

**Regional & Intergovernmental Planning Division
Executive Committee Meeting
January 20, 2026**

Notes

- **Intros**

- Paul Inghram, Division Chair, welcomed everyone and posed the following questions.
- *Where do you work, how did you end up in regional planning, and what do you like about your job?*
- *In attendance* - Attendees introduced themselves and gave some background.
- Paul Inghram (RIPD Chair; PSRC – Seattle); Nicole McCall (RIPD Vice Chair; Cambridge Systematics – Cleveland, OH); Bridget Callea (RIPD Communications Officer; Benchmark Planning – Charlotte, NC); Ben Bakkenta (RIPD Secretary/Treasurer; PSRC – Seattle); Sheila Lynch (DRCOG – Denver); Jason Wager (Centralina Regional Council – Charlotte, NC); Ian McElwee (SCR COG – New Haven, CT); Michelle Larime (RTC Southern NV – Las Vegas); Travis Liska (North Central TX COG – Dallas); Elizabeth Scott (CMAP – Chicago); Ralph Willmer (RIPD Immediate Past Chair; APA Ethics Officer; MAPC – retired)

- **Overview of RIPD (Paul/Ralph)**

- Annual schedule.
 - Regional Futures Forum major division event timed for National Planning Conference (2026 – Detroit)
 - Fall Annual Meeting – November (webinar with interesting speaker)
- Bylaws
- Performance report. An annual report to APA on division activities is submitted annually in the fall.

- Budget/grants (see Secretary/Treasurer report below)
- **Role/Expectations for Regional Liaisons (Nicole)**
 - New role to get more active membership from around the country representing the different APA Divisions. Get new ideas, information. Seen as a 'low lift' in terms of expectations for work expected. Envisioned as a 2-year term, coinciding with election of division officers.
- **Forum** - any tasks we want to perform in advance of the Feb 17th meeting? Forum planning outline? Refresh contact with SEMCOG? (Paul)
 - See draft agenda below
- **Annual Performance Report (Paul/Ben)**
 - Submitted in December 2025
- **Treasurer Report (Ben)**
 - On Federal Fiscal Year schedule – 10/1–9/30. FY 2026 Budget and Work Plan: \$5,500 (inclusive of \$1K reserve) submitted to APA in September 2025.
 - 2025 EOY Balance Sheet: ~\$9,700
- **Communications Update, request for content (Bridget) (Not covered – ran out of time)**
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- **Other Business**
 - (Not covered – ran out of time)

Possible agenda for Regional Futures Forum in Detroit

This outline is intended to prompt discussion. It is generally based on prior years and is open to change. Is this a good starting point for the February 17th meeting?

Lunch

Welcome and introductions

RIPD and SEMCOG

SEMCOG presentation on planning for Detroit metro

Table sharing

Possible agenda items

Collaboration guidance – Nicole, etc.

Other options?

Federal legislative report – Jason Jordan

Walking tour

Social gathering – May be combined with other divisions

Note – Paul will be at the Divisions Council meeting for much of the event