



“Social advance depends as much upon the process through which it is secured as upon the result itself.” - Jane Addams



# WP+D NEWS

FALL 2016

## UPCOMING WP+D EVENTS

### Fall Third Thursday WP+Drinks

October 20, 2016, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Plymouth Rooftop, 327 S. Plymouth, Chicago

### October Small Networking Lunch featuring Harriet Festing, Director of Water Programs and Rain Ready at the Center for Neighborhood Technology

October 26, 2016, 12:00 pm  
Chicago Cultural Center, First Floor (Randolph St. Side)

### Fall Professional Development Event: Open New Doors: Keys to Becoming More Entrepreneurial

November 7, 2016, 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Chaddick Institute, 243 S. Wabash, 9th Floor

## CHICAGO P+D EVENTS

### Activate: A Celebration of the Senses

October 13, 2016, 5:00 pm  
Sullivan Center Alley, 16 E. Monroe, Chicago

### Greenovation: Urban Leadership on Climate Change

November 18, 2016, 12:00 - 1:30 pm  
Great Cities Institute, 412 S. Peoria, Chicago

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WP+D is an organization for women working in all areas of planning and development in the Chicagoland area to network, enhance job skills, and strengthen professional relationships.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Members and Friends of Women in Planning and Development!

I am humbled and honored to serve as President of WP+D for the 2016-2017 term. To be surrounded by a talented and committed board energized around the organization and excited about how to bring continued value to our members, who impact the field of planning daily, is a wonderful combination for a year full of new experiences and celebration. It's hard to believe that WP+D is approaching its 25th year of engaging and connecting women from all stages and sectors of a dynamic profession; offering high quality events and programs that bridge planning theory and practice with personal growth and professional development; not to mention, providing and expanding on a network of amazing individuals and leading companies that open doors to careers we once could only imagine.

I joined WP+D in October of 2013 and did not hesitate when the opportunity presented itself to serve on the Outreach Committee for 2014-2015, then on the Board as Membership Development and Retention Chair for 2015-2016. In these three years with the organization, it has never been more apparent to me how important WP+D is for women in the planning and development fields. From the exclusive career insights shared by high-profile industry professionals and job opportunities with sought after firms in a very competitive marketplace, to some of the most meaningful personal and professional relationships that prove lifelong, WP+D has set a trajectory built on purpose, excellence, growth and sustainability. We do it all for you.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. In addition to our signature monthly events, be sure to mark your calendars for our highly demanded, biannual Professional Development Panel on November 7th, where we'll explore the ins and outs of entrepreneurship. As we move into 2017, our annual Holiday Party and much anticipated 25th Anniversary celebration are also sure to please! You don't want to miss any of this.

I invite you to reach out to me personally (shavion.l.scott@gmail.com) or to any member of our Board (info@wpdchicago.com) if there's anything we can do to enhance or improve your experience with WP+D. What we do is only possible because of each and every one of you. Thank you. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Shavion Scott, President, WP+D

## ANNOUNCING WP+D'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN SPRING 2017!



Since 1992, Women in Planning and Development has been an important element of career development for hundreds of women in planning and development leadership all over Chicago.

We'll be celebrating 25 years of dedication to advancing leadership, fostering relationships, and providing educational opportunities for women in the fields of planning and development with a 25th Anniversary Celebration in Spring 2017. Look for more details coming soon!

**Are you interested in an opportunity to work with the WP+D Board on planning the 25th Anniversary Celebration? Please contact Sue Taghabon (suetaghabon@gmail.com) to learn more or go to our [website to sign up!](#)**



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Judith Hamill

Judith is currently employed as the Director of Government Relations at The John Marshall Law School. This position is located in the Alumni Relations and Development Department at the Midwest's largest independent law school. The focus of her work is to raise funds for the law school from government sources, i.e. the federal, state, county and local level.

On June 7, 2016, she was appointed by President Preckwinkle and approved by the Cook County Board for a Member position on the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals. Judith is the first woman to ever serve on this nine-member board.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a governmental agency with a Board made up of nine Members: seven voting members who are appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and two Ex-Officio non-voting Members. Their primary duty is to aid the public in considering all rezoning appeals pertaining to land uses in the unincorporated areas of Cook County.

WP+D has given her the opportunity to network with other women planners and stay abreast of what is happening in the field of planning. WP+D has such a diverse membership that it is interesting to hear about the work and accomplishments of the other women.

Judith has a bachelor's degree in Music from the Chicago Musical College at Roosevelt University, a Master in Urban Planning & Policy from the University of Illinois (Chicago) and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School.

Early in her career, Judith worked with the fledgling Chicago Council on Fine Arts where she authored the monograph - "Corporate Support of the Arts." She spearheaded capital improvements at Chicago's major museums that benefited persons with disabilities prior to the passage of the ADA. She was Director of Noise Abatement for Chicago's airports where she managed the sound-proofing of 50 schools around O'Hare and 11 schools near Midway. While at the Department of Aviation, she oversaw the creation of movies such as Home Alone 3, My Best Friend's Wedding, U.S. Marshals, and Message In a Bottle and television episodes for ER, Early Edition and Chicago Hope.

[Read more on our website!](#)

## FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT!

Have you ever thought about starting your own consulting practice? Forming or joining a startup? How about redefining your role or creating a new position in your current organization?

Whether you are interested in one day starting your own business or you are simply hoping to take more professional risks, "Open New Doors: Keys to Becoming More Entrepreneurial," our Fall professional development panel, is intended to provide you with an overview of what it takes to be an entrepreneur in your field. We will explore a range of topics around entrepreneurialism, including:

- What does it mean to be entrepreneurial?
- What skills are helpful to entrepreneurs?
- What should you consider before taking a big career risk?
- How can entrepreneurial skills be applied in existing organizations or companies?

Secure your spot today for this panel and networking event on November 7! Stay tuned for more details!

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Join Women in Planning and Development for our fall professional development event.

**OPEN NEW DOORS** Keys to Becoming More Entrepreneurial

Monday, November 7, 2016  
6:00-8:30 pm  
Chaddick Institute  
243 S. Wabash, 9th Floor

Whether you are interested in one day starting your own business or you are simply hoping to take more professional risks, come hear our panel of experts dive into what it takes to be an entrepreneur in your field. We will explore a range of topics around entrepreneurialism, including:

Following the panel discussion, WP+D will host a networking reception.

What does it mean to be entrepreneurial?  
What skills are helpful to entrepreneurs?  
What should you consider before taking a big career risk?  
How can entrepreneurial skills be applied in existing organizations or companies?



## RECAP OF RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic and Board Announcement

Our Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic was a great success with more than 50 WP+D members coming together to reunite

with former classmates and colleagues and meet new connections in the planning and development space. The event was held at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park during the Summer Concert Series and featured a welcome address from former WP+D President, Elizabeth Scott, and current WP+D President, Shavion Scott.

The 2016-2017 WP+D Board of Directors was also announced at the picnic. Learn more about current WP+D Board members on the [WP+D website](#).

Many thanks to the 2015-2016 WP+D Board members that retired this past year, including Elizabeth Scott, Jane DeRonne, Sarah Beck, Amy Ellingson, and Jaemi Jackson.

### WP+Drinks

Between happy hour drinks and morning coffee chats, Third Thursdays draw both current and prospective members to meet and mingle. The events take place throughout Chicago, allowing members an opportunity to not only network, but also enjoy many of the great venues throughout the City.

- August - Citizen Bar
- September - Cavanaugh's on Federal
- October - Plymouth Rooftop
- November - Breakfast Edition
- December - Jak's Tap

### Small Networking Lunches

Our small networking lunches have featured prominent leaders in the fields of economic development, real estate and housing development and transportation. These events are restricted to five members to allow for an intimate lunch gathering to share thoughts, career advice, and form lasting relationships. We were pleased to host the following women:

- May - Krista Kahle Elam, Director of Sustainable Economic Development at North Branch Works
- June - Liz Schuh, Principal Policy Analyst at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- August - Terri Haymaker, Senior Vice President of Real Estate Services for IFF
- September - Leah Dawson Mooney, Director of Strategic Planning & Policy at the Chicago Transit Authority

We'll see you at the next one!

Sincerely, 2016-2017 WP+D Board of Directors