Hadley Peterson Outstanding Chapter Volunteer



by Michelle Stephens, AICP - Chapter President

Hadley Peterson is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Volunteer award due to her unyielding commitment to the Chapter. APA members who volunteer on committees and task forces and in other activities play an important part in advancing the planning movement and enhancing the credibility of the profession and the AICP credential. Since arriving in Colorado a little over a year and a half-ago, Hadley Peterson has raised her hand for every APA Colorado volunteer activity that has come across her plate. Her list of Chapter-volunteer accomplishments include chairing the Emerging Planning Professional (EPP) Events Committee and serving on the Youth in Planning, Communications and Outreach, and Sustainability committees for the Chapter. Her leadership of events for EPP include the:

- Hosting and design of a parklet with the Denver Metro Area, associated with the Greater and Greener Conference;
- Creation and organization of the Bourbon Sprawl events;
- Coordination with the Legislative Committee to organize a policy event with DRCOG, Bicycle Colorado, and other speakers;
- Partnering with WalkDenver on a neighborhood VisionZero demonstration;
- Representing the Chapter and participating in event planning for Denver Does Design, Young Industry Professionals event;¬ and



• Drafting a Mentorship Program Proposal.

"Hadley is an exceptional volunteer! She brings ideas to the table, is always willing to help, and will bring any project she's involved with to the finish line," said Michelle Stephens, Chapter President.

As part of her support of the Youth in Planning Committee, Hadley was part of the Curriculum Development Steering Committee for the creation of a K-12 Colorado Core Curriculum Toolkit. She also co-wrote an article for the Colorado Municipal League Magazine that highlights the importance of great city planning to keeping and attracting families. Additionally, in 2020, Hadley will join the Board of APA Colorado as one of the Denver Metro Area Representatives. As an Area Rep, Hadley will be responsible for representing the Denver Metro Area planners and for organizing and hosting events in the Denver Metro Area.