

BUILDING UP THE WEST

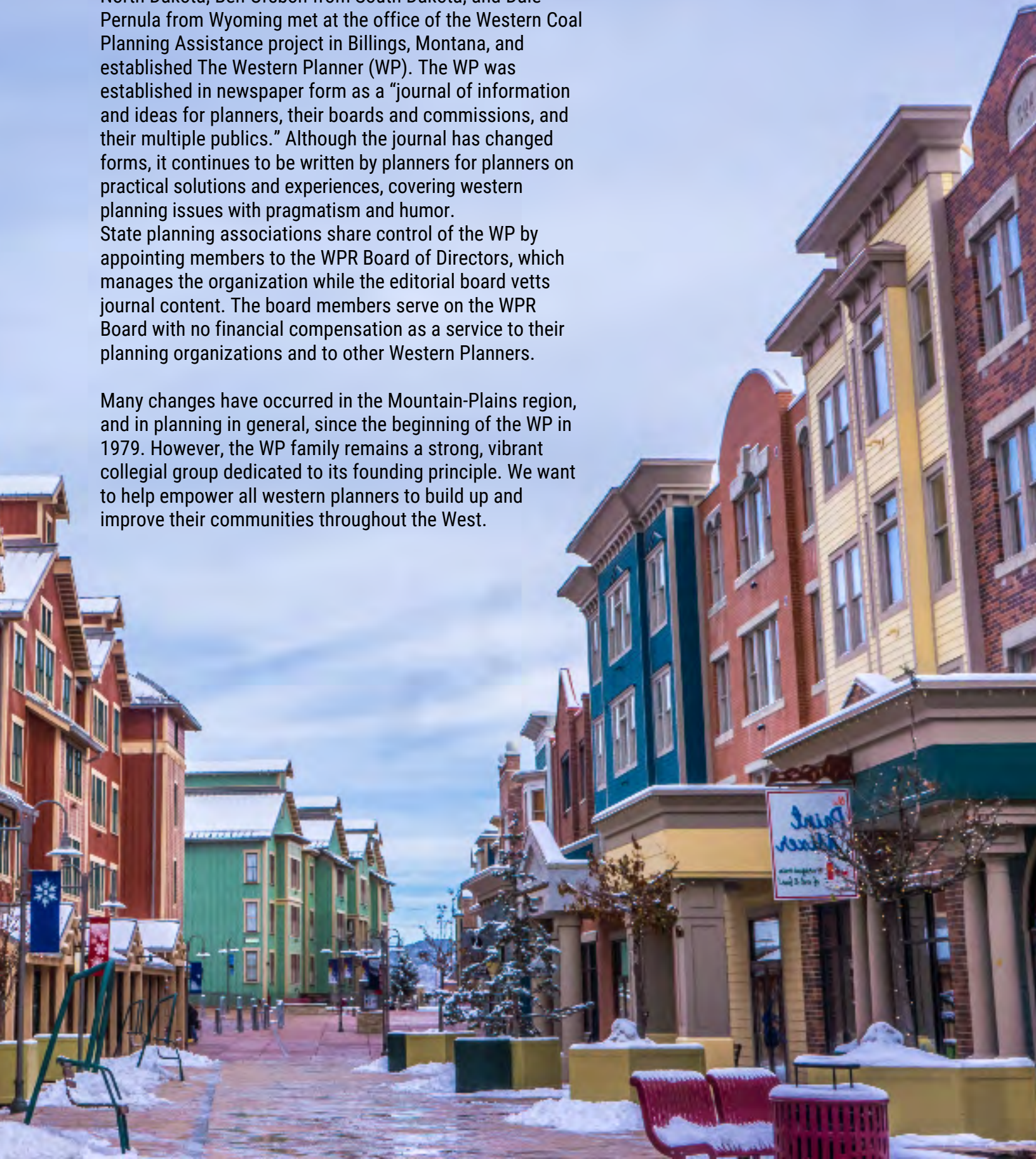


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ABOUT THE WESTERN PLANNER

On November 29, 1979, Stan Steadman, Art Greenburg, Jim Richard, and Fred Roach, from Montana; Allan Merta from North Dakota; Ben Orsbon from South Dakota; and Dale Pernula from Wyoming met at the office of the Western Coal Planning Assistance project in Billings, Montana, and established The Western Planner (WP). The WP was established in newspaper form as a “journal of information and ideas for planners, their boards and commissions, and their multiple publics.” Although the journal has changed forms, it continues to be written by planners for planners on practical solutions and experiences, covering western planning issues with pragmatism and humor. State planning associations share control of the WP by appointing members to the WPR Board of Directors, which manages the organization while the editorial board vets journal content. The board members serve on the WPR Board with no financial compensation as a service to their planning organizations and to other Western Planners.

Many changes have occurred in the Mountain-Plains region, and in planning in general, since the beginning of the WP in 1979. However, the WP family remains a strong, vibrant collegial group dedicated to its founding principle. We want to help empower all western planners to build up and improve their communities throughout the West.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Fellow Western Planners,

Greetings from the great spaces and places of the West. Encompassing the "1-person office" to state planning organizations, the Western Planner network is a strong and active group working to build up the places of the West.

This year saw changes on our board and a new editor. We finished our successful conference once again in Santa Fe, partnering with the New Mexico chapter of the APA. Friendships were rekindled in front of a backdrop of outstanding technical content.

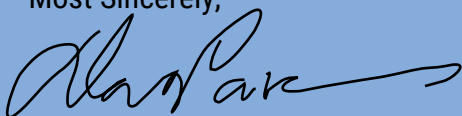
The conference is an essential part of connecting with the Western Planner network--fellow planners with an understanding of the issues facing us in the West: water issues, public lands, tribal relationships, and wide open spaces. You are not alone; we are here for you.

The Western Planner could not survive and operate without supporting state organizations. Their partnerships and contributions help expand and sustain the Western Planner. It is critical that the state organizations communicate regularly with their Western Planner board representative to help us understand how we can best support each state's most remote planner.

We also depend on the individual contributions of members -- writing articles, providing job postings, engaging online, and donating. Moving forward, we are expanding that network and supporting it with increasing organizational capacity and structure -- all with the focus on strengthening the Western Planner network.

There is great value in being part of a network that transcends formal connections and results in friendships borne of shared experiences, celebrating building better communities. You and I are part of that network. Let's work in the coming year to build up the West, together.

Most Sincerely,



Dan Pava, FAICP
President, Western Planner Resources

IN MEMORIAM: Ken Waido

With great sadness we bid fairwell to a member of the Western Planner family: Ken Waido. Ken was instrumental in the development of The Western Planner, serving as its first president after incorporation in 1989. He served as the Treasurer from 2001-2013, and a board member for 30 years (1984-2014) representing Colorado. Ken was a very active member on the Board, advocating for Western Planner, contributing articles, organizing and presenting at conferences. He was the chief organizer for the highly successful 1986 Western Planner Conference in Fort Collins.



Ken with his friends at a Western Planner conference. Ken Waido, right; Joanne Garnett, center; Larry Weil, left; Ben Orsbon, back.

Professionally, Ken served as chief planner in the City of Fort Collins from 1976-2013. He was proud of the City he worked for and shared with The Western Planner at conferences and board meetings many of the planning experiences the City faced. Ken was instrumental in developing and administering an innovative performance zoning code, the Land Development Guidance System which drew national and international acclaim--even being invited to Norway to present on his work.

In his personal life, Ken was married to his wife Colleen for 46 years, the father of 4 children, and the grandfather of 7. Ken was an individual and character larger than life. He could have rounded the bases twice on home runs in Wyoming vs the World softball and was known to eat a steak as an appetizer and then another one for the main course. He gave of himself greatly, and involved his family while doing so, so he wouldn't take away from his parental role. He and his family became our WP family. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

2019 WESTERN PLANNER CONFERENCE

Planning Our Places for a Changing Future

Sept 8-11

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Western Planner and the New Mexico Chapter of the American Planning Association recently completed their annual conference in early September in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Nearly 250 planners from New Mexico and around the West came to the "City Different" to experience the unique culture, architecture and planning history.

These planners came together to learn best practices from each other and discuss current planning issues, but also to renew friendships and make new connections. The historic Drury Plaza hotel was the backdrop for the conference.

The sessions were content rich and engaging. With over 45 sessions covering a wide variety of topics including sustainable development, mediation and engagement, water use, disaster mediation planning, and tribal planning. The mobile workshops were well attended, enlightening and enjoyable. Several walking tours touched on the historic and cultural significance of plazas and historic and indigenous communities around the greater Santa Fe region.

The first Kenneth G. Waido Award for Planning Team Of The Year was

presented to Santa Fe County, and Colleen Waido, Ken's wife, was on hand to accept the honor. She gave an emotional speech about her and her husband's involvement in Western Planner. "Every year it was like coming to a family reunion," Colleen said.

Describing the value of Western Planner and attending these conferences, Western Planner President, Dan Pava, said, "There is great value in being part of a network that transcends formal connections and results in friendships borne of shared experiences, celebrating building better communities. Attending this conference is an important part of connecting with that network."



The 2020 conference will be co-hosted with NDPA and will be held in Bismarck, North Dakota

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MONTANA

Montana was one of the founding states of Western Planner, and it was founded in Montana in 1979. Western Planner also formed the Western Central Chapter of the APA, which includes Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota, with their original board officers coming from the Western Planner board.

RURAL: 89.3% of counties
TRIBAL: 5.9% of state (9 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS: 131 people
20.9% of cities | 30.4% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1129

CONFERENCES
1981 Bozeman
1987 Billings
1990 Bozeman
1997 Red Lodge
2004 Missoula
2012 Billings
2016 Great Falls



RURAL: 91.3% of counties
TRIBAL: 3.2% of state (2 tribes)
WP REP: Megan Nelms, AICP
CONNECTIONS: 294 people
35.4% of cities | 78.3% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1265

CONFERENCES
1984 Jackson
1994 Cody
2002 Evanston
2008 Cheyenne
2015 Laramie

WYOMING

Wyoming was one of the founding states of Western Planner in 1979.

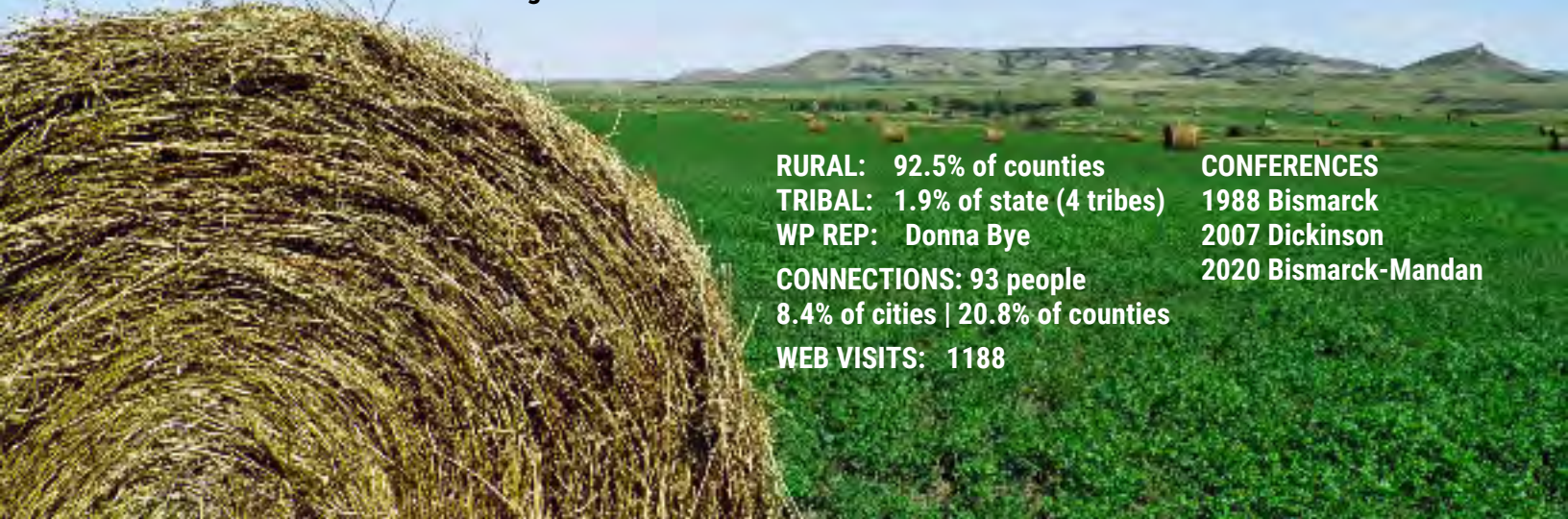


NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota was one of the founding states of the Western Planner.

RURAL: 92.5% of counties
TRIBAL: 1.9% of state (4 tribes)
WP REP: Donna Bye
CONNECTIONS: 93 people
8.4% of cities | 20.8% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1188

CONFERENCES
1988 Bismarck
2007 Dickinson
2020 Bismarck-Mandan



SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota was one of the founding states of Western Planner in 1979. Western Planner assisted in founding the South Dakota Planning Association in 1983.

RURAL: 95.5% of counties
TRIBAL: 9.2% of state (10 tribes)
WP REP: Kevin Smith, AICP
CONNECTIONS: 141 people
12.5% of cities | 33.3% of counties
WEB VISITS: 702



CONFERENCES
1982 Spearfish
1992 Rapid City
2000 Spearfish
2009 Spearfish
2017 Spearfish

RURAL: 76.6% of counties
TRIBAL: 1.2% of state (2 tribes)
WP REP: Brandon Cammarata, AICP
CONNECTIONS: 592 people
31.0% of cities | 45.3% of counties
WEB VISITS: 3164

CONFERENCES
1986 Fort Collins

COLORADO

Colorado joined the Western Planner in 1980.



UTAH

Utah joined the Western Planner in 1980.

RURAL: 72.4% of counties
TRIBAL: 4.3% of state (7 tribes)
WP REP: Brian Carver
CONNECTIONS: 127 people
15.8% of cities | 44.8% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1372

CONFERENCES
1983 Logan
1995 Park City
2005 Midway
2014 Salt Lake City



WASHINGTON

Planning Association of Washington joined the Western Planner 1982. The Washington APA joined in 2003.

RURAL: 46.2% of counties
TRIBAL: 5.6% of state (29 tribes)
WP REP: Kerwin Jensen
CONNECTIONS: 216 people
28.5% of cities | 51.3% of counties
WEB VISITS: 2053
CONFERENCES
1998 Wenatchee
2010 Vancouver

RURAL: 86.2% of counties
TRIBAL: 10.7% of state (231 tribes)
WP REP: Shelly Wade, AICP
CONNECTIONS: 150 people
12.2% of cities | 37.9% of counties
WEB VISITS: 723

CONFERENCES
1993 Homer

ALASKA

Alaska joined the Western Planner in 1984.



IDAHO

Idaho joined the Western Planner in 1984. The Western Planner helped form the Idaho Planning Association, which became the Idaho Chapter of the APA.

RURAL: 86.4% of counties
TRIBAL: 1.3% of state (5 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS:
79 people
13.4% of cities | 34.1% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1654

CONFERENCES
1985 Coeur d'Alene
1989 Boise
1996 Idaho Falls
2006 Boise
2018 Fort Hall



ARIZONA

Arizona joined the Western Planner in 1992.

RURAL: 26.7% of counties
TRIBAL: 27.7% of state (22 tribes)
WP REP: Loras Rauch, AICP
CONNECTIONS: 321 people
40.7% of cities | 40% of counties
WEB VISITS: 1674

CONFERENCES
2021 Scottsdale

RURAL: 63.6% of counties
TRIBAL: 10.5% of the state (24 tribes)
WP REP: Dan Pava, FAICP
CONNECTIONS: 181 people
17.1% of cities | 24.2% of counties
WEB VISITS: 2438

CONFERENCES
2001 Santa Fe
2011 Santa Fe
2019 Santa Fe

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico joined the Western Planner in 1991.

NEVADA

Nevada joined the Western Planner in 1991.

RURAL: 70.6% of counties
TRIBAL: 1.7% of state (19 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS: 96 people
36.8% of cities | 47.1% of counties
WEB VISITS: 502

CONFERENCES
2003 Las Vegas
2013 Lake Tahoe

OREGON

Oregon joined the Western Planner in 2007.

RURAL: 52.8% of counties
TRIBAL: 1.3% of state (10 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS: 42 people
12.0% of cities | 25.0% of counties
WEB VISITS: 652

CONFERENCES
None

RURAL: 95.7% of counties
TRIBAL: 4.4% of the state (6 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS: 3 people
3.0% of cities | 14.0% of counties
WEB VISITS: 153

CONFERENCES
1991 Lincoln
1999 Lincoln

NEBRASKA

Nebraska joined the Western Planner in 1981.

RURAL: 25.9% of counties
TRIBAL: 0.6% of the state (108 tribes)
WP REP: None
CONNECTIONS: 34 people
6.0% of cities | 8.6% of counties
WEB VISITS: 2181

CONFERENCES
None

CALIFORNIA

JOURNAL SNAPSHOT

Most read articles (all years)

1. Code Compliance: Difficulties and Ideas for Small Towns
2. Understanding and Implementing Mixed-Use Development in the West
3. Civilian Conservation Corps in Montana: 1933-1942
4. Planning a Neighborhood Square
5. Federal Lands in the West: A few facts and figures

Most read articles in 2019 (from 2019)

1. Light rail expansion in Phoenix, AZ
2. Planning for Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities
3. Finding 'Missing Middle' Housing in Olympia, Washington
4. The Modern Wildfire Situation
5. Downtown Las Vegas Form-Based Code: A Nevada First

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We work to unite planning professionals separated by the great expanses of the West with a common vision and shared experiences to improve our communities.

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