



Announcing the APPI Bylaw Amendment Regarding CPL

On Friday April 27, 2012, APPI hosted its 2012 Annual General Meeting in Edmonton. We are pleased to announce that the APPI Bylaw Amendment 1/2012 - to establish Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Recording Requirements - was successful! 39% of eligible APPI members participated in the ballot for the bylaw amendment, with 66% voting in favour.

Background Prior to 2010, engaging in CPL and recording CPL activities was voluntary for APPI members. Since the enactment of the Professional Planner Regulation, only the recording of CPL activities has continued to be voluntary. APPI has been a leader in Canada with respect to the legislative framework under which professional planners are governed and establishing CPL reporting requirements will further solidify this role.

APPI Council made a decision in the fall of 2011 to pursue mandatory recording of CPL in order for APPI to meet its obligations under the Professional Planner Regulation and POARA. Council also decided that this matter should be put to the membership to vote on, alongside Council elections, on April 27, 2012.

What is the responsibility of the regulated member (RPP and Candidate) when it comes to CPL?

Regulated Members are responsible for meeting the Code of Professional Conduct found in the Schedule of the Professional Planner Regulation. Items 3 and 7 of the Code of Professional Conduct directly relate to continuous professional learning:

- (3) A regulated member must maintain currency in the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out the practice of planning.
- (7) A regulated member must continually seek further knowledge in the theory and practice of planning and all other matters that enhance the reputation of the profession and the regulated member.

The first reporting year will be January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. The reporting for that year will need to be completed by February 28, 2014.

The APPI Bylaws now include the amendment in the Definitions and Section 8.05

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Regulated members will have different CPL needs depending on where they are in their career and what geographic region they practice in. With APPI providing organized CPL opportunities along with non-APPI organized CPL activities, members have great flexibility in developing the areas that are relevant to them. All regulated Members have the responsibility to be familiar with the CPL Guide and the Professional Competencies available on the APPI website under the Membership/Continuous Professional Learning Section:

http://albertaplanners.com/index.php?op=membership&sub_op=membership_continuous

CPL Guide:

<http://www.albertaplanners.com/siteadmin/uploads/CPLProgramGuideRVoct2011.pdf>

Explanation of the Competency Standards:

<http://www.planningincanada.ca/downloads/Competency-Standards-Task-Force-Report.pdf>

The APPI Competencies Tree for ease of reference:

<http://www.albertaplanners.com/siteadmin/uploads/APPICompetencyTree2011.pdf>