

New AICP Members for 2015

Please congratulate the following local planners who passed the AICP written examination in May 2015. They are: Rebecka Arbin of the State of Hawai'i Office of Planning; Rob James of HHF Planners; Landin Johnson of AECOM; and Aaron Mann of HHF Planners.

Rebecka Arbin is a Coastal Zone Management Program Planner with the State of Hawai'i Office of Planning. Her projects include coordinating the designation process for the proposed National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in He'eia and the state's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. She received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Rebecka has experience in disaster planning, strategic planning facilitation, and course development and outreach, as well as numerous years spent abroad in Asia and Europe as both a student and teacher.

Rebecka Arbin



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Rob James is a senior associate with HHF Planners and has spent the past 12 years working with the firm. He has extensive land use, military, facility, and master planning experience throughout the Hawaiian Islands and Pacific region, including Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Japan.

He holds a master degree in Geography from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and manages the company's GIS and information technology programs. When not in the office, he is likely surfing, spending time with family, or working on his old house.

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Landin Johnson is an environmental planner with AECOM. He works on environmental assessments, impact statements, compliance, due diligence, natural resource studies and planning, and other various environmental and planning projects. He is also a diver with AECOM's scientific diving program. He holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science, and an Environmental Studies Certificate from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Before joining AECOM, he was an environmental scientist, planner, and project manager at Tetra Tech. Prior to entering the field of consulting, he worked at the University of Hawai'i's Environmental Center as an assistant environmental review coordinator and later, as a watershed coordinator. When not at work, Landin can be found outdoors, scuba diving, hiking, and birding. He has served on the board of directors of non-profit organizations and is passionate about conservation and planning issues in Hawai'i.

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Aaron Mann is an Associate with HHF Planners. He joined HHF in 2012 after receiving his Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. While at HHF, he has contributed to the evolution of HHF's information technology offering by increasing the firm's competency in database and mobile application development. Aaron is currently leading an effort in the development and deployment of a facilities information management system to support the lifecycle asset management of all public schools in the Insular Areas of the U.S.

Aaron continues to pursue his interests and develop expertise as a professional planner in the areas of site planning, statistical and economic analysis, environmental and land use planning, negotiation and mediation, geographic information systems, land use law, and ocean and coastal law. As a newly minted member of the AICP, Aaron firmly believes in the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and will always adhere to his overall responsibility to the public wellbeing.

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AICP Membership

The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) is the professional arm of the American Planning Association (APA). AICP certifies practicing city, regional, and rural planners and promotes continuing education, ethics, and professional development. To join AICP, members must submit an application to APA to see if they qualify to take the written examination. The exam is routinely offered during a two-week period in May and November of each year.

For eligibility requirements and other information about AICP and the exam, please visit the national APA website: www.planning.org/aicp. If you are qualified to take the exam and need assistance in preparing for it, please contact Professor Peter Flachsbaart, Ph.D., AICP, either by phone (956-8684) or email (flachsba@hawaii.edu) at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. As APA Hawaii Chapter's Professional Development Officer, Peter typically offers review sessions several weeks prior to the exam, if there is sufficient demand.