

2027 Conference Planning Committee Spokane, Washington

Chair - Lisa Peck, CJM
Staff Liaison - Erin Longfellow

The duties for the Conference Planning Committee arise from the **AJA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6.01c**. The First Vice President chairs the committee.

The Conference Planning Committee's charge is to work with the Professional Development Director and the Director of Conferences to plan, present and oversee an annual conference that meets the needs of our stakeholders.

- Review and select workshop topics for the 2027 Conference & Jail Expo.
- Work with the President-Elect to develop a track and/or workshops to highlight any initiative for their tenure as President. Use all committees as a resource as needed to assist.
- Ensure that all conference workshops are in alignment with the overall AJA strategic plan.
- Develop a schedule of workshops for the 2027 conference that address historical and emerging issues in jail management and operations.
- Consider and select the most appropriate forum to hold the Summer Planning Committee meeting and ensure that track managers, or their representatives, are present.
- Work closely with the host committee to identify opportunities to create unique conference activities and overcome any local and/or regional challenges.
- Communicate with the Exhibitor Advisory Committee to increase awareness of issues impacting exhibitors.
- Communicate effectively and frequently with AJA staff.
- Meet as needed virtually with the committee members and other committee chairs.