



2016 IPRA Board of Director Candidate Nomination Information

The Illinois Park and Recreation Association Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction, establishing policy and ensuring the fiscal integrity of the Association. In order to ensure a strong vibrant organization relevant to the park and recreation industry, and one that can effectively lead the well-being of its membership it is imperative that a diverse and dedicated Board is in place to lead the organization. The IPRA seeks Board members who internalize the core value of integrity and that have demonstrated a commitment to the field of parks and recreation.

Currently the IPRA Board is seeking potential candidates for the positions of Central Region Rep and North West Metro Region Rep. In accordance with the bylaws, the Governance Committee will review and interview the candidates identified to determine eligibility.

Opportunities to participate on the IPRA Board of Directors come annually in conjunction with the end of terms or as vacancies occur which may be filled in the interim at the discretion of the Chairman.

Characteristics and Attributes of an ideal IPRA Board Member

Proven Performance

Leadership requires knowledge, talent, skill, vitality and the desire to make a difference. In the association environment that translates into a solid track record of contribution to the success of programs, projects or events.

Commitment

Serving as an association leader is both an honor and a reward, but it requires a demonstrated commitment of the organization and its mission and goals.

Time to Serve

Participating fully in association activities requires extra time to prepare for and travel to meetings.

Understanding of Team Work

Many people contribute their efforts toward the realization of the association's strategic plan. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills are essential to effective teamwork.

Communication

By virtue of the positive current leaders are mentors and teachers to future leaders. Enthusiasm for serving the association is an important ingredient that leaders must be able to pass on to their successors.

Ability to Subordinate Special Interests

Leaders often emerge because of their special expertise or effective representation of a specific constituency. Leadership, however, may require subordinating those interests for the great good of the association.



Board Candidate Interest Form

1. Applications due – Monday, August 1, 2016, 5:00 PM to Debbie@ilpra.org

NAME

TITLE

AGENCY

ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

Years of IPRA Membership (3 Years Minimum Required) _____

Certified Park and Recreation Professional yes____ no_____

Other Professional Certification (w/ Continuing Education Units) _____

POSITIONS FOR ELECTION (3 Year Term)

- Central Region Rep (all eligible members may apply from the following counties:** Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, Ford, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Peoria, Platt, Sangamon, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren and Woodford.
- North West Region Rep (all eligible members may apply from the following counties:** Boone, Bureau, Carrol, Jo Davies, DeKalb, Grundy, Henry, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago.

ELIGIBILITY:

(IPRA Member working in Illinois for at least one year prior to election)



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Please attach the following:

- Resume of nominee
- Certificate from a professional association/organization requiring continuing education units
- Description of how you meet all criteria for nominee/candidate and eligibility requirements of the Guidelines for Election Nominations, Campaigning and Communication
- Resume of volunteer leadership experience (Section, IPRA Committee, Affiliate or community based) and list educational programs attended
- Brief Statement of why you wish to run for the IPRA Board of Directors
- Letter of Support from current supervisor
- Biography of a maximum of 1000 characters
- Photograph from the shoulders up only