

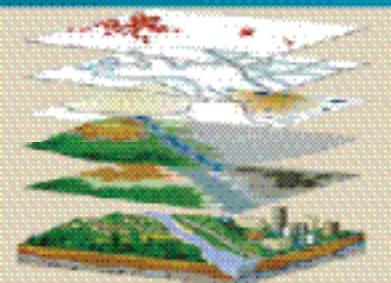
APA Arizona State Planning Conference

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Annual Boards and Commissions Conference

September 28 • Tucson, AZ



9:00 – 10:15 a.m. - Opening Plenary Session • Keynote Speaker: Keri Lazarus Silvyn

Imagine Greater Tucson ("IGT") is a rapidly growing, community-based program empowering citizens, businesses, organizations and regional leaders to collaboratively plan for and create a physical environment that reflects, preserves and enhances our shared values. The IGT vision is to collaboratively engage the greater Tucson region in creating a healthy, diverse and prosperous community for current and future generations to enjoy. Keri will share the IGT "go to the people" approach, their commitment to engaging underrepresented citizens and stakeholders and the importance of a truly collaborative process.

Keri Silvyn is the Chair of the Board of Imagine Greater Tucson. Keri is very active in the Tucson region since her arrival, volunteering at Ronald McDonald House and participating in other community and civic activities while obtaining her BA and her JD degrees from the U of A. Keri has volunteered her time at the University of Arizona on various boards and committees, is on the board of the Tucson Medical Center Foundation, Law College Association, and the Jewish Community Foundation to name a few. She was also recently selected to be on the board of the state-wide O'Connor House Project. Keri is a land-use lawyer and partner at Lewis and Roca in the Tucson office.

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions

Planning Commission v. Hearing Officer

This session will give participants a better understanding of the pros and cons of the Planning Commission and Hearing Officer review processes. This session will present two methods for review of zoning changes: the hearing officer and the volunteer planning commission. There will be a brief overview of each process, followed by a panel discussion focused on the pros and cons of each process.

Moderator: Linda Morales, AICP, Principal, The Planning Center

Presenters: Peter Gavin, Zoning Examiner; Sarah More, FAICP, Planning & Zoning Director, Town of Sahuarita; Bonnie Poulos, Former Chair of Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission

Board of Adjustment Basics

Are variances candy to be handed out like Halloween treats, or is there a time to say "no"? Are Boards of Adjustment obligated to give special privileges to a property owner merely because citywide planning and zoning say "no"? Understand what makes a variance request valid and the findings required to approve the request.

Presenters: Lesley Lukach, Deputy County Attorney, Pima County; Linda Edwards, AICP, Principal Planner, Town of Gilbert; Elva Pedrego, BOA Coordinator, Pima County

12:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Kickoff Luncheon • Keynote Speaker: Bill Ritter, Jr.

Bill Ritter Jr. is currently the Director of the Center for the New Energy Economy (CNEE) at Colorado State University. The Center started February 1, 2011 with Ritter as the founding Director and currently the sole employee.

2:00 - 3:15 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

Your First Day as a Planning Commissioner

After reading the stack of reports, looking at the pile of codes, plans, and policies, what is expected when you take your oath as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner? In this session, you'll learn what it means to be in the first line of decision-making for the future of your community.

Moderator: Ladd Keith, Planning Commissioner, City of Tucson; Planning Consultant, LVA Urban Design Studio

Presenters: Rob Tomlinson, Vice Chair, Town of Sahuarita Planning Commission; Cathy Rex, City of Tucson Planning Commissioner; Jim Lynch, Chairman, Cochise County Planning Commission

Board of Adjustment Case Studies

Board members and staff explore some of the actual cases that have been reviewed, the successes of a decision, the failures, and the unintended consequences. Bring your questions.

Presenters: Frank Cassidy, Attorney, Town of Marana; Jeff Gross, Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy; William Allison, Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy

3:30 – 4:45 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

Planning & Zoning Commissioners: Learning from Experience

Learn how to turn each commission meeting into an opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of the planning process. Build a repertoire of concepts to be able to take the step from merely processing applications to influencing planning policy.

Presenters: Wayne Balmer, AICP, Community Development Manager, Town of Queen Creek; Jerry Stabley, AICP, Planning Director, Pinal County

Board of Adjustment Powers and Limitations

Learn the authority given to you and fellow board members. What can you do on the board? What is against the law? How do you know where to draw the line? Answers to these hands-on questions will be the knowledge gained at this session.

Presenters: Joe Andrews, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney, Town of Oro Valley

Stay for the Boards and Commissions Conference or stay for the full three-day State Planning Conference. Registration will be limited to 150 attendees and is filling quickly. Reserve your spot today. Register online by [clicking here!](#) Or download the linked [registration form](#) and fax it to 602-789-9126.

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