

**American Academy  
for Park and Recreation Administration**

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**2000 Young  
Professional Externship  
Program**

**by Phil Hester, Director  
Long Beach Parks,  
Recreation & Marine**

Plans are underway for the 2000 Young Professional Externship Program. The externship program is in its sixth year and is designed to enable outstanding professionals in the park and recreation field to interact with, and learn from, members of the Academy and other individuals who attend the National Recreation and Park Association Congress and its associated meetings. Information and applications for 2000 were sent to all Academy members in early April. Members are encouraged to distribute these

materials to eligible employees in their respective agency or organization. The program calls for the selection of two outstanding young professionals who can benefit from this program at the NRPA Congress in Phoenix in October 2000.

Candidates who are interested in the externship program should complete the application packet and return it to Phil Hester, Externship Committee Chairman, on or before June 16, 2000. The Externship Committee will evaluate the applications and make a decision by July 18, 2000.

Selected externs will be provided with 1) a scholarship of up to \$500

to help cover conference expense and travel, if the participant's home agency cannot cover costs or can only cover a portion of the costs; 2) a ticket to the Academy's annual banquet, where they will be introduced; and 3) waiver of the NRPA Congress registration fee.

Applicants must be 35 or younger, have a degree in the field or a related field, and have at least three years of experience in the parks and recreation field or a related field. The remainder of the criteria is included in the official application information sent out to all Academy members.

Last year, there were only two applications received for this excellent program. Our challenge

this year is to expand the campaign to create as wide a distribution to potential candidates as possible. I would urge all Academy members to take the time and effort to make sure the information and application packets are disseminated to all worthy young professionals.

If you need additional copies of the information and application packet please contact: Phil Hester, Director, Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine, 2760 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California 90815 (562) 570-3170 or (562) 570-3177 (FAX) phheste@ci.long-beach.ca.us

**Nominations for Academy Membership by Phil Rea, Professor North Carolina University**

Academy members will be receiving materials for 2000 nominations by April 1. This year we have openings in the Academy membership for 11 practitioners and four educators.

Practitioner

- Served in a high level of administration in a park and recreation agency for not less than 15 years
- Demonstrated outstanding ability in administration, management or education in the field of parks and recreation
- A record of professional speaking and/or writing
- State and national leadership

Educators

- Higher education candidates must have not less than 15 years of experience as a recognized educator in the field of parks and recreation administration, or in a combination of high level administration and as a recognized educator for a combined period of not less than 15 years
- Normally achieved the rank of professor
- A record of professional speaking and/or writing

- Demonstrated outstanding ability in the profession
- State and national leadership

Candidates should also demonstrate a keen desire to contribute to the advancement of parks and recreation through participation in the affairs of the Academy.

As you consider colleagues that you might like to nominate for academy membership, please remember that it is critical that nomination applications be thorough and complete.

Nominations cannot be submitted from any individual on the Membership Committee, or on the Board of Directors. All candidates recommended by the Membership Committee must receive a two-thirds vote of support by the Board of Directors of the Academy.

Nomination applications must be received by May 15, 2000. Send completed

applications to Phil Rea,  
Box 8004, North Carolina  
State University, Raleigh,  
NC 27695-8004.

**Academy Members  
Prepare for NRPA  
Congress 2000**

The NRPA Phoenix  
Congress Program  
Committee met February  
10-12 and selected 177  
programs for  
presentation. Of the 334  
proposals many involved  
Academy members. At  
the risk of missing  
someone, I would like to  
recognize the following  
members who submitted,  
sponsored or selected  
programs for the 2000  
Congress.

Dale Larson  
Joel Meier  
Steve Messerli  
Ron Olson  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Michele Park  
Peter Witt  
Leon Younger

Thank you Academy  
members for sharing your  
expertise, energy and  
interest.

**Articles Needed**

If you have an article you  
would like included in our  
newsletter, please forward  
it via e-mail to Connie  
Newport at  
[connewp@aol.com](mailto:connewp@aol.com) or  
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Jane Adams  
Joseph Bannon  
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Ernest Burkeen  
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