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Awards & Recognition

presented at the 2015 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference

IPRA Professional Awards

Professional Award	Amy Charlesworth, Rolling Meadows Park District
Young Professional Award	Jennifer Porrevecchio, Lisle Park District
Advocacy Award	Dan Wagner, Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc
Community Impact Award	Rob Sperl, Wheaton Park District
Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award	Cheryl Deom, Glenview Park District

Chairman Awards

Tracey Crawford, NWSRA
 Laure Kosey, Oak Brook Park District
 Jarrod Scheunemann, University of Illinois
 Matthew Ellmann, Wood Dale Park District
 Margaret Resnick, Mundelein Park & Recreation District
 Bobbi Nance, Park District of Oak Park
 Katie Smith Gamroth, Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Dept.

Finance Committee Service

Tom Busby, Elk Grove Park District

Section Award Winners

Administration & Finance	Distinguished Service	Linda Straka, Lemont Park District
Communication & Marketing	Professional Award	Jill Wejman, Lombard Park District
Communication & Marketing	Rising Star Award	Megan Pettit, Woodridge Park District
Communication & Marketing	Vision Award	Theresa Kiel, Hoffman Estates Park District
Facility Management	Facility Manager of the Year	Jameel Jones, Champaign Park District
Therapeutic Recreation	Rising Star Award	Katie Klimek, SSSRA
Therapeutic Recreation	Distinguished Service	Janet Porter, SSSRA
Therapeutic Recreation	Professional Award	Ted Adatto, WDSRA



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Distinguished Accredited Agency Status

Batavia Park District
 Bolingbrook Park District
 Crystal Lake Park District
 Fox Valley Park District
 Oregon Park District

Gold Medal Award and Finalists:

Class I	Chicago Park District, winner
Class IV	Carol Stream Park District, finalist
Class V	Frankfort Square Park District and Oak Brook Park District, finalists

Exceptional Workplace Award

Bartlett Park District
 Hoffman Estates Park District
 Northbrook Park District
 Oak Brook Park District
 Oswegoland Park District
 Palatine Park District
 Rockford Park District
 Vernon Hills Park District
 Woodridge Park District

Outstanding Facility & Parks Award (Division 1)

Park	Naper Settlement, Early Learning Playscape
Renovation	Park District of Franklin Park, Chestnut Park

Outstanding Facility & Parks Award (Division 2)

Park	Glencoe Park District, Friends Park
Renovation	Fox Valley Park District, Blackberry Farm
Aquatic	Park Ridge Park District, Centennial Aquatic Center
Multiple Use	Village of Romeoville, Romeoville Athletic & Event Center
Specific Use	Naperville Park District, Knochs Knoll Nature Center

IPRA Outstanding Program or Special Event Award (Division 1)

Special Event	Foss Park District – Camp & Movie Night
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IPRA Outstanding Program or Special Event Award (Division 2)

Special Event	Decatur Park District – Zoo-rific Evening at Scovill Zoo
Ongoing program	Glendale Heights Parks & Recreation Department – Play at the Hub (PATH) After School Program Downers Grove Park District - Movie Magic Exhibition

IPRA Outstanding Sustainability / Conservation Award (Division 1)

Environmental Education	Downers Grove Park District - Lyman Woods Apiary Program
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Agency Showcase

Brochure Series	Lombard Park District
Electronic Communication	(TIE) Lombard Park District AND Downers Grove Park District
Integrated Photography	Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department
Large Format Marketing	(TIE) Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department AND Wilmette Park District
Logo Design	Lombard Park District
Marketing Campaign	Rockford Park District
Media Relations Campaign	Wheaton Park District
Print Communication	Joliet Park District
Social Media	Bourbonnais Township Park District
Website	Downers Grove Park District
Green Marketing	Oak Brook Park District
Paid Advertisement	Oak Brook Park District
Overall 1st Place	Rockford Park District
Overall 2nd Place	Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department
Overall 3rd Place	Rockford Park District
People's Choice Award	Wilmette Park District