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Three From Illinois Elected to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration

Joe DeLuce, Executive Director of Champaign Park District; Greg Petry, Executive Director of the Waukegan Park District; and Amy Hurd, Interim Director of Graduate Studies at Illinois State University have been elected to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. They were inducted recently at the Academy's Annual Meeting during the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Academy is a group of distinguished practitioners and educators who are leaders in the field of park and recreation. They must have served for at least 15 years in a high level of administration in a park and recreation agency or as a recognized educator in parks and recreation administration or they must manage a park and recreation department for an agency with a population of more than 500,000. They also must have demonstrated outstanding ability in administration, management or education in the profession; displayed broad interest with a direct service benefit to the advancement of public parks and recreation or assumed leadership with a keen desire to contribute to the advancement of the field. The Academy is limited to 125 active members.

Established in 1980, the Academy was formed to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators to enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and conduct research, publish scholarly papers and/or sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration.

"The Class of 2014 is a great mix," said 2014 President John McGovern, also President of Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC in Hoffman Estates. "We have urban to small suburban, men and women, varied ages - all with superior career experience and a dedication to improving the quality of life through the provision of high quality parks and recreation opportunities."

More information on the Academy as well as biographical information on DeLuce, Petry and Hurd is available at www.aapra.org. Their photos are attached.

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Amy Hurd



Greg Petry



Joe DeLuce

