



## Women in Planning + Development



**Women in Planning + Development (WP+D)** is a unique forum for women professionals to expand their professional skills, network, and exchange ideas while contributing to the improvement and development of Chicagoland neighborhoods and communities. By attending WP+D sponsored programs and being involved on WP+D committees, WP+D membership offers rich personal and professional rewards. Specific benefits of membership include:

**Membership Directory** offers valuable contact information for a wide network of women – from students to young professionals to mid-career and retired leaders in the field of planning and development. Printed in hard copy for easy desk reference, this book is worth the price of membership alone!

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Oriented Programming** events and speakers that honor the mission of WP+D's founders. Includes speaker events showcasing Chicagoland women leaders and intimate networking opportunities that aim to develop friendship among our members as well as professional ties.

**WP+Drinks** at a different 'happy hour' and coffeehouse locations throughout the city. Orient yourself to different neighborhoods while developing contacts with other women in your field.

**Discounted Admission** to WP+D events and programs hosted by partner organizations.

**Member Appreciation Picnic** in the summer free to all WP+D members. This year we will hold elections for the 2007-08 Board at the annual picnic.

**Holiday Party** winter networking at a festive location. Last year's Ethel's Chocolate champagne party was a hit!

WP+D has three membership levels to match the focus of the organization:

**Student Member (\$25)** – for current students and recent graduates (3 mos.). WP+D offers an introduction to a wide network of women outside of the academic environment. In your fellow members, you will find potential mentors, friends, and possibly a future employer.

**Professional (\$50)** – for young professionals and non-profit/public sector professionals. WP+D offers targeted career advancement opportunities and skills training in a more social setting than other organizations. Group golf lessons and an auction to win a lunch with your dream mentor, anyone?

**Sustaining Member (\$75)** – for established professionals and women who are able to subsidize the student membership rate. WP+D offers an opportunity to mentor energetic young women in your field; or if you have limited availability, act as an advisor to a committee and attend annual events such as the Member Appreciation Picnic to network with your peers.

### **WPD Committees**

Led by dedicated volunteers, the following committees form the backbone of the organization. Members are encouraged to be actively involved in any of the five committees:

#### **Membership**

Promotes WP+D membership and makes recommendations to the Board on benefits and programs to attract new members. Organizes the Membership Directory and an annual summer Membership Appreciation Picnic.

#### **Programs**

Organizes monthly happy hours, topical speaker events, and this year works with the Professional Development Committee to plan the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

#### **Community Outreach**

Coordinates service projects for WP+D members and promotes WP+D involvement in activities that promote more livable communities.

#### **Professional Development**

Makes recommendations to the Board for skills-oriented workshops and this year will work with the Programs Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

### ***Mission Statement***

*Women in Planning + Development is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership, networking, and educational opportunities to women in the fields of planning and development. The organization offers services, support, programs, and information to promote the professional advancement of its members. WP+D fosters a civic and social commitment through the provision of pro bono services and the dissemination of information to advocate for positive change. WP+D recognizes that many individuals and organizations have made significant contributions to the field of planning and development and seeks to acknowledge achievements and new concepts by providing a forum for discussion. WP+D is governed by a board of directors and administered by an executive committee.*



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# WP+D MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

**Include in Directory?**  
Please circle:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Company / School: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Position / Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Field (i.e. non-profit, real estate, consulting): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle:**      New Member      Renewal

**Please circle:**      Student/\$25      Professional/\$50      Sustaining Member/\$75

Please indicate on which committee you would like to participate, either as a member or advisor:

- Membership
- Programs
- Community Outreach
- Professional Development

Would you like to be notified via email of upcoming WP+D events?    Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Current WP+D Member who referred/recruited me: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like us to contact a prospective WP+D member? (Name, organization, phone, email):  
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Please return this application with a check for dues to: **WP+D, P.O. Box 641762, Chicago, IL 60664-1762**. You can also submit a membership application and pay dues online at **www.wpdchicago.com!**