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2014 NAPC FORUM

Board members Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy and Kirsti Uunila and executive director Melanie Lytle represented the organization at the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum in Philadelphia in mid-July. Melanie presented in the session titled "United We Stand: How Historic Preservation Commissions Can Partner Regionally for Success," in which she shared our mission, organizational structure, and history along with the many resources we've created through the years to serve our commissions' needs. Now in our 35th year, the organization is the only formally-organized statewide association of preservation commissions in the country, so the Forum was a great opportunity to share our successes and inspire others to establish something similar in their regions.

> MAHDC's founders, Bernie Callan and Cherilyn Widell, went on to establish the National

Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) using Maryland's association as a model. We're grateful to still have Bernie Callan serving as an officer on our board.

ROBERT HERSHEY AND ZACH SMITH, THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

This summer, two of our esteemed board members, Robert Hershey and Zach Smith, tendered their resignations after years of invaluable contributions to MAHDC's success. We are so grateful for their service and wish them the very best as they shift to other priorities: Zach, to new job responsibilities after having passed the bar exam, and Robert, to his students who will benefit from every moment he can give. We will miss them both.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are seeking nominations for the MAHDC Board of Directors. Specifically, we would like to fill the following roles:

- Director, Eastern Shore-based
- Director, Western Maryland-based
- Director, At-large
- Director, Graduate Student in Historic Preservation or similar field

Board members:

- Preferably have experience serving on a historic preservation commission or as staff to a commission.
- Agree with our mission to provide advocacy, training and program support for historic preservation commissions and local governments across the state.
- Attend six board meetings a year (every two months) at the offices of the Maryland Historical Trust in Crownsville, Maryland.
- Make a serious commitment to participate actively in the board work.
- Stay informed about current issues pertinent to historic preservation commissions and preservation in Maryland and provide technical expertise as needed.

Term: All directors serve a two-year term except for the graduate student director, who serves a one-year term.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or know of a qualified individual that would be a good fit for the organization, please submit:

- Resume
- Statement of interest
- Letter(s) of support (optional)

directly to Melanie Lytle at director@mahdc.org no later than September 30, 2014. The nominations will be announced in our fall newsletter and will be voted on by the membership at our annual meeting soon after (date to be determined).



Providing advocacy, training, and program support for Maryland's Historic Preservation Commissions and local governments.

MAHDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fred Stachura President Prince George's County

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> Tom Liebel Baltimore City

Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy Frederick City

> Josh Silver At-large

Kirsti Uunila Calvert County

Melanie Lytle Executive Director <u>director@mahdc.org</u>

MAHDC Historic Preservation Consultant Directory

As a service to our commission community and preservation partners in Maryland, MAHDC is pleased to announce the launch of our new <u>Historic Preservation</u> <u>Consultant Directory</u>. We're just getting started, and we expect the list to grow in a big way over the next few months.

If you work in a preservation-related field and have the special knowledge and skills that preservation projects require, we invite you to <u>complete the application</u> on our website to become an MAHDC Business Associate member. Listing in the Historic Preservation Consultant Directory is a benefit of Business Associate membership.

WHAT WE OFFER

■ MAHDC's core membership represents every one of Maryland's 48 historic district commissions, so our presence is everywhere in the state. We regularly receive inquiries from historic property owners looking for just the right preservation consultant, and the Directory is where we send them. If you know of a skilled preservation consultant—craftsperson, architect, historian, etc.—who should be on our list, please let them know about this new advertising opportunity.

Our website receives hundreds of unique visitors each month and many repeat visitors, so your listing will reach a broad audience of historic

property owners in Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region who are looking to hire a historic preservation professional.

• We feature the Directory prominently on our website, and it is accessible to the public, free of charge.

• Your business is searchable by your specialty or specialties and includes a description of the work you do, contact information, a link to your website, and your logo.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

We are looking for professionals who are as committed to preservation of Maryland's historic resources as we are. If you are interested in being listed in the Directory, please <u>complete the application</u> on our website to join MAHDC as a Business Associate (\$30 per year). We ask that you read and agree to abide by our Directory Policies.



Design Review Workshop in Port Deposit

contact Melanie Lytle at <u>director@mahdc.org</u> to schedule.

RECENT TRAINING

Over the last few months, we've brought six workshops to Maryland preservation commissions. Over 85 of you attended Design Review, Law and Procedures, or Connecting with your Community, which were offered in Baltimore County, Cambridge, Port Deposit, Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, and Calvert County. If you would like to bring one these workshops to your community, please



■ CALENDAR

September 26, 2014 APT DC 2014 Symposium: The Challenges of Preserving Modern Materials & Assemblies Washington, DC

October 21–22 or 23–24, 2014 GIS: Practical Applications for Cultural Resource Projects Richmond, VA

November 11–14, 2014 Past Forward: 2014 National Preservation Conference Savannah, GA and Online



RECENT TRAINING (Continued from page 2)



Law and Procedures Workshop in Calvert County



Connecting with your Community Workshop in Montgomery County



UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

■ APT DC 2014 SYMPOSIUM: THE CHALLENGES OF PRESERVING MODERN MATERIALS & ASSEMBLIES AIA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 • 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

The DC Chapter of the Association of Preservation Technology is hosting a symposium this September that will address the challenges of preserving and conserving materials of the modern movement. More details will be provided as the symposium draws nearer.

■ <u>GIS: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS</u> ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY RICHMOND, VA OCTOBER 21–22, 2014 or OCTOBER 23–24, 2014

The two-day class reviews introductory GIS concepts and teaches participants how to use GIS applications for identification, evaluation, protection, and preservation of cultural resources.

PAST FORWARD: 2014 NATIONAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SAVANNAH, GA (virtual attendance will also be available) NOVEMBER 11–14, 2014

This year's National Preservation Conference returns to Savannah for the third time, but with many changes planned, including the opportunity to attend the conference virtually (online), TrustLive (a live-streamed forum focusing on the intersections between preservation and other issues), learning labs, field studies, the Preservation Studio, and day-long, skill-building workshops.

COMING SOON!

New commission training modules on ethics/defensive decision making, sustainability, and modernism, funded by a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, are almost ready. Contact Melanie Lytle at <u>director@mahdc.org</u> if you'd like to schedule one for your commission.

WELCOME, NEW MAHDC ASSOCIATES

Thank you for your support.

- Dean Robert Camlin & Associates, Inc.
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- Charles Belfoure Architect / Historic Preservation Consultant
- Encore Sustainable Design LLC
- Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc.
- Michael J. Walkley, P.E.
- SEARCH, Inc.
- Eileen McGuckian
- Thomas J. Taltavull, Architect
- SKELLY and LOY, Inc.

If you have not yet become an MAHDC Associate, please join today.

NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

Have you visited <u>mahdc.org</u> recently? Here are some of the news items you may have missed:

- Sykesville HDC to review applications for Community Legacy Grant
- Calvert commissioners vote to raise county HP tax credit
- Oxford Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission hosts local May walking tours

Please share your commission's news with MAHDC by emailing Melanie Lytle at <u>director@mahdc.org</u>.



SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

MAHDC, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, is supported by donations from supporters like you. Your gifts are fully tax-deductible and enable us to enrich and expand our training program offerings as well as provide important support and advocacy for commissioners and preservationists who need our help. Donations of any level are welcome on the <u>donate page</u> of our website.



Design Review Workshop in Gaithersburg



MAHDC depends on the support of our members, dedicated commissioners and individuals who understand that preservation, at it's most vibrant and compelling, takes place locally.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Access to the MAHDC training programs at the discounted membership rates
- Subscription to MAHDC's timely e-newsletter
- Participation in a professional network of historic preservation commissioners, preservation professionals, and grassroots activists
- Influence in advocating for responsible government decisions affecting historic resources

PLEASE JOIN US! The membership application and payment can now be completed <u>online</u>.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Please "like" us on our <u>Facebook page</u> and follow our <u>Twitter feed</u> (@mahdcorg) for timely policy updates, news, and training opportunities.

