the Board, appoint a Section member to fill the vacancy for the length of the unexpired term.

4.3.3 Removal

Any officer of the Section Board may be removed from office for non-performance upon a motion adopted by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Executive Board. A motion will be required which includes:

- a. Grounds for Removal - The grounds for removal based on non-performance must be submitted to the Board and these may include: non-attendance at Board or committee meetings, failure to execute adopted programs and/or responsibilities, incurring legal liability for the Section based on dilatory performance of duties or other criteria that may be added to this subsection.
- b. Process - Due process will require at least two consecutive board meetings to conclude a motion, the first for the making of the motion and submission of grounds; and the second to consider submission of the response by the Officer so charged with the Board then sustaining or denying the motion.

4.4 Duties of Section Officers and Section Executive Board

4.4.1 Section Director

The duties of the Section Director shall be to:

- a. Provide general administrative leadership for the Section by coordinating and directing the Board's activities and programs;
- b. Represent and regularly report on Section concerns, issues and activities to the California Chapter Board at Chapter Board in-person or virtual meetings/retreats, conference calls or other modes of communication;
- c. Maintain a liaison with other Chapter Section Directors, especially those of adjacent sections at Chapter Board in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls or other modes of communication;
- d. Represent the Section Board and Membership in formal correspondence, transmittals and representation at public events;
- e. Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, officers and committees as deemed necessary to carry out the Section's purposes and objectives;

- f. Communicate Chapter concerns to the Section Board and Section Membership and facilitate communication from the Section Membership to the Executive Board and the Chapter;
- g. Initiate and maintain, with assistance from the Board, contacts and joint programs with allied professional groups;
- h. Monitor planning and related activities and communicate these to the Executive Board;
- i. Monitor and coordinate the responsibilities of the Finance Officer and the Public Information Officer;
- j. Responsible for entering into contracts with private parties that are binding on the Section. The Section Director may designate said responsibilities to other Executive Board Members, as necessary; and
- k. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.2 Section Director-Elect

As Section Director-Elect, the duties shall be to:

- a. Serve as a voting member on the Executive Board;
- b. Act as Section Director Pro Tempore;
- c. Learn from the Section Director the oversight function for Section administration, budget, contracts and State Board role;
- d. Attend the Chapter Board Retreat with the Section Director;
- e. Act as liaison to local universities and colleges and assist Student Representatives;
- f. Oversee special projects as identified by the Section Director; and
- g. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.3 Past Section Director

The duties of the immediate Past Section Director shall be to:

- a. Serve as a voting member on the Executive Board;
- b. Act as liaison to local universities and colleges and assist Student Representatives;
- c. Participate in Chapter Board activities, as requested by the Director;
- d. Perform other duties as assigned by the Section Director;
- e. Mentor and support Section Board Members as needed; and
- f. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.4 Subsection Directors (Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura Counties)

The duties of the Subsection Directors shall be to:

- a. Represent the respective geographic areas of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties on the Section Board;
- b. Promote APA membership on a county-wide level to prospective members, make initial contact, welcome new members and transferees, help resolve membership problems, and seek to retain members;
- c. Coordinate with local agency planning directors and principals of local planning firms, promote the values of APA and solicit for local participation in Section Board roles, activities and events;
- d. Develop county-wide programs to recruit professional planners, planning students and faculty, planning and related commissioners, citizen activists and members of the general public interested in communities and planning;
- e. Develop task teams and oversee events, activities and programs with the Board's approval such as Annual Subsection Holiday Mixers and Subsection Planning Academy;
- f. Work with the Public Information Officer to provide information and

- notification of Subsection events and activities to non-members through the media, to stimulate attendance and awareness concerning the Section's activities, and to assist with documentation of event attendance;
- g. Assist the Public Information Officer in maintaining the membership roster;
 - h. Work with Professional Development Officer to host development seminars and symposiums;
 - i. Coordinate with the Diversity, Equity, and Membership Inclusion Officer and Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officer(s) to host social and professional development events benefiting diversity in membership and young professionals;
 - j. Assist the Section Director in overall Board communication and promotional content for Section-wide events and programs. Ensure Webmaster, PIO, and the Social Media Officer are aware of and posting events to relevant platforms;
 - k. Coordinate with webmaster to update calendar for Sub-section events;
 - l. Coordinate with other organizations, including, but not limited to AIA and AEP for Sub-Section events for additional networking opportunities; and
 - m. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.5 Professional Development Officer (PDO)

The duties of the Professional Development Officer are to:

- a. Be a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP);
- b. Promote membership in AICP and assist other Board officers in promotion of student and planning official membership in APA;
- c. Develop and maintain working relationships with the Chapter Vice President for Professional Development and participate in Chapter Professional Development Officer activities;
- d. Coordinate the Section's AICP continuing education program under the guidelines established by the Chapter;
- e. Arrange and coordinate counseling of members preparing to take the AICP examination, including AICP exam preparation workshops;

- f. Communicate with members who are at risk of losing AICP status due to lack of AICP certification maintenance credits;
- g. Apply for AICP certification maintenance credits for professional development events in the Section;
- h. Maintain log of certification maintenance events, attendance, and evaluations for all professional development sessions provided by the section;
- i. Assist the Director-Elect/Immediate Past Section Director to develop and promote mentor and scholarship programs which promote the interests of planning students;
- j. Share Chapter news, information, and professional development opportunities with section membership and coordinate with PIO, Webmaster, and Social Media Officer to post other section events;
- k. Assist other Section Board members with the organization of professional development events, including Planning Academy and workshops for appointed planning and/or related commissioners;
- l. Assist Director-Elect/Immediate Past Section Director to advise the California Planning Foundation Board on distribution of the Section Scholarships and coordinate activities between the Section and the California Planning Foundation Board, including organization of the yearly Section Challenge at the State Conference;
- m. Work with the APA Central Coast Legislative Officer and PSO to host legislative events for law credits and look for ways to partner / co-host with other sections;
- n. Stay abreast of current developments from APA and encourage reading of new Planning Advisory Service (PAS) reports, and distributing legislative updates to members;
- o. Coordinates with the webmaster for any dissemination of information to help advance careers, and posting job ads given to the Section;
- p. Provide interviewing and resume tips and tools to members; and
- q. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.6 Finance Officer

The duties of the Finance Officer shall be to:

- a. Prepare the draft annual Section budget in late fall for review and adoption by the Section Board, in consultation with Director and Subsection Directors. Budget adoption is expected by January 31st of each year. Coordinate with the Financial Consultant to transmit the adopted budget to the Chapter Board, using financial software as directed by the Chapter Board;
- b. Oversee the Financial Consultant responsible for accurate and timely production of Section quarterly financial reports to the Chapter Board;
- c. Collect all expense forms, invoices and receipt records, including electronic records and ensure timely payments to Section Board members, vendors, domain name and website service, checking account and investment account;
- d. Disburse Section funds when consistent with the adopted Budget within one week of receipt of Section Expense Claim forms;
- e. Deposit funds from programs and events within one week of receipt of funds;
- f. Track all income and expenses in a "Periodic Status Report on the Budget" by budget program and line item;
- g. Maintain Section financial records and distribute "Periodic Status Report on the Budget" prior to monthly Section Board meetings and conference calls where feasible;
- h. Coordinate cashiering at programs and events as needed;
- i. Coordinate payment collection for Section website advertisers as needed;
- j. Securely manage the Board financial portfolio;
- k. Make recommendations to the Board when appropriate concerning management of the Section's investments in accordance with the adopted policies of the Executive Board;
- l. Function as custodian of all Board financial records in both electronic archive and hard copy files until transfer to the next Finance Officer;
- m. Train the Finance Officer-Elect in tasks and functions; transfer all security

access; and update required financial institution signatures in January upon commencement of new two-year Finance Officer position; and

- n. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.7 Finance Officer-Elect

The duties of the Finance Officer-Elect shall be to:

- a. Shadow the Finance Officer in roles and functions throughout the year in preparation for the Acting Finance Officer position;
- b. Complete tasks as assigned by the Finance Officer;
- c. In December, prepare for January transition of all security access and financial institution signatures with the Finance Officer;
- d. Assume responsibility for 4th quarter finance reports with the Financial Consultant, under the direction of the Finance Officer; and
- e. Recommended Characteristics for the Finance Officer Position:
 - i. Familiarity formulating and tracking budgets;
 - ii. Familiarity with the State Chapter Budget and State Financial Policies;
 - iii. Ability to use spreadsheets and other tools to track income and expenses;
 - iv. Ability to perform basic accounting skills and learn the accounting software and processes of the Board;
 - v. Ability to work with both electronic and hard copy files; and
 - vi. Ability to work with Financial Consultant by phone and email.

4.4.8 Public Information Officer

The duties of the Public Information Officer shall be to:

External Communication

- a. Act as the E-blast Editor to ensure that the Section membership is informed of the activities of the Section;
- b. Coordinate with the Section Director and Board members to provide

information and notification of Section events and activities to members and nonmembers through the Section website, and E-Blasts to stimulate event attendance and increase membership and awareness concerning the Section's activities;

- c. Coordinate communicating E-Blast information with the appointed Webmaster who shall report to the Public Information Officer;
- d. Provide direction and oversight to the Board Secretary. If the Board Secretary is vacant, the PIO assumes the duties of the Board Secretary position; and
- e. If applicable, oversee the Administrative Consultant/Website Coordinator who shall report to the Public Information Officer. Terms of contracting and retention of the Administrative Consultant/Website Coordinator shall be conducted in coordination with the Section Director.

Internal Communication

- f. Assist the Elections Committee to oversee the publication of an annual call for candidates for open Board positions in coordination with the Section Director and Administrative Consultant/Website Coordinator (as applicable);
- g. Publish candidate statements, conduct the annual Board Section elections, report the results to the Section Board, candidates, and Section membership; and
- h. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.9 Planning Awards Officer

The duties of the Planning Awards Officer shall be to:

- a. Serve as Chair of the annual Section Planning Awards Jury and annual Section Planning Awards Event Committee. Serves as supervisor for Section Planning Awards Event volunteers;
- b. Prepare the Concept Budget for the annual Section Planning Awards Event for the January board meeting for the Planning Awards Event held for that same year;
- c. Coordinate with and oversee the annual Section Planning Awards Jury for selection of annual Central Coast Section Planning Awards;

- d. Provide guidance and assistance to Annual Section Planning Award applicants;
- e. Serve as liaison between Section and Chapter award chairs;
- f. Plan and coordinate Section special events;
- g. Assists Sub-section Directors with the organizing, budgeting and scheduling of Sub-Section events; and
- h. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.10 Legislative Officer

The duties of the Legislative Officer shall be:

- a. Develop and maintain Section legislative review and response capability;
- b. Present legislative items to the Section Board in a timely manner;
- c. Prepare legislative update summaries for communication to the Section membership through various media (E-Blast or social media);
- d. Develop and maintain a strong working relationship with the California Chapter Vice President for Policy and Legislation;
- e. Develop and maintain a working relationship with the Chapter Legislative Advocate;
- f. Serve as a member of the California Chapter Legislative Review Committee;
- g. Participate in the annual in-person State Legislative Committee meeting to develop Chapter positions on proposed legislation;
- h. Organize the annual section Legislative Update via webinar or other available means;
- i. Lead the Section Legislative Committee; and
- j. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.11 Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer (DEMO)

The duties of the Membership Inclusion Officer shall be:

- a. Recruit a diversity of APA membership throughout the Central Coast Section, and promote diverse participation in Section activities;
- b. Conduct community outreach to underrepresented, disadvantaged, and marginalized groups to increase awareness of planning issues and provide information concerning participation in public planning processes;
- c. Provide advice and information to members of underrepresented, disadvantaged, and marginalized groups about career paths in planning;
- d. Collaborate with Chapter Membership Inclusion Officers to organize the yearly diversity summit at the State Conference;
- e. Develop and implement diversity-oriented events, programs, and educational opportunities;
- f. Work with other Section Officer(s) to ensure Section events contain formats, venues, and topics that are equitable, inclusive, and welcoming to a diversity of professionals, and when appropriate, the greater community;
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- g. Attend monthly meetings organized by the State Vice President of Diversity and Equity; and
- h. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.12 Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officer(s)

The duties of the Young and Emerging Planners Group Officer(s) shall be to:

- a. Represent the interest and needs of young and emerging planners under the age of 35 to the Section Executive Board;
- b. Collaborate with other Board representatives, including but not limited to the Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer, Subsection Directors, and Student Representatives, to identify, publicize, and organize events for young and emerging planners and Section members;
- c. Increase membership and improve young and emerging planners involvement in Section APA programs and activities;

- d. Represent and regularly report on Section Young and Emerging Planners concerns, issues, and activities to the Chapter Young and Emerging Planners Group;
- e. Create opportunities for members to foster a strong network of peers that may further develop into strong mentor and mentee relationships. Host networking events, workshops, and programs aimed at connecting young and emerging professionals with experienced professionals;
- f. Coordinate with the Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer and Student Representatives regarding opportunities for Young and Emerging Planners Group participation in their events;
- g. Keep apprised of and promote local activities/events for YEP and APA involvement (e.g., open streets);
- h. Coordinate events that foster professional development (e.g., agency tours, networking events, community service, etc.); and
- i. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.12 Board Secretary (Deputy Public Information Officer)

The duties of the Board Secretary shall be to:

- a. Assist the Public Information Officer when requested or necessary;
- b. Assist with maintaining membership roster and Section E-Blast mailing list and Constant Contact;
- c. Maintain the Board's Gmail Account and respond to emails or forward to appropriate Board members;
- d. Prepare monthly agendas in coordination with the Section Director;
- e. Prepare monthly minutes of Section Board Meetings and post within two weeks of past meetings;
- f. Maintain Section records and correspondence files on the Board's dropbox account. The Board Secretary shall be responsible for sending digital Section records and files to the State Historian on an annual basis;
- g. Assist the Section Director and Sub-Section Directors in external

communication with other sections in the Chapter and other organizations to partner with. Provide regular updates to the Board of event opportunities from other sections to gauge interest; and

- h. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.13 Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer (SFO)

The duties of the Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer shall be to:

- a. Establish a Sponsorship and Fundraising Subcommittee as necessary;
- b. Update Annual Sponsorship Form every year in December;
- c. Update Sponsor List to track past and potential donors;
- d. Work with the Executive Board as necessary to establish a sponsorship strategy to seek sponsorships, in-kind donations, and/or special funding to support Section activities; and
- e. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions as outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.14 Social Media Officer (SMO)

The duties of the Social Media Officer shall be to:

- a. Identify preferred social media platforms and post regularly and often, as well as ensure a diverse range of content and demographics/users are reached;
- b. Promote planning in the Central Coast by sharing planning-related news and content on social media;
- c. Work with the Public Information Officer and the Administrative Consultant/Website Coordinator, and coordinate with the Executive Board as necessary to ensure Section content is promoted on the preferred social media platforms;
- d. Establish and nurture relationships between the Section and the media; and

- e. Review the individual officer worksheet included in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.4.15 California Planning Foundation (CPF) Liaison

The duties of the California Planning Foundation (CPF) Liaison Officer shall be to:

- a. Maintain liaison between the planning schools located in the Section, their students and faculty, the Student Representatives, and the Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) within the Section;
- b. Work with the Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer in obtaining student and faculty membership, representation, and involvement;
- c. Represent student concerns to the Board;
- d. Coordinate Section/university joint functions with Student Representatives and/or the Young and Emerging Planners (YEP) Officers;
- e. Monitor and participate in planning school accreditation;
- f. Assist in the development and promotion of mentorship and scholarship programs which promote the interests of planning students;
- g. Provide information to Section Members and Executive Board regarding CPF activities and scholarships, as well as promoting awareness of CPF; and
- h. Participate in regular conference calls with statewide CPF liaisons.

4.5 Non-Executive, Non-Voting Members

4.5.1 Student Representative(s)

The duties of the Student Representative(s) shall be to:

- a. Maintain liaison between the planning schools located in the Section, their students, the Section and the Chapter;
- b. Assist the Section Director, Subsection Directors and Diversity, Equity, and Membership Officer in obtaining student membership, representation, and involvement;
- c. Represent student concerns to the Executive Board;

- d. Contribute to the organization of and participation in events during the academic year such as:
 - i. Panel discussions;
 - ii. Networking opportunities;
 - iii. Joint general membership and student membership event/training with the Subsection Directors or YEP Officers;
 - iv. Joint communication/networking between the subsection students of UCSB, Cal Poly, and CLU or Channel Islands as an optional activity;
 - v. Schedule student events within the 'regular class schedule' portions of quarters/semesters during the academic year, i.e., approximately from September to November and January to March;
 - vi. Promote annual Section Planning Awards Event attendance with planning students; provide volunteer support to Planning Awards Officer for the Planning Awards Event; and
 - vii. Actively solicit/promote APA membership enrollment to fellow students and explain advantages of student post-graduation membership dues rate to help contribute toward membership attraction and retention.

- e. Student Representatives are eligible for the following benefits:
 - i. Financial support, as funding is available, to attend the State Conference (or similar funds to be applied towards the National conference if on the west coast). If a planning student receives funding from the Section, the student shall be responsible for authoring a summary of their attendance in the Section E-Blast;
 - ii. Reimbursable gas funds when traveling to an in-person Board meeting and the retreat;
 - iii. Reduced or complementary annual Section Planning Awards Event dinner ticket;
 - iv. Networking opportunities with local public and private sector agencies; and
 - v. Resume-building experience.

- f. Review the individual officer Goals and Actions outlined in the APA Central Coast Strategic Plan for measure of goals and actions on a semi-annual basis.

4.6 Committees

4.6.1 Standing Committees

The following may be considered Committees of the Executive Board and may be appointed on an annual basis. Standing Committees shall report their activities regularly to the Executive Board and include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. An Elections Committee, subject to Section 4.2.5 of these Bylaws;
- b. A Budget Committee to oversee the preparation of the annual budget and advise the Finance Officer concerning management of investments comprised of the Finance Officer, Section Director, the Section Director-Elect, one Sub-Section Director, and the Planning Awards Officer;
- c. A Legislative Committee to track and form recommendations concerning planning-related legislative changes and issues; and
- d. A Planning Academy Committee to host and facilitate a speaker series and provide an opportunity for local members with AICP to obtain CM credits, for either the Section or in each individual Sub-Section.

4.6.2 Section Planning Awards Jury

The Section Planning Awards Committee shall annually appoint a Section Planning Awards Jury at the direction of the Planning Awards Officer. The duties of the Section Planning Awards Jury shall include evaluation of entries for the annual Section Planning Awards following selection criteria in coordination with the Planning Awards Officer.

4.6.3 Ad-Hoc Committees

The Section Executive Board may appoint ad-hoc committees as necessary to carry out the Board's purposes and objectives.

4.6.4 All Committee Appointments

All committees shall serve exclusively at the pleasure of the Executive Board.

4.7 Executive Board Benefits

4.7.1 Professional Development Stipend for Executive Board Members

- a. Each budget year, \$100 for each Executive Board Member shall be allocated in the budget if there are monies available for allocation and the Board has adopted an Annual Budget for the year.
- b. All Executive Board Members are eligible to receive \$100 per budgeted year for conference attendance, other professional development seminars or events, or APA membership dues, as the APACA Central Coast yearly budget allows.

4.7.2 Self-Reporting of Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for Executive Board Members who have AICP certification.

- a. All Executive Board Members that are also AICP members are permitted to “self-report” up to eight (8) hours of service time for Board service on the national AICP CM reporting website.
- b. To ethically self-report, Board members should not miss more than two (2) Board meetings per calendar year.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

5.1 Meetings

The Section Director, or Section Director’s designee shall call all meetings, in-person or by conference call, necessary to conduct the Section’s business. In no event, however, shall the Board be convened less than four (4) times during the year, beginning on January 1.

5.2 Notice and Agenda

Reasonable notice of all Section, Executive Board, Committee and other meetings shall be given. All Board members shall coordinate agenda items through the PIO/Secretary who shall finalize the meeting agenda. Agendas shall be distributed in advance of the meeting, to the extent possible.

5.3 Executive Board Quorum

A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting Executive Board business.

ARTICLE VI: INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Upon receipt of a petition signed by not less than (10) percent of the Section members eligible to vote, the Executive Board shall place any initiative or referendum measure on the ballot used for elections of Officers and shall be voted upon by mail in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.2.5 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: SECTION FINANCES

7.1 Financial Status

The Section is a not-for-profit organization.

7.2 Authorization for Dues and Assessments

An increase in Section dues from those set by the National or Chapter organizations or special assessments necessary to pursue Section affairs may be collected when authorized by an affirmative vote of a majority of those Section members eligible to vote.

7.3 Exemption from Dues

Any member who is not required to pay Association or Chapter dues shall also be exempt from paying Section dues.

ARTICLE VIII: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

8.1 Adoption

These Bylaws shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Executive Board. The Board recognizes its affirmative responsibility to notify the membership of changes in these Bylaws.

8.2 Amendment

8.2.1 Amendment by Board Action

Upon authorization of the majority of the Executive Board or upon petition by 10 percent of the Section membership, any proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be placed on the agenda for a Board vote. No less than fifty (50) days shall be allowed from the date of the vote placing amendment(s) on the agenda to the final vote of the Board. Adoption of any amendment requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board. Unless otherwise specified, the amendment shall become effective as of the date of the affirmative vote.

8.2.2 Amendment by Membership Vote

The Board may also, by vote of the majority of the Executive Board members, submit any proposed amendment to a vote of Section membership on a written ballot. No less than twenty (20) days shall be allowed from the date of mailing to the date specified for returning the ballot. Adoption of the amendment requires the affirmative written vote of those voting for the amendment provided, however, that such a majority consists of no less than twenty (20) percent of the Section members.

8.2.3 Publication

No vote of the Board or Section membership shall occur for any proposed amendment to the Bylaws until a summary of the proposed amendment(s) has been published in the Section E-blast. Proposed amendments shall be published no less than 20 days before the Board is to take action or a ratification vote is to occur.

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