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The JBMS Memorial Scholarship honors Jim Boyce and all our former APA members who have dedicated their careers to accessibility in the built environment. Help us reach our 2024 fundraising goal of \$4000 by purchasing raffle tickets at the JBMS table in the lobby.

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TICKETS:

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For more information, contact [CamilleNorth@AccessibilityProfessionals.org](mailto:CamilleNorth@AccessibilityProfessionals.org).

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- Network with others in your area
- Discuss accessibility issues pertinent to you
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- Enjoy reduced fees for CE trainings



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### Communication/Membership Committee

Responsible for oversight of the quarterly APA newsletter and APA communication tools. We are also responsible for the plans and actions used to communicate with and retain current members, welcome new members, reconnect with dropped members, and recruit potential new members. We promote APA and its members to the building and accessibility industry.

### Technical Standards Committee

Responsible for the technical resource library (FAQs) and a forum for members to get technical clarification on ADA and other standards. We provide a technical session (Tech Talks) at the National Conference.

### Chapter Expansion Committee

Responsible for the plans and actions approved by the APA Board to recruit APA members from all U.S. states outside Texas.

### Exhibitor/Sponsor Committee

Responsible for bringing in exhibitors that provide our conference attendees with exposure to new products, tools, and concepts, as well as bringing revenue to APA via exhibitor and sponsor fees.

### Education/Events Committee

Responsible for programs at the annual conference and other training throughout the year.

### Legislative/Legal Standards Committee

Responsible for watching and advocating action on any TAS, ADA, or Accessibility Specialist legislation.

### Jim Boyce Memorial Scholarship Committee

Responsible for developing application materials, awarding scholarship(s), and raising funds each year.



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JANUARY 24 – 26, 2024  
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

| Time/Credit  | Activity/Course  | Room          |
|--|--|---------------|
| 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  | <b>Optional Tour of the LBJ Presidential Library</b> Separate registration and fees required to participate.   | Off Site      |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  | <b>General Conference Registration and Check In</b>  | Lobby         |
| 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.   | <b>Exhibitor Displays/JBMS Raffle Tickets Available for Purchase</b>   | Lobby         |
| 12:30 – 12:45 p.m.   | <b>Opening Welcome</b><br><b>John Torkelson, 2023 APA President</b>  | Main Ballroom |
| 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #112 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 283 1 LU HSW, ICC #37810 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report | <b>Keynote – Accessibility Matters: Knowing the “WHY” Behind Everything You Do</b><br><b>Presented by Julie Sawchuk</b><br>This course will bring participants back to the basics of accessibility, why it matters, and how it can be applied through all aspects and decisions in the design and construction of a space. | Main Ballroom |
| 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #117 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 286 1 LU HSW, ICC #37813 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report  | <b>ADA and Accessibility: Lessons Learned and Strategies for Compliance</b><br><b>Presented by Mark J. Hulme</b><br>This course will explore the complicated endeavor of ADA compliance in the higher education arena.   | Main Ballroom |
| Break  |  |               |
| 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #119 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 287 2 LU HSW, ICC #37815 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report  | <b>How the ADA Applies to Judicial and Correctional Facilities</b><br><b>Presented by Mark Mazz</b><br>This course will look at the unique ADA Standards and Regulations for judicial and correctional facilities. Their functionality requires you to interpret the ADA requirements creatively.                          | Main Ballroom |
| 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.   | <b>2024 APA Board and Committee Chairs Meeting</b>   |               |
| 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Dinner on Your Own: Network with Peers</b>  |               |

APA Vision

A national association of professionals with knowledge and expertise in pursuit of compliance with accessibility regulations related to the built and physical environment.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

| Time/Credit  | Activity/Course  | Room          |
|--|--|---------------|
| 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.   | <b>Breakfast</b>   | Lobby         |
| 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.   | <b>New Member Breakfast</b>  | Austin        |
| 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Exhibitor Displays/JBMS Raffle Tickets Available for Purchase</b>   | Lobby         |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Tech Talks</b>  | Main Ballroom |
| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.<br>APAC-BE #120 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 289 2 LU HSW, ICC #37817 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report | <b>TAS Project Variances: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly</b><br><b>Presented by Marsha Godeaux</b><br>This course will go over what an owner can do if accessibility requirements cannot be achieved. It will provide some interesting and common examples of variance requests TDLR has received and provide the necessary tools to assist owners with documentation requirements when submitting variance applications to TDLR.   | Main Ballroom |
| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.<br>APAC-BE #122 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 292 2 LU HSW, ICC #38198 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report | <b>Key Federal Mandates for Accessible Housing: The Relationship of the ADA, ABA, and Rehabilitation Act</b><br><b>Presented by Rex Pace with Sarah Presley</b><br>This course will give an overview of the requirements of pertinent laws and how these fit together to ensure that accessible housing is available to people with disabilities. The primary focus will be on the 2010 ADA Standards, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, and the ABA Accessibility Standards. | Breakout      |
| Break  |  |               |

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 *Continued*

| Time/Credit  | Activity/Course  | Room          |
|--|--|---------------|
| 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #116 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 296 2 LU HSW, ICC #38449 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report | <b>Accessible Means of Egress: Options and Operation</b><br><b>Presented by Kimberly Paarlberg</b><br>The course will explain accessible entry and emergency egress from a building.   | Main Ballroom |
| 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #111 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 282 2 LU HSW, ICC #37809 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report | <b>Third Rails: Real and Hypothetical Cases Open to Interpretation</b><br><b>Presented by Jonathan White</b><br>This course will present the audience with several real-life examples of how certain accessibility standards may be interpreted. Participants will leave the session with alternative viewpoints and be better equipped to assist their clients. | Breakout      |
| 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Lunch and APA Annual Meeting</b><br>APA President address and introduction of the new 2024 APA President and Board  | Main Ballroom |
| Break  |  |               |
| 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #123 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 3 Foundation, AIA/CES #APA 293 2 LU HSW, ICC #38212 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report      | <b>PROWAG: What’s New, What’s Changed</b><br><b>Presented by Sarah Presley</b><br>This course will outline the requirements in the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), highlighting some important changes in the final version of the rule.  | Main Ballroom |
| 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #109 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 291 2 LU HSW, ICC #37818 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report        | <b>Areas of Assembly: To Compliance and Beyond</b><br><b>Presented by Dr. Nanette Odell</b><br>This course will explore the regulations under the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related to Areas of Assembly. We’ll take an in-depth look at the impact that using the minimum standards have on the experience of guests.                          | Breakout      |
| Break  |  |               |
| 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #118 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 288 1 LU HSW, ICC #37814 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report        | <b>Hidden Alcoves</b><br><b>Presented by Mark Mazz</b><br>This course will discuss hidden alcoves. In the ADA Standards, a clear floor space is 30” by 48”, except when it is an alcove.   | Breakout      |
| 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #114 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 285 1 LU HSW, ICC #37812 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report        | <b>The Barriers We Continue to Encounter in Healthcare</b><br><b>Presented by Kaylan Dunlap</b><br>This course will provide a perspective of accessible healthcare that considers the built environment, policies and procedures, training, and how all of these pieces work together to provide equitable healthcare for individuals with disabilities.         | Main Ballroom |
| 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #115 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 295 1 LU HSW, ICC #38448 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report        | <b>Once You Arrive: Accessible Parking and Sidewalks</b><br><b>Presented by Kimberly Paarlberg</b><br>This course will discuss new options for parking, including provisions for electric vehicle charging stations, diagonal parking, and street parking found in the 2017 ICC A117.1.  | Breakout      |
| 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #113 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 284 1 LU HSW, ICC #37811 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report        | <b>Building Better Bathrooms: Best Practices for Accessible Washrooms</b><br><b>Presented by Julie Sawchuk</b><br>This course is intended to be a reference guide to help people better understand the intent behind accessible bathrooms and their features.  | Main Ballroom |
| 5:30 – 7:00 pm   | <b>Happy Hour with Cash Bar/JBMS Raffle Winners Announced</b>  | Lobby         |
| 7:00 p.m.  | <b>Dinner on Your Own: Network with Peers</b>  |               |



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

| Time/Credit  | Activity/Course   | Room          |
|--|---|---------------|
| 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.   | <b>Breakfast</b>  | Lobby         |
| 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.  | <b>Exhibitor Displays</b>   | Lobby         |
| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.<br>APAC-BE #121 2 CEU,<br>AIA/CES #APA 290 2 LU HSW, ICC #37816 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report                         | <b>Understanding TAS Law and Rules</b><br><b>Presented by Marsha Godeaux</b><br>This course will go over the differences between federal accessibility law requirements and Texas accessibility law requirements. It will explain how the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 68 works with those laws and provide clarifications about the latest updates to Chapter 68. | Main Ballroom |
| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.<br>APAC-BE #110 2 CEU,<br>ACTCP 2 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 299 2 LU HSW, ICC #38623 .20 CEU, TDLR 2 CE Self-Report       | <b>Existing Facilities and Program Access</b><br><b>Presented by James L.E. Terry</b><br>This course will analyze the specific obligations, exceptions, and examples of methods that can be used to meet existing facility requirements efficiently and effectively.  | Breakout      |
| Break  |   |               |
| 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.   | <b>APA 2024 Committee Introduction and Meetings</b><br>Learn about the various APA committees and find out how you can become involved.   | Main Ballroom |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.<br>APAC-BE #108 1 CEU,<br>ACTCP 1 Elective, AIA/CES #APA 298 1 LU HSW, ICC #38622 .10 CEU, TDLR 1 CE Self-Report | <b>Accessible Polling Places</b><br><b>Presented by James L.E. Terry</b><br>This course will cover the most important considerations and solutions to help accessibility specialists serve the thousands of election districts in their efforts to making poll sites and elections independently accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.                  | Main Ballroom |
| 12:00 – 12:15 p.m.   | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><b>Charles Watt, 2024 APA President</b>   | Main Ballroom |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <b>APAC-BE Exam: APA Certified-Built Environment Exam</b>   |               |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <b>APA 2024 Board Meeting</b>   |               |



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