



President's Report

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Under normal circumstances this would be my last "President's Message." As I look back on the year, however, it has been anything but normal We could start with the fact that you elected me as your president, which could easily fall under the category of abnormal.

On the all-too-serious side, as you all know we lost one of our dear friends, Academy member Joe Abrahams. Joe was not only going to be the "lead host" for the upcoming NRPA Congress and Expositon, but also our Academy host and banquet organizer; he was indeed planning to be there to take care of us. The fact that our next meeting will be in Tampa will make us miss him even more. Someone suggested (tongue-in-cheek) that we all wear shorts to honor Joe. While this may be fine for many of you, there are others of us who would pay him more honor by opting for our long pants.

On another all-too-serious note, Dave Clark has found it necessary to place himself on "injured reserve." As much as he hated to do it, he had to resign from his term as president for the upcoming year. Dave has been in and out of the hospital a great deal over the past few months, had major surgery, and is currently going through chemotherapy treatments. I have stayed in touch with him, and he remains upbeat and confident; a positive attitude has always been one of his characteristics. At this time it looks doubtful that he will be able to make the trip to Tampa, but he is back to work, and I'm sure he would like to hear from you.

On the brighter (and hopefully more "normal" side), we have been able to initiate and/or accomplish some very possitive efforts, including the following:

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Register Now For Retreat

The 2002 Academy Retreat, "Focus On Leadership", is set for Saturday, October 12 through Monday, October 14 at the Saddlebrook Resort in Florida. There is still time to register before the October 1st deadline. Contact Michelle Park to register by calling 614-895-2222, sending a fax to 614-895-3050 or sending e-mail to mpark@opraonline.org.

The 2001 Academy Renaissance Retreat last October was such a success that all agreed that there should be a second retreat immediately to develop strategies and action plans for the following issues.

1. Develop a Think Tank addressing timely issues facing the profession.
2. Create a Leadership Development Program for mentoring younger professionals and new agency directors.
3. Develop a strategy for addressing the problem of fewer college students preparing for the profession as well as the need for more college faculty.

Retreat registration is \$50. Resort fees are \$135.85 per person/double occupancy or \$213.34 per person, single occupancy, and include room, two dinner and two breakfast meals, fitness center, and gratuity for food and beverages. Saddlebrook is located 35 minutes north of Tampa.

President's Message *continued*

If you missed it, I would encourage you to dig out your June issue of *Parks & Recreation* and read the article written by John Potts entitled "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Utilizing the Parks and Recreation Brain Trust." This article is all about the Academy, and John did an excellent job in delineating the Academy's accomplishments over the years and in explaining what we are all about, in addition to listing our members.

Last year's retreat was very successful, and another one is planned for this year. Information was distributed in late July; PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS . . . we have some very weighty issues to discuss and we need your help. You may have noticed Destry Jarvis' editorial in the August issue of *Parks & Recreation* entitled "When the (Baby) Boom Times End." This is right on target with one of the issues to be addressed at the retreat.

Our committee chairs and members have done outstanding work this year

John Crompton continues to work hard on the Pugsley Awards; he and his committee have selected three very deserving recipients to be honored at our banquet, and he continues to enhance the prestige of these awards through his research, writings and encouragement.

Dale Larsen and Max Ramsey have headed up a relatively new committee (Agency Services and Resources) and things are beginning to pop. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for a more detailed report.

Peter Witt has brought us into the electronic age, continues his efforts to assure regular production of the *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, and remains tenacious in his efforts to obtain bios for all Academy members and Pugsley Award winners.

Lori Daniel and her Membership Committee worked hard at evaluating potential new members and in updating and clarifying some of our membership criteria.

Doug Gaynor and his committee members have worked diligently resulting in the selection of two

outstanding young professionals who will be joining us in Tampa as "Young Externs."

Linda Kotowski and her Legends Committee have continued the fine effort towards getting more of our true legends on tape for the benefit of all of us, especially our young professionals. On another sad note, Joe Abrahams was scheduled to be one the individuals to be taped in Tampa.

Bob Rossman and his "assistants" have once again been dedicated in their efforts to read, rate and select submissions for the Best Paper Award. Not an easy task.

Michelle Park is evidently a "glutton for punishment," having agreed to head up our retreat planning two years in a row. She and her committee have put together a quality program; now all we need is a large contingent of attendees.

Although a difficult task, we continue to discuss the possible establishment of a National Research Institute, and we thank Vern Hartenburg for his efforts in this regard.

As you have already seen, Sandra Whitmore and her Nominating Committee have put together an excellent slate of candidates to lead the organization. (The one possible exception is that unusual situation that exists for next year's president).

Andy Kimmel was most gracious in accepting the unexpected role as Editor of this newsletter. I think you will agree that he and his committee have done a good job in getting the issues out in a timely and professional fashion (despite people such as me being tardy with their submissions).

I also appreciate the efforts of Jane Boubel (NRPA Congress Program) and Bill Scalzo (Bylaws) for their leadership and dedication over the past year.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and all the committee chairs and members for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Such high quality professionals have truly made my job easier and more enjoyable. I've said it before, and I'll say it again . . . John Potts and Andee Chestnut do great work for us, and they deserve a thank you and a pat on the back from everyone.

President's Message *continued*

I'll leave you with these four requests

1. Please sign up to attend the Academy retreat.
2. Please sign up to attend the Academy banquet.
3. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on (or possibly chairing) any particular committee; if you are interested I need to know relatively soon.
4. Please begin to think about potential new members for next year; there are many fine practitioners and educators out there just waiting to be nominated.

See you in Tampa.

2002 Young Professionals Externship Program

Douglas Gaynor, Externship Chair

After a tough competition, we successfully selected two outstanding professionals to participate in the AAPRA Young Professionals Externship Program. David Whitehouse and Thomas Fernandez were chosen to attend the 2002 NRPA Congress in Tampa as guests of the Academy.

We now would like four of our current members to volunteer to be mentors on Thursday and Friday October 17 and 18. This is another fine way to give back and contribute. Please contact me about volunteering by calling 847-448-8040 or 847-875-3406 cellular, or by sending e-mail to dgaynor@cityofevanston.org.

David Whitehouse has served as Recreation Superintendent with the City of Germantown, Tennessee, Division of Parks and Recreation Department for the past two years. His previous experience includes positions with county park systems in Lexington and Nicholasville, Kentucky, and with the Tennessee Valley Authority at Land Between the Lakes. He has been active with the Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society and the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association. He is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional and has a Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

Tentative Academy Meeting Schedule

**NRPA Congress, Tampa, Florida
October 2002**

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 17,
8 to 10 a.m.
Tampa Marriott Waterside – MR 11

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 17,
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Marriott Waterside – Grand Salon A

Academy Banquet

Thursday, October 17
Time and location to be determined

Academy Foundation Board

Friday, October 18,
7:30 to 9 a.m.
Location to be determined

Journal Associate Editors

Friday, October 18,
8 to 9:30 a.m.
Tampa Marriott Waterside – MR 2

Thomas Fernandez has served in a variety of positions in the therapeutic recreation field. He currently is Inclusion Supervisor for the City of Reno, Nevada, Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. He also worked as Therapeutic Program Coordinator in Boulder, Colorado, and as Senior Adaptive Recreation Leader in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist with Masters in Recreation from the University of Northern Colorado and a Bachelor degree in Psychology from the University of Arizona. He has been active with professional therapeutic recreation societies in Nevada and Colorado and nationally.

Agency Services Progress

Dale Larsen and Max Ramsey

Co-Chairs

Good news to report on all fronts from the Agency Services Committee.

Professional Services Project

First, the long-awaited discussion with NRPA Executive Director Destry Jarvis and his key staff on the Academy's proposal to establish a partnership for Professional Consulting Services was successful. This project was almost underway once before, but was stopped because of NRPA staffing issues. Meeting at NRPA headquarters in August, Max Ramsey, sent to represent the Academy, received a very favorable message of support and partnership. NRPA has agreed, in principle, to examine a proposed role of organizing and administering the Professional Services program in a partnership with the Academy.

The Academy, through the gracious services of fellow member, Bill McKinney, will administer a new membership survey. This survey will request members to designate their choice of areas of service for participation in the program. NRPA in turn, would administer, market, publicize and promote the program. Academy members would be selected for visiting teams tailored to the needs of the requestor. They would serve for expenses only and follow the administering regulations established through NRPA. This will be a wonderful opportunity to continue to use our vast experiences, help raise the bar on parks and recreation standards, and enhance the importance of the Academy and NRPA nationally and internationally.

The Academy Board has formally considered the joint effort. Assuming that the costs of administering the survey can be covered and NRPA receives the go-ahead from its Board, this project appears to be in the test and marketing stage and moving forward. More on this at the Tampa meeting. Please participate!

Relationships With Other Agencies

The committee completed its task of recommending to the Board initial agencies to target in exploring better working relationships with other agencies and

organizations. In its August teleconference meeting, the Board felt we should go forward with this project, and selected one of the agencies the committee recommended and one of its own to begin this process. The development of closer working relationships with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Council of Mayors were selected to be first. It was agreed that the Board president should make initial contacts and ensure supporting information materials were available from the Academy for this particular purpose.

Park Practice

Next, and this will please a lot of you who vividly recall the wonderful "Park Practice" publications of years gone by, NRPA has also agreed in concept to form a working group with appropriate federal and other agencies to examine the feasibility of re-instituting "Park Practice", but perhaps in a new format. Destry Jarvis formed a working group to test market this possible restart. The Academy's role in this to date has been one of pushing the idea forward and facilitating such a discussion. Representatives from major federal land and water managing agencies and certain national professional organizations attended a meeting on this subject called by Mr. Jarvis following the meeting on Professional Services. Max Ramsey represented the Academy here also. He was heavily involved with Park Practice for more than a dozen years. He thanked Destry and those present for putting the issue back on the table and offered further assistance from the Academy in the future if appropriate. Therefore, our facilitation role here has accomplished its intent.

Bulletin Committee

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Members: Lowell Caneday, Bob Dunsmuir, Phil Rea, Jody Stowers, Joseph Wynns

Notes, Announcements and Articles Welcome.
December Bulletin Deadline: November 15, 2002

Journal of Park and Recreation Administration Fall 2002 Issue Now Posted Online

Academy members may now access the Fall issue of the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration.

Regular Articles

- Crowding and Satisfaction Among Visitors to a Built Desert Attraction.
- Predicting Motivations and Attitudes of Users of a Multi-use Suburban Trail
- An Analysis of Lightning Safety Policies and Procedures in Florida's Municipal Recreation and Park Agencies
- Assessing the Relationship Between Desired Experiences and Support for Management Actions at Yellowstone National Park Using Multiple Methods

Programs That Work

- Reaching Out, Reaching In: The Long-term Challenges and Issues of Outreach Programs
- The Time For Kids Initiative in Portland, Oregon: Challenges of Effective Multipartnering

Resource Reviews

- Trails for the Twenty-First Century—Planning, Design, and Management for Multi-Use Trails
- Tunnels on Trails: A Study of 78 Tunnels on 36 Trails in the United States, Rail-Trails and Liability: A Primer on Trail-Related Liability Issues and Risk Management Techniques, and Rails-with-Trails: Design, Management, and Operating Characteristics of 61 Trails Along Active Rail Lines
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Tributes and Memorials

The Bulletin would like to include tributes and memorials regarding current and past members. Please help us by forwarding any relevant information and we will include it in the following issue. Thanks for your help in recognizing the contributions of Academy members and in keeping all of us informed.