



GOOD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESULTS IN BETTER DECISIONS

IAP2 USA

IAP2 USA supports and advocates for effective public participation that aligns with our Core Values and Code of Ethics. IAP2 USA is an Affiliate of the worldwide International Association for Public Participation.

We are a private, nonprofit, membership organization currently serving more than 700 members in public agencies, academia, consulting firms and nonprofits. Members range from college students to seasoned professionals in public engagement, communications, public policy and other professional disciplines. The organization is primarily supported by membership dues.

The organization offers a variety of services to members and is dedicated to:

- Increasing members' knowledge of public participation through events, publications, webinars and other communications efforts
- Providing training opportunities and technical assistance to improve public engagement
- Creating partnership with like-minded organizations
- Promoting result-oriented research
- Advocating for public participation to enhance decision-making in government and industry
- Creating networking opportunities to share best practices, case studies, and other information

Local Chapters

There are several geographically-based chapters in the United States that also host localized training, networking opportunities, and other sharing opportunities for members. As the organization grows, IAP2 USA supports the creation of new chapters around the country.

North American Conference

Each year, IAP2 USA hosts or participates in the North American Conference, which is a joint effort of the USA and Canadian Affiliates. The conference location alternates annually between the United States and Canada, and draws participants from around the world. A highlight of each conference is the Core Values Awards, which honors and recognizes the best public engagement campaigns from the previous year.

To learn more about IAP2 USA or to become a member, visit iap2usa.org

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AROUND THE WORLD

IAP2 was founded in 1990 in response to the rising global interest in public participation. The organization has grown from 300 members to more than 3,000 today, with members residing in 26 countries.



IAP2 is a confederation of nation-based “Affiliates.” Each Affiliate hosts networking, professional development, and training opportunities. The U.S. Affiliate also consists of geographically based “Chapters” that conduct their own networking, workshops, and other activities.

To learn more about the worldwide federation and its governance structure, visit iap2.org

MEMBERSHIP

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is the pre-eminent international organization advancing the practice of public participation (often called “P2”) and engagement.

Your membership in the IAP2 USA Affiliate places you among the best practitioners in the field who adhere to a set of Core Values and a Code of Ethics to help guide effective public engagement.

Low annual dues open up many opportunities for you to:

- Network with practitioners in P2, civic engagement, public relations, and related fields
- Learn about best practices, case studies, and other examples of good P2
- Receive the two-course “Foundations in Public Participation” training at a reduced cost
- Attend monthly learning webinars for free
- Attend local, national, and international conferences and workshops at reduced rates
- Participate in activities and events in your local area or regional chapter
- Volunteer to help shape the future of P2, civic engagement, and participatory democracy

Becoming a member is easy and is conducted online. Go to iap2usa.org/benefits to become a member today!





Become a Member of IAP2

PRACTITIONER SUPPORT

IAP2 has developed a world-renowned framework to guide practitioners when designing and implementing public participation processes.

The entire Core Values, Code of Ethics and Spectrum can be found at iap2usa.org/cvs



CORE VALUES

The Core Values ensures that the public has a right to be involved in decisions that affect them, that the public's contributions will affect a decision, and that the public be informed so they can participate in a meaningful way.

CODE OF ETHICS

IAP2's Code of Ethics ensures the integrity of the public participation process. We hold ourselves accountable to these principles and strive to hold all participants to the same standards.

SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Spectrum is an easy-to-understand matrix that helps to identify the appropriate level of public participation.



Training Opportunities

IAP2 carries out its mission to advance and extend the practice of public participation by organizing and conducting professional development activities to serve the learning needs of members.

See the latest IAP2 course offerings:
iap2usa.org/training



Foundations Training



The IAP2 Foundations in Public Participation Program is a 5-day program that provides a broad-based learning experience covering all of the foundations of public participation. Developed in consultation with practitioners from around the world, the training provides useful tools for designing and implementing effective public participation programs.



Emotion, Outrage and Public Participation

A two-day program built on Dr. Peter Sandman's risk communication and IAP2's core concepts for meaningful and effective public participation.



Conferences

IAP2 USA co-hosts the annual North American Conference with IAP2 Canada. Members can also participate in skills symposiums, trainings and workshops hosted by IAP2 USA and individual chapters.

Learn more: iap2usa.org/calendar



Local and regional workshops

IAP2 USA has several chapters based on geographic location. Various chapters hold trainings, networking events, and other learning activities.

Learn more: iap2usa.org/chapters

