DIFFERENCES

- CIP has more of a resource focus; APA focuses more on the social elements.
- APA vs. RTPI – management vs. place making
- CIP links personal health to community planning
- RTPI mentions competing interests, whereas others don't
- ACSP is concerned more with international focus, developing communities
- RTPI doesn't mention an inclusive process to community-building
- American sites mention future generations
- RTPI focuses more just on spatial planning, whereas APA focuses on breadth of planning
- RTPI is more application-based considers more of the practical considerations of planning (e.g. competing uses of spaces)
- ACSP focuses on different scales
- CIP & APA use communities as unit of analysis – others focus on cities
- Most statements are more mission statements than definitions (CIP & APA)
- APA is the only one that doesn't specifically mention sustainability

SIMILARITIES

- All appreciate the diversity of natural & social environments
- Shared interest in the wellbeing of society
- All mention the importance of community
- APA & ACSP focus on abstract measurements of success
- All focus on urban populations and in some way others (i.e. rural)
- All use scientific language (eg. "Efficient")
- People focus (CIP & APA) while others have a place focus
- All make an attempt to explain what planners do
- All location-based, all discuss aesthetics
- All refer to space, place or location; RTPI suggests a distinction between space & place
- All site multidimensional responsibilities of planners (environment, economic…)
- Each definition represents the institutional culture
- Each reflects modernist/ rational root; None mention local knowledge or history