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## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

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## Champion of Special Recreation Named 2017 Chair-Elect of the Illinois Park & Recreation Association Board

La Grange – The Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) has selected Matt Corso, CPRP, CTRS Superintendent of Program Development at South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR) as its 2017 Chair-Elect.



As Superintendent of Program Development for the past ten years, he has overseen all aspects of a variety of programs and operations at the Downers Grove-based South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR), which provides a wide variety of programs and services for individuals of all ages with all types of disabilities.

He is a committed volunteer, serving on the IPRA Board of Directors, Membership Council, as Director of the Therapeutic Recreation Section, Special Olympics (where he has been a USA Games coach for Team Illinois three times), Knights of Columbus, and as a Trustee of the Indiana University Executive Development Program Board.

Reflecting on his upcoming role, “I’m truly honored and excited to have been elected Chair-Elect of IPRA. I look forward to working with IPRA members and staff to continue the growth of the association that serves the best parks and recreation professionals in the country.”

“We are thrilled to have Matt Corso as our incoming Chair Elect. Matt will become our Chair in January of 2018. Matt has been a long time leader in our industry and a dedicated board member for several years. His background as a Therapeutic Recreation professional will bring an increased statewide awareness of recreation issues for people with disabilities. His outgoing and warm personality, along with his sense of humor, will help us to create a welcoming environment in our association for all our current and future members to engage with us and feel a part of something really special together.” - Debbie Trueblood, IPRA Executive Director.

Established in 1944, the Illinois Park and Recreation Association’s mission is to provide and promote exceptional standards of education, networking, and resources for all professionals in the Illinois park, recreation, and conservation communities. For more information about IPRA, its board and mission, please call us or visit the IPRA website: [www.Illipra.org](http://www.Illipra.org)

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