

**NJRPA
COMMITTEE AND SECTION DESCRIPTIONS**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee prepares an annual slate of officers through a scheduled nomination and voting process. The slate of nominations is submitted in writing to the BOT and Executive Director for election by the full membership. The Nominations Committee also solicits members to run for office through the nomination process. Membership on the Nominations Committee consists of all current district and section chairs, with the immediate past president of the association serving as chair.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

In an effort to promote awareness of the Parks and Recreation industry, the Scholarship Committee presents monetary awards to high school seniors and college students who show professional promise and demonstrate exceptional competence in the profession.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Conference Committee coordinates and arranges the Association's annual conference and trade show including educational sessions, conference format, registration, social functions, meals, conference promotion, surveys, program, fundraisers, pre-conference, theme, awards ceremony, hotel services, giveaways, volunteers, networking opportunities, and student opportunities.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Resource Development Committee evaluates and secures financial, technical, environmental, and human resources that are needed to accomplish the goals of the Association.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Education and Professional Development Committee recommends general education and professional development programs to be held throughout the year in addition to educational sessions at the Annual Conference. The committee develops and markets a speakers' bureau and information resources database, periodically conducts focus groups and/or surveys the membership to determine current professional training needs, and assists with the development of Association business training.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Professional Standards Committee is concerned with all matters of professional ethics and practices related to professional preparation, certification, employment, legislation, and current standards which are pertinent to the Association and profession at the state and national levels.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Membership and Marketing Committee encourages eligible persons and organizations interested in recreation, parks, conservation, and leisure services to join or affiliate with the Association or to retain membership. The Committee plans and executes an ongoing public visibility program for the Association. The Committee reviews and promotes membership services. The committee conducts periodic surveys of member needs, and shares findings and recommendations with the Board of Trustees.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

To reflect new or changed policies, and upon direction from the Board of Trustees, the Constitution Committee revises the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and interprets constitutional procedures.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Planning Committee addresses the future planning needs of the Association and presents recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Strategic plans and accompanying work plans are compiled every 5 to 10 years and reviewed annually for ongoing long range planning.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, the Personnel Committee annually evaluates the job performance of the Executive Director and reviews the evaluations of subordinates. The Committee also provides recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning compensation and benefits.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee selects and honors employees and leaders in the field of parks and recreation, and recognizes the State's outstanding recreation and park departments for excellence in programming, education, and park design. Membership on the Awards Committee shall be open to members in good standing of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association. Professional members of the Committee must have three years of full time work experience in the field of parks, recreation, conservation, and leisure services. Citizen and commercial representatives may participate on the Committee following five years of volunteer or commercial service in the field.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Public Affairs Committee promotes legislative action favorable to, and opposes legislative action determined to be harmful to the park, recreation, and conservation movement in the State of New Jersey and at the National level. The Public Affairs Committee informs the officers, Board of Trustees, and membership of recent and pending local, state, and national legislation that directly and significantly affects the recreation, park, conservation, and leisure services field and the activities and programs of the Association and recommends appropriate action.

GREEN ACRES LIAISON COMMITTEE

In cooperation with the NJRPA Public Affairs Committee, the Green Acres Committee serves as a liaison to the Garden State Preservation Trust and the New Jersey Green Acres Program, conducting an ongoing review of the mission and objectives of the Trust, including specific emphasis on the operations of the New Jersey Green Acres Program for funding of state and local open space acquisitions and recreational improvements. The committee fosters opportunities for education of members and the general public on the availability of Garden State Preservation Trust funding and the requirements of the respective funding programs. The committee reviews and makes recommendations to the New Jersey Green Acres Program rules, regulations, and procedures; and the New Jersey Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

COMMUNITY RECREATION SECTION

The Community Recreation SECTION unites recreation and park personnel interested in the promotion of community parks, recreation, and leisure services. The society aims to foster and maintain high standards of professional qualifications and ethics, as well as stimulate the interest and awareness of the general public of the need for community recreation and park services. The society also serves as an affiliate association to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS SECTION

The Multicultural Affairs Section unites all members concerned with multicultural and diversity related issues in recreation and parks. This includes those in municipal, private, therapeutic, voluntary, institutional, church, educational, commercial, tourism, and industrial organizations. They aim to stimulate and perpetuate sensitivity in all professionals and participants to ensure the accurate reflection of the history and culture of all people in recreation programs and activities.

PARK RESOURCE SECTION

The Park Resource Section unites recreation and park personnel interested in the issues of park maintenance and operational planning, safety and risk management, and natural landscape design and maintenance. This NJRPA section offers one day workshops on park related issues.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SECTION

The Therapeutic Recreation Section unites all members concerned with park and recreation issues related to individuals with disabilities in both community and clinical settings. This includes sharing of knowledge and experience related to federal and state regulations, standards, pertinent legislation and research, as well as sharing of design and program trends with recreation professionals and the general public. Additionally, provide representation and support to the New Jersey Commission on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities

COMMERCIAL SECTION

The Commercial Section unites members of companies, firms, or organizations selling parks and recreation products and services. Commercial members are also members of NJRPA districts and sections, and serve on association committees and boards. Members of this section are involved in exhibiting at the trade show at NJRPA's annual conference, offering educational workshops, and sponsorship of association events.

CITIZEN SECTION

The Citizen Section unites laypersons, recreation board or committee members, and public individuals (other than parks and recreation professionals) who support or are otherwise interested in the recreation and park field. Citizen members are also members of NJRPA districts and sections, and serve on association committees and boards.