

**Full Name**

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**Position Statement**

When I ran to be Treasurer a couple years ago, two of my goals were to work with the Board, staff and committees to continue the advancement of the Chapter by being fiscally responsible and to improve upon and create opportunities for our members in professional development. During my time as Treasurer, we have been able to rebalance the budget and find ways to reinvest in our members by providing quality training opportunities, including the annual Colorado Planning Conference. This was truly a collaborative effort from a board, staff and committees of dedicated and passionate individuals. It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer and work with such an amazing group of planners.

For more than a decade, I have been a strong advocate for and passionately involved with APA Colorado and planning initiatives throughout the State. I served on the inaugural Emerging Planning Professionals committee; have continued to serve for over a decade on the Professional Development Committee; am actively involved in the annual conference presenting on creative and fun educational topics; actively serve as a mentor to young and new professionals; bring awareness to the profession by working with local schools and youth; and wear multiple hats in my role as Treasurer on the Board assisting the organization, staff and the President where I can.

I bring over a decade in public sector planning experience and over a year and counting in the private sector as a Sr. Community Planner and Project Manager for Ayres. As planners, we are called upon to be leaders for our communities. As we have seen over the years, the work we do has the potential to impact people and places positively or negatively for generations to come. It is when we come together that we are at our strongest. If re-elected as Treasurer, I will continue to serve as a leader and help our organization promote planners and APA Colorado as the definitive authority on community planning matters throughout the State.