

Candidate to be Included on Slate

Michigan Chapter

Board Member at Large

Scott Kree

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Position Statement:

I am honored to be given the opportunity to run as an incumbent for a second term to continue to serve on the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) Board of Directors. I currently sit on the Board Executive Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer, and if reelected, following our ascendancy policy, will continue to serve as Vice President in 2026, President in 2027, and Past-President in 2028. Board Executive Committee service requires two terms on the board. Over the years and throughout my educational career expanding well into my professional career, I have utilized MAP's services for their educational seminars, networking events, and legislative positioning pertaining to trending topics in planning. Throughout prior roles as an architectural designer to a planning consultant and into my current position as a Principal Planner at Oakland County, I have become immersed in the ever-changing planning topics and strategies. Being a planner for the second largest populated county in Michigan, hosting 62 communities that range from urban cities to rural townships and villages, has broadened my perspective on how our municipalities and their residents view and need to plan for things like mobility, EV/AV technologies, housing, equity, sustainability, placemaking and public health. I continue to be involved in such subjects and initiatives in my current position at Oakland County. I promote MAP's educational services as they have been invaluable in my work with both municipal staff and elected/appointed officials, and I continue to promote MAP for their best practices and educational resources.

Since my election to the Board in 2022, we have embarked on an objective to give planning a bigger voice at the state level and we continue to build a case to pursue this by engaging with state agencies, learning from other states that have ventured down this path before us, and engaging with Michigan's planning and development regions that encompass our cities, villages, and townships. We look to these organizations and our membership to align obtainable goals and create tools that can assist our planners' needs now and into the future. If I am reelected to the MAP Board, I look forward to seeing this objective through and navigating the outcomes to benefit our members and the future of planning within the State of Michigan. My background has given me the opportunity to sometimes offer a unique voice and/or different perspective on topics. The MAP Board of Directors remains diverse in the roles we each represent, and each member is encouraged to have a voice, which is a representation of our membership. I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve our members by continuing my obligations, representation, and responsibility to the MAP organization. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Work Experience:

- November 2017 – present Principal Planner, Oakland County Economic Development, Waterford, MI
- January 2015 – November 2017 Planner/Project Manager, ROWE Professional Services Co., Flint, MI
- May 2001 – December 2014 Urban Planner/Architectural Designer, Lindhout Assoc. Architects, Brighton, MI

Education:

- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
Bachelor of Science, Urban and Regional Planning; Minor: Art (2007-2011)
- Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, MI
Coursework towards degree completion; Architecture, Art (2000-2007, part time, evening courses)

Current Affiliations/Committees/Memberships:

- Michigan Association of Planning (MAP), since 2015
Board Member (elected in 2022), Secretary/Treasurer 2024-2025
- American Planning Association (APA), since 2015
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), since 2020
ULI – Michigan: Housing & Community Development Local Product Council (2020-present)
- Village of Oxford DDA Design Committee, since 2023
Oxford DDA Design Committee Chair (2023-present)