



**Lehigh Valley/Berks Section of  
APA Pennsylvania**

**2026 Work Plan**

**1. Engage with local municipal and private sector planners and grow a diverse Section membership**

- 1.1. Develop relationships between local planning and zoning offices within the Section area
- 1.2. Create dialogues with local municipalities and their planning commissions regarding Section events and training
- 1.3. Provide outreach and education to employers in our region regarding the benefits of APA membership and AICP certification.
- 1.4. Encourage membership among local college and university students
- 1.5. Promote CM credit offerings to non-AICP planners to increase event participation and awareness of planning issues.

**2. Provide meaningful communication to and from the Lehigh Valley/Berks membership**

- 2.1. Provide a forum at quarterly Section Meetings to discuss local issues and initiatives
- 2.2. Launch a revised quarterly schedule format to enable more efficient work planning, membership engagement, and events and educational programming.
- 2.3. Facilitate communication between Section Membership and the APA-PA regarding statewide events and initiatives.
- 2.4. Produce quarterly Board Reports for APA-PA that will also be sent to Section members.
- 2.5. Produce monthly newsletters that contain meaningful information for members, local officials, and anyone interested in the work of APA-PA-LVB.

**3. Support our AICP candidates, certified planners, and members in their professional development**

- 3.1. Continue to provide a Section Scholarship, to be given either to a section member for: a) AICP Exam Registration, b) AICP Experience Assessment Registration, c) graduate education in planning, or d) APA conference registration.
- 3.2. Facilitate/host at least three CM credit offerings throughout the year.
- 3.3. Continue work with the Education Committee, focusing on providing outreach to Lehigh University and other schools as applicable.

**4. Organize a successful 2026 APA-PA Conference**

- 4.1. Support the 2026 Conference Planning Committee with necessary resources to organize a successful event.
- 4.2 Coordinate with the APA-PA Board of Directors regarding needs for the 2026 Conference.