HISTORY OF
THE FLORIDA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

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The FRPA Executive Office
The Florida Association of Recreation Workers was the original name of the Florida Recreation Association. Although many records were lost, information available shows 1942 as the first year of a state convention, which was held in Orlando, with Nash Higgins as President.

The first Superintendent of Recreation in Orlando, Mr. Thomas W. Lantz (1924-29), stated that in 1924-29 there was no state organization and recreation work was truly in its pioneer state.

Nathan L. Mallison adds facts regarding a gathering held in Jacksonville at the George Washington Hotel in the fall of 1926. Roy Smith Wallace of the NRA was guest speaker. Attendance was approximately fifty people. Mr. J.B. Williams was Florida's District Representative of the NRA. William J. Sanford, Jr., Director of Recreation for the City of Jacksonville, was the host. Entertainment was a motor trip to Pablo Beach.

Marion Wood Huey adds, "among members of the original organization were: J.B. Lemon, Superintendent of Miami Beach; Clarence Varner, who would become Recreation Director of Orlando; and P.V. Gahan, St. Petersburg Director of Recreation. Mr. Gahan was from the Philadelphia area, where he worked with Mrs. Edna Bracher, wife of Howard Bracher, the founder of the NRA. Mr. Gahan was very active in our early organization.

Pioneers in Florida recreation placed a great deal of emphasis on camping, dramatics, and individual group activities. Cooperation of recreation departments with schools, churches, and civic groups in special events and activities have developed into our total playground programs and outdoor water sports. The total playground program includes athletics, arts and crafts, and special events.

Solving the problems of finance, balanced programs, administration of one-person departments, improved personnel, facility development, membership, better public relations, establishing a State Recreation Director of the Florida Development Commission, and many other phases of recreation has been accomplished through the organized efforts of the Florida Recreation Association. It can be seen that our organization has achieved its goal and has continued to work and build better recreation for all ages, giving them a chance to express themselves physically, as well as spiritually and mentally. In this fast moving industrial and scientific age, some of our important projects have been:

- establishment of a Director of Recreation in the Florida Development Commission,
- job and salary classification on a state level,
- setting up five state districts to function at district levels and yet work together as one state organization. In 1974-75 forming seven districts; in 1975-76 forming eight districts.
- improving standards in sports,
- improving relations with allied organizations,
- recreation major established at Florida State in 1951, and at the University of Miami in 1955,
- printed Florida Recreation News
- In 1972, changed our name to the Florida Recreation and Park Association,
- establishing FRPA Certification Exam in 1961 for the voluntary registration of Recreation and Park personnel in the State of Florida in order to establish standards for professional leadership in the field of recreation and parks to identify leaders engaged in the field and to certify that those persons who fulfill the prescribed standards are professionally qualified by training and experience to conduct and administer recreation and parks programs, areas, and facilities,
- growth of the organization to approximately 1,200 members throughout the state. These accomplishments must in part be credited to the pioneer leaders of our Association.
- employment of the first full-time Executive Director on January 1, 1981.
- incorporation of the FRPA, recognized as a non-profit corporation as of May 17, 1982.
- membership reached a record high of 1,850 in 1988.
- a Manual of Procedures and Conference Manual were completed, which set standards and guidelines for service.
- in 1984, FRPA awarded its 1,000th certification in the voluntary certification plan.
- the board designated funds for the purchase of a micro-computer for the FRPA Executive Office.
- the first legislative forum was held in 1985.
- the 1st Annual Golf Tournament was held and over $2,200 was raised.
- FRPA won the NRPA Membership Award for improved membership in NRPA in 1986 and Southern Region gave us $140 toward our scholarship fund.
- in 1987, FRPA showed an increase of 15% in membership.
- first ever grant from the Department of Education was received by FRPA for a Drug Prevention
Program, to provide technical assistance to 10 departments on how recreation and parks can provide alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse activities.

- the first Florida Perfect for Parks and Recreation calendar was developed and made available.
- FRPA was instrumental in passing the Florida Volunteer Immunity Legislation in the 1992 legislative session.
- FRPA is instrumental in securing twice the usual funding for the FRDAP program.
- FRPA formulates in first ever Long Range Strategic Plan to be updated each year by the FRPA Board of Directors, in 1992.
- FRPA formulates and implements its first ever Financial Guidelines Document to guide and implement procedures for the spending of Association financial resources at the state, district and interest section levels.

OBJECTIVES

To unite in one organization all recreation leaders in the State of Florida.
To develop and stimulate an intelligent interest in the possibilities of, the need for, and the values of adequate recreation programs in the State of Florida.
To foster and maintain high standards in recreation.
To assist the universities and colleges of Florida in the recruitment, training, and employment of qualified recreation personnel.
To function in such other ways as will further the interest of the recreation movement.
To cooperate with other agencies or organizations, both private and public, with similar or related objectives.
## ASSOCIATION AWARDS

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OTHER STATE AWARDS
(These statewide awards were implemented after 1997)

**Distinguished Service to the Association Award (began in 2010)**
2010 - Linda Goberna
2010 - Andrea King
2013 – Mary Wilson Palacios
2015 – Mark Abdo
2017 – Marcia Bowen

**Distinguished Service to the Profession Award (began in 2010)**
2010 – Kevin Dunbar
2011 - J.T. Almon
2012 – Jack Kardys
2016 – Rosemary Prince
2016 – Elaine Smith
2019 – Ernest Burkeen (posthumously)

**Distinguished Young Professional Award – renamed Rising Star Award in 2012**
1997 - Ashley Edwards, CLP
- Anthony Stevens
- Howard Tripp
1998 - Domino Ireland, CLP
1999 - Amy Wolf, CLP
2000 - Julia Henderson, CPRP
2002 - Libby McWilliams Olive, CPRP
2003 - Lorenzo Hall
2004 - Rick Audet
2006 - Mandy Petersen
2007 - Tony Lopez
2009 - Mathew Eberius
2011 - Holeigh Morin
2014 - Ali Burg
2016 - Cassi Waren
2017 - Amy Zengotita
2018 - Megan Leary
2019 - Rachel Ivey

**Outstanding Student Award**
1997 – Jean Horgan

**Parks Professional Award**
2015 - John Fussell
2016 - Greg Brown
2017 - Danny Barcia
2019 - Chris Lisenby
2019 - Suzanne Shuffitt

**Corporate Support Award**
1997 - Planning & Financing Consulting Team Services
- Recreation Design and Construction
1998 - Gus Machado Ford, Hialeah
- National Alliance for Youth Sports
1999 - Coral Gables “PARKnership” Foundation
2000 - USTA Florida Section
- Trust for Public Land
- First Federal Savings Bank of Live Oak
2001 - City of Hialeah and the University of Miami
2002 - City of Hialeah and the Florida Panthers Alumni Association
2005 - Daimler Chrysler Services, Hollywood, Florida
- Pointe West, Indian River County
- Rotary Club of Seminole, Seminole, Florida
2006 - Lowes Home Improvement, Pensacola, Florida
2007 - Dunedin Blue Jays Baseball Club
2008 - Palms of Largo
2009 - Kiwanis Club of Tamarac
2010 - Orange County Parks and Recreation and The Orlando Magic
2011 - Tampa Bay Rays
2012 - Suntan of St. Pete Beach
2013 - Benderson Development
2014 - Parks Foundation of Miami Dade County
2015 - Village Inn Largo, Florida
2016 - JM Family Enterprises
2016 - Dominica Recreation Products
2017 - Butters Construction & Development
2018 - Belleair Community Foundation – Belleair
2019 - Fort King Heritage Association

**Voluntary Service Award**
1997 - Peg Creed, City of Tampa Parks Department
1998 - Bruce McManus, City of Largo
1999 - Individuals
1999 - Group
2000 - Individual - Ele Colburn
2000 - Corporate - Lake County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
2000 - Corporate - Oviedo Citizens in Action Corporation
2000 - Group - Students Working Against Tobacco - New Port Richey
2001 - Individual - Julie Grady
2001 - Group - Olustee Battlefield Citizen Support Organization
2002 - Individual - Otto Hough
2002 - Group - Volunteers in the Arts of Largo (VITAL)
2003 - Individual - Terry Redman
2003 - Group - Rotary Clubs of Cape Coral
2004 - Individual - Walter Oliver
- Group - Venetian Aquatic Club
2005 - Individual – Shirley Dietrich
- Group – Largo Rotary Club
2006 - Individual – Betty Willis
- Group – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Advisory Board
2007 - Individual – Nadine McCrae
- Group – Friends of Six Mile Slough
2008 - Group – Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve
2009 - Individual – Mr. Earl Carter
- Group - Siesta Key Ambassadors
2010 - Individual – Mr. John Allbritton
- Group – New Port Richey Youth Advisory Board
2011 - Individual – Gay Gentry
- Group – Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
2012 - Individual – Richard Schwartz
- Group – Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Volunteer Group
2013 - Individual – Dr. Lou Zagaar
- Group – Friends of Largo Nature Parks
2014 - Individual – Nat West
- Group - Guardian Angels for Special Populations - Cape Coral
2015 - Individual – Joy Phillips
- Group – Largo Flying Club
2016 - Individual – Christian Isaly
- Group – Suwanee Friends of Heritage Park and Gardens
- Group – Largo Central Railroad
2017 - Individual – Sue Ann Ginster
- Group – Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation
2018 - Individual – Vivian "Coach Cookie" Hall
- Group - Friends of Barefoot Beach – Collier County
2019 - Individual – Grace and Fred Whitehouse
- Group – New Port Richey Youth Advisory Board

**Media Excellence Award (renamed Public Relations in 2014)**

1998 - Coral Gables Parks & Recreation Department
- Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
1999 - Print - Largo Recreation and Parks
1999 - Web Site - Largo Recreation and Parks
1999 - Videos - Hialeah Parks and Recreation
2000 - Print - Tallahassee Parks & Recreation
2000 - Electronic - Kissimmee Parks & Recreation
2000 - Electronic - Hialeah Recreation & Community Services
2001 - Electronic - Tampa Recreation
2001 - Print Category - Coral Gables Parks and Recreation
2001 - News Release - Pasco County Parks and Recreation
2002 - Print - Coral Springs Parks and Recreation
2002 - Electronic - Video - Pensacola Leisure Services
2002 - Electronic - Web Site - Broward County Parks and Recreation
2002 - Electronic - CD Brochure - Hialeah Parks and Recreation
2003 - Print - Broward County Parks and Recreation
2003 - Electronic - Video - Hollywood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
2004 - Print - Coral Gables Parks and Recreation
- Print - Naples Community Services
- Electronic - Video - Pensacola Parks and Recreation
2005 - Print – Catalogue – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts PLAY!
- Print – Circulation – Florida State Parks Passport Book
- Print – Magazine – Florida State Parks – Florida State Parks Guide
- Other – Tallahassee Parks and Recreation – Gold Medal Media Campaign
- Audio Visual – Electronic Media – Florida State Parks Suwanee River CD
- Audio Visual – Electronic Media – Pinellas County Culture, Education and Leisure Agency Video
2006 - Print – Catalogue – Naples Community Services
- Other – Nick Sortal
- Electronic / Video – Tampa Recreation and Parks
2007 - Catalogue – Miami Beach Parks and Recreation
- Circulation – Weston Parks and Recreation
- Magazine – Hollywood Recreation, Parks and Cultural Arts
- Photographs – Lee County Parks and Recreation
- Other – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
- Video/Electronic – Tampa Parks and Recreation
- Website – Battle of Olustee Citizen Support Organization
2008 - Catalogue – Safety Harbor Leisure Services
- Photography – Largo Recreation Parks and Arts
- Video/Electronic – Safety Harbor Leisure Services
- Website – Plantation Swim Team
- Other – Steve Yeskulsky
2009 - Catalogue – Miami Beach Parks and Recreation
- Magazine – Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation and
  City of Weston
- Video/Electronic – Miami Parks and Recreation
- Other – Cape Coral Parks and Recreation

2010 - Catalogue – Dunedin Parks and Recreation
- Catalogue – Pensacola Parks and Recreation
- Print – Other – Marion County Parks and Recreation
- Electronic Media DVD – Tamarac Parks and Recreation
- Website – Port Orange Parks and Recreation

- Magazine – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts PLAY
- Print – Other – Marion County and City of Ocala Fun Times
- Website – Miami Beach Parks and Recreation
- Video/Other – Seminole County Leisure Services

2012 - Print – Magazine – Winter Haven Community Services “Play Well”
- Print – Other – Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
- Electronic – Video – Dunedin Parks and Recreation
- Electronic – Website – St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation

2013 - Print – Catalogue – Dunedin Parks and Recreation
- Electronic – Video – Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs
- Electronic – Other – Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation

2014 - Print – City of Seminole “Play Zone”
- Electronic Media – Video – Deerfield Beach Parks and Recreation
- Electronic Media – Catalogues – Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
- Electronic Media – Social Media – Martin County Parks and Recreation
- Electronic Media – Other – Weston Peace Mound Park Blog
- Other – Mascot – Largo “Captain Play”

2015 - Print – Catalogue - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts – “Play”
- Electronic Media – Social Media – Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
- Other – Mascot – Safety Harbor Leisure Services – “Fiona Fun”

2016 - Palm Beach County "Prescription for Healthy Living" PSA

2017 - Melbourne Parks and Recreation “Get Out and Play Campaign”

2018 - Campaign - Dunedin - LiveWell Dunedin
- Electronic Media - Palm Beach County - Four Pillars Animated PSAs

2019 - Campaign/Initiative – Tallahassee – Southside Farmer’s Market
- Electronic Media – Cape Coral – Fun Mobile

**Sports Tourism Award presented in conjunction with the Florida Sports Foundation**

2014 - Small Market – Pensacola Neighborhood Services
- Large Market – Lee County Parks and Recreation
2015 - Small Market – Leon County Parks and Recreation
- Large Market – Clearwater Parks and Recreation
2016 - Small Market – Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs
- Large Market – Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources
2017 - Small Market – Charlotte County Parks and Recreation
- Large Market – Plantation Parks and Recreation
2018 - Large Market - Seminole County Leisure Services
- Small Market - Collier County Parks and Recreation Division
2019 - Large Market – Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation

**Agency Excellence Award** (note: this category was reformatted in 2015)

Category I
1998 - Ft. Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department
1999 - St. Petersburg Leisure Services Department
2001 - Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department
2003 - Collier County Parks and Recreation
2006 - Miami Parks and Recreation
2007 - Lee County Parks and Recreation
2009 - Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation
- Tampa Parks and Recreation
2010 - Collier County Parks and Recreation

Category II
1998 - North Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department
2005 - Pembroke Pines Parks and Recreation
2006 - Ft. Lauderdale Parks and Recreation
2009 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
2012 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation

Category III
2003 - Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation
2004 - Hollywood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts
2007 - Boca Raton Parks and Recreation
2008 - Miami Beach Parks and Recreation
2010 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
- Hollywood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts

Category IV
1997 - Winter Haven Leisure Services Department
2000 - Coral Gables Parks & Recreation
2002 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
2003 - Ormond Beach Leisure Services
2005 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
- North Miami Beach Parks and Recreation
2007 - Village of Wellington
2008 - Tamarac Parks and Recreation
2009 - Dunedin Parks and Recreation
2011 - Pensacola Parks and Recreation
2013 - Ocala Parks and Recreation
2014 - Doral Parks and Recreation

Category V
1999 - Aventura Community Services
2002 - Miami Shores Village Recreation
2007 - Naples Community Services
2008 - New Port Richey Parks and Recreation
2009 - New Port Richey Parks and Recreation

Environmental Sustainability
2015 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
2016 - Collier County Parks and Recreation
2018 - Miami Parks and Recreation
2019 - Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation

Economic Impact
2017 - New Port Richey Parks and Recreation

Health
2018 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
2019 - Miami Parks and Recreation

Super Category
2015 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
2016 - Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
2017 - Miami Parks and Recreation
2018 - Lee County Parks and Recreation

Innovative Programming Award
1998 - Largo Parks & Recreation Department’s “Outreach Program”
2014 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts “Footgolf” Program
2015 - Safety Harbor Leisure Services “Eco Egg Hunt”
2016 - Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Department “Largo Community Connections”
2017 - Largo Recreation Parks and Arts – “Avian Veterans Alliance”
2018 - Health - Step Up Your Health, Doral! – Doral
- Community Building – Inshore Insight - Charlotte Co
- Environmental - STREAM Program – Miami
- Economic Impact - 2017 World Rowing Championships - Sarasota Co
2019 - Health – Southside Farmer’s Market – Tallahassee
- Community Building – Summer in Paradise Fairytale Playhouses – West Palm Beach
- Community Building – North Pole Express – Largo
- Environmental – Southside Farmer’s Market – Tallahassee
- Economic Impact – North Pole Express - Largo

**Excellence in Research Award**
2003 - University of Florida and Dr. Bertha Cato
2006 - Florida State University – Dr. Cheryl Beeler, Joohyun Lee, Rosie Keween
2007 - Terry Cain, Lee County Parks and Recreation

**It Starts in Parks Award**

Category I
2006 - Tampa Parks and Recreation
2007 - Broward County Parks and Recreation
- St. Petersburg Leisure Services
2008 - Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
2009 - Seminole Leisure Services

Category II
2006 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
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2009 - Pembroke Pines Parks and Recreation

Category III
2006 - Clearwater Parks and Recreation

Category IV
2006 - South Daytona Parks and Recreation
2007 - Boynton Beach Parks and Recreation
2008 - Doral Parks and Recreation
2009 - Doral Parks and Recreation
2010 - Tamarac Parks and Recreation
- Doral Parks and Recreation

Category V
2007 - Doral Parks and Recreation
- Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation
2008 - Safety Harbor Leisure Services
2010 - Safety Harbor Leisure Services

**Presidential Recognition Award for ISIP**
2013 - Marion County Parks and Recreation

**Special Recognition Award**
2019 - Robert Matassa and Joshua Long – Port Orange – life saving
CONFERENCE SITES

1942 Orlando, Florida
1943 Jacksonville
1944 Miami Beach
1945 Lakeland
1946 Daytona Beach
1947 Tampa
1948 Miami Beach
1949 Tampa
1950 Winter Haven
1952 St. Petersburg
1953 Key West
1954 Fort Pierce
1955 Jacksonville
1956 St. Petersburg
1957 Miami Beach
1958 Clearwater
1959 St. Petersburg
1960 W Palm Beach
1961 Jacksonville
1962 Tallahassee
1963 Tampa
1964 Fort Pierce
1965 Tallahassee
1966 Gainesville
1967 Tampa
1968 Hollywood
1969 Cape Kennedy
1970 Tallahassee
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1972 St. Petersburg
1973 Hialeah
1974 Palm Beach Gardens
1975 Tallahassee
1976 Jacksonville
1977 Orlando
1978 Tampa
1979 Orlando
1980 Miami
1981 Fort Lauderdale
1982 Daytona
1983 Jacksonville
1984 Palm Beach Gardens
1985 Tampa
1986 Miami
1987 Fort Lauderdale - Bonaventure
1988 Orlando - Hyatt Orlando
1989 Jacksonville - Omni Jacksonville
1990 Tampa - Saddlebrook
1991 Marco Island - Marco Island Marriott
1992 Orlando - Hyatt Orlando
1993 Tampa - Saddlebrook Resort
1994 Tampa - Saddlebrook Resort
1995 Miami - Crown Plaza
1996 Fort Lauderdale - Bonaventure Resort & Spa
1997 Winter Haven - Grenelefe Resort
1998 Winter Haven - Grenelefe Resort
1999 Kissimmee - Hyatt Orlando
2000 Kissimmee - Hyatt Orlando
2001  Saddlebrook Resort - Tampa
2002  Wyndham Resort and Space (formerly Bonaventure) – Ft. Lauderdale
2003  Westin Innisbrook - Palm Harbor
2004  Westin Innisbrook - Palm Harbor
2005  Saddlebrook Resort - Tampa
2006  Caribe Royale - Orlando
2007  Caribe Royale – Orlando
2008  Disney Coronado Springs Resort – Orlando
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2010  Caribe Royale – Orlando
2011  Caribe Royale – Orlando
2012  Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek - Orlando
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Other Officers - no records

1944-45
President - Cordelia Hunt
Other Officers - no records

1945-46
President - R.B. Van Fleet
Vice President - Marion Wood Huey
Secretary - Robert Doty

1946-47
President - Marion Wood Huey
Vice President - Dr. K. Montgomery
Secretary - Cliff Kerby
Treasurer - Robert Black

1947-48
President - Julian Olsen
Vice President - Dr. K. Montgomery
Secretary - Dwight Hunter
Treasurer - Peter Roberts

1948-49
President - Dwight Hunter
Vice President - Nash Higgins
Secretary - Ned West

1949-50
President - Nash Higgins
Vice President - James Boswell
Secretary - Janet Wells
Treasurer - Victor Larson

1950-51
President - James Boswell
Vice President - Mary Sawyer
Secretary - Margaret Sykes
Treasurer - Victor Larson

1951-52
President - Dr. Howard Danford
Vice President - Tom Starling
Secretary - Margaret Sykes
Treasurer - Dwight Hunter

1952-53
President - Tom Starling
Vice President - Woodrow Dukes
Secretary - Ruth Brokaw
Treasurer - Jack Puryear

1953-54
President - Woodrow Dukes
Vice President - A. H. Peavy, Jr.
Secretary - M. K. Moore
Treasurer - J. J. Gantt, Jr.

1954-55
President - Jack Puryear
Vice President - J. J. Gantt, Jr.
Secretary - Mary Sawyer
Treasurer - Temple Jarrell
District I - Helen Lewis
District II - Bert Kurland
District III - Bud Keathly
District IV - Temple Jarrell

1955-56
President - J. J. Gantt, Jr.
President Elect - Clifford King
Secretary - Thelma Bolton
Treasurer - Denson Hambleton
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Secretary - Sue Herndon
Treasurer - Bob Frankhauser
District I - Joe Ferolito
District II - Helen Riles
District III - Walt Rothenbach
District IV - Basha Schlazer
District V - Nick McMullen
Parliamentarian - Curtis Bradford

1973-74
President - Gordon Sprague
President Elect - Bill Swartz
Secretary - Sue Herndon
Treasurer - Bob Frankhauser
District I - Ron Ferris
District II - Moody Adkins
District III - Walt Rothenbach
District IV - Basha Schlazer
District V - Nick McMullen
Parliamentarian - Curtis Bradford

1974-75
President - Bill Swartz
President Elect - Jean Fountain
Secretary - Basha Schlazer
Treasurer - Bob Frankhauser
Asst. Treasurer - Don Brannon
District I - Ron Ferris
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District III - Wayne Struble
District IV - Jim Altaffer
District V - Jim McMahon
District VI - Don Wanicha
District VII - Ron Tietgen
District VIII - Phyllis Dewey
Parliamentarian - Robert Fleming
Administrative Assistant - Sharon Sofford

1975-76
President - Jean Fountain
President Elect - Ray Massey
Secretary - Basha Schlazer
Treasurer - Bob Frankhauser
Asst. Treasurer - Don Brannon
District II - Julian Harris
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Administrative Assistant - Sharon Sofford

1976-77
President - Ray Massey
President Elect - Ron Tietgen
Secretary - Zoe Gray
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach
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District VI - Bob Stevens
District VII - Dottie Abrams
District VIII - O.B. Johnson

1977-78
President - Robert Gould
President Elect - Walt Rothenbach
Secretary - Zoe Gray Roseman
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Asst. Treasurer - Jack Masson
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District III - Charles Swisher
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District VII - Ralph Gonzalez
District VIII - Irene Devin
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Executive Director - Jack Haskins

1978-79
President - Walt Rothenbach
President Elect - Dr. Frances Cannon
Secretary - Jack Masson
Treasurer - John Wintermeier
District I - Jody Skelton
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Administrative Assistant - Sharon Sofford
1980-81
President - Dr. Frances Cannon
President Elect - Tom Kindred
Secretary - Debbie Regnone
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District VIII - Cecil Nall
Parliamentarian - Bob Conn
Executive Director - Nancy Francois

1981-82
President - Tom Kindred
President Elect - Gary Bliss
Secretary - Debbie Regnone
Treasurer - Don Brannon
District I - Barbara Berger
District II - Don Jordon
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District IV - Margaret Spurrier
District V - Bob Burdett
District VI - Rosie Keween
District VII - Sherman Mills
District VIII - Cecil Nall
Parliamentarian - James McMahon
Executive Director - Nancy Francois

1982-83
President - Gary Bliss
President Elect - Steve Riser
Secretary - Donna Darracott
Treasurer - Don Brannon
District I - Barbara Berger
District II - Linda Hall
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Executive Directors - Nancy Francois '82

Fran Mainella '83

1983-84
President - Steve Riser
President Elect - Tom Farnsworth
Secretary - Donna Darracott
Treasurer - Don Brannon
District I - Cheryl Beeler
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1984-85
President - Tom Farnsworth
President Elect - Bob Burdett
Secretary - Rosie Keween
Treasurer - Mark Eynatten
District I - Cheryl Beeler
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1985-86
President - Bob Burdett
President Elect - Cathy Santa
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District I - Andy Holdnak
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Past President - Mark Abdo
Vice President - Terri Messler
Vice President - T. Michael Stavres (2000-2001 to replace Sheffield)
Secretary - Karen Palus
Treasurer - Steve Miller
District I - Ashley Edwards
District II - Diane Leaf
District III - Terri Owen
District IV - Leah Hoffman (left the state) Jim Sheets replaced
District V - Leah Rockwell
District VI - Sara Devilder
District VII - Amy Wolf
District VIII - Sharon Kent
Parliamentarian - John Holland
Citizen - Ray Massey (resigned) Beth Darnell replaced
NRPA Southern Region - Bill Swartz
Administrators - Susan Miller
Aquatics - Bruce Fassett
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka
Athletics - John Allen
Community Centers - Pamela Henry
Ethnic Minority - Josie Davis
Parks & Natural Resources - Ed McIntyre
Therapeutic Recreation - Amanda Wuster
Wellness - Katy Johnston
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

2001-2002
President - Steve Miller
President-Elect - vacant through March 2002 - Sara Devilder
Past President - Joe Abel
Vice President - Terri Messler
Vice President - T. Michael Stavres
Vice President - Amy Wolf (resigned) Cathy Santa - replaced
Secretary - Karen Palus
Treasurer - Terri Owen
District I - Ashley Edwards
District II - Diane Leaf
District III - Marie Sheba
District IV - Jim Sheets
District V - Sue Miller
District VI - Sara Devilder
District VII - Jackie Shakespeare
District VIII - Sharon Kent
Parliamentarian - John Holland
Citizen - Beth Darnell (resigned) left vacant
NRPA Southern Region - Mark Thornton
Administrators - Charlotte Presensky
Aquatics - Bruce Fassett
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka
Athletics - Arthur Avellino
Community Centers - Pamela Henry (resigned) Nancy Apperson
Ethnic Minority - Barbara Miller
Parks & Natural Resources - Richard Sanger
Therapeutic Recreation - Mary Wilson Palacios
Wellness - Katy Johnston
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack
2002-2003
President - Steve Miller
President-Elect - Sara Devilder
Past President - Joe Abel
Vice President - Terri Messler
Vice President - T. Michael Stavres
Vice President - Cathy Santa
Secretary - Karen Palus
Treasurer - Terri Owen
District I - Ashley Edwards
District II - Ire Bethea
District III - Marie Sheba
District IV - Elaine Smith
District V - Amy Blackman
District VI - David Lykins
District VII - Jackie Shakespeare
District VIII - Donna Trafford
Parliamentarian - John Holland
Citizen - Dan Stanley
NRPA Southern Region - Nancy Taback
Administrators - Charlotte Presensky - resigned January 2003 – Alan Burton through August 2003
Aquatics - Mark Hartman
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka
Athletics - Arthur Avellino
Community Centers - Nancy Apperson - resigned - Colleen Jones elected
Ethnic Minority - Barbara Miller
Parks & Natural Resources - Richard Sanger
Therapeutic Recreation - Mary Wilson Palacios
Wellness - Leah Rockwell
Ex-Officio – Wendy Spencer
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

2003-2004
President - Karen Palus
President-Elect - Elaine Smith
Past President - Steve Miller
Vice President of Professional Development - Terri Messler
Vice President of Member Resources – Bruce Fassett
Vice President of Advocacy - Greg Scott
Vice President of Finance – Terri Owen
District I - Kim Knox
District II - Ire Bethea
District III - Bill Swartz
District IV - Cathy Norris
District V - Amy Blackman
District VI - David Lykins
District VII - Robert Sherman
District VIII - Donna Trafford
Parliamentarian - John Holland
Administrators - Phil Thornburg
Aquatics - Mark Hartman
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka
Athletics - Fred Couceyro
Community Centers - Colleen Gierut
Ethnic Minority - James Whittaker
Parks & Natural Resources - Leah Hoffman
Therapeutic Recreation - Kristy Carter
Wellness - Leah Rockwell
Ex-Officio – Mike Bullock
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

2004-2005
President - Elaine Smith
President Elect - Terri Owen
Past President - Karen Palus
Vice President of Advocacy - Greg Scott
Vice President of Finance - Jim Sheets
Vice President of Member Resources - Bruce Fassett
Vice President of Professional Development - Terri Messler
Central Region - Cathy Norris
Northern Region - Margaret Nelson
Southeast Region - Chester Pruitt
Southwest Region - Bill Ward
Parliamentarian - Donna Trafford
Ex-Officio – Mike Bullock
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

2005-2006
President – Terri Owen
President Elect – Terri Messler
Past President – Elaine Smith
Vice President of Advocacy – Greg Scott
Vice President of Finance – Jim Sheets
Vice President of Member Resources – Leah Hoffman
Vice President of Professional Development – Donna Trafford
Central Region – Cathy Norris
Northern Region – Shorty Robbins
Southeast Region – Chester Pruitt
Southwest Region – Vicki Little
Parliamentarian – Candy McCrary
Ex-Officio – Mike Bullock
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2006-2007
President – Terri Messler
President Elect – Greg Scott
Past President – Terri Owen
Vice President of Advocacy – Kathie Margoles
Vice President of Finance – Jim Sheets
Vice President of Member Resources – Leah Hoffman
Vice President of Professional Development – Donna Trafford
Central Region – Natalie Benton
Northern Region – Shorty Robbins
Southeast Region – Don Decker
Southwest Region – Vicki Little
Parliamentarian – Bruce Fassett
Ex-Officio – Mike Bullock
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2007-2008
President – Greg Scott
President Elect – Jim Sheets
Past President – Karen Palus
Vice President of Advocacy – Kathie Margoles
Vice President of Finance – T. Michael Stavres
Vice President of Member Resources – Leah Hoffman
Vice President of Professional Development – Donna Trafford
Central Region – Lanie Sheets
Northern Region – Kim Sanderson
Southeast Region – Don Decker
Southwest Region – Michael Kalvort
Parliamentarian – John Holland
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2008-2009
President – Jim Sheets
President Elect – Leah Hoffman (through March 2009) T. Michael Stavres (April through August 2009)
Past President – W. Greg Scott
Vice President of Advocacy – Kathie Margoles
Vice President of Finance – T. Michael Stavres
Vice President of Member Resources – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
Vice President of Professional Development – Chip Potts
Central Region – Lanie Sheets
Northern Region – Kim Sanderson
Southeast Region – Fred Couceyro
Southwest Region – Michael Kalvort
Parliamentarian – John Fletcher
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2009-2010
President – T. Michael Stavres
President Elect – Don Decker
Past President – Jim Sheets
Vice President of Advocacy – Julia Thompson
Vice President of Finance – Chip Potts
Vice President of Member Resources – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
Vice President of Professional Development – Kara Petty
Central Region – Marcia Bowen
Northern Region – Jeff Moffitt
Southeast Region – Michelle Zimmer
Southwest Region – Kathy Cahill
Parliamentarian – Jeff Caldwell
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2010-2011
President – Don Decker
President Elect – Leah Hoffman
Past President – T. Michael Stavres
Vice President of Advocacy – Julia Thompson
Vice President of Finance – Chip Potts
Vice President of Member Resources – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
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Central Region – Marcia Bowen
Northern Region – Jeff Moffitt
Southeast Region – Michelle Zimmer
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Parliamentarian – Terri Messler
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2011-2012
President – Leah Hoffman
President Elect – Elaine Smith
Past President – Don Decker
Vice President of Advocacy – Jeff Caldwell
Vice President of Finance – Chip Potts
Vice President of Member Resources – Amy Blackman
Vice President of Professional Development – Kara Petty
Central Region – Marcia Bowen
Northern Region – Brian Smatt
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Southwest Region – Steve Cox
Parliamentarian – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2012-2013
President – Elaine Smith
President Elect – Gina Peebles
Past President – Leah Hoffman
Vice President of Outreach – Don Decker
Vice President of Finance – Linda Goberna
Vice President of Member Resources – T. Michael Stavres
Vice President of Professional Development – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
Central Region – Marcia Bowen
Northern Region – Brian Smatt
Southeast Region – Susan Riestra
Southwest Region – Steve Cox
Parliamentarian – Chester Pruitt
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2013-2014
President – Gina Peebles
President Elect – Joan Byrne
Past President – Elaine Smith
Vice President of Finance – Linda Goberna
Vice President – Steve Cox
Vice President – Terri Messler
Vice President – Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

2014-2015
President – Joan Byrne
President Elect – Jack Kardys
Past President – Gina Peebles
Vice President – Greg Brown
Vice President – Steve Cox
Vice President – Linda Goberna
Vice President – Terri Messler
Vice President – Mathew Eberius
Vice President – Shorty Robbins

2015-2016
President – Jack Kardys
President Elect – Chester Pruitt
Past President – Joan Byrne
Vice President – Greg Brown
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Vice President – Linda Goberna
Vice President – Shorty Robbins

2016-2017
President – Chester Pruitt
President Elect – Joan Byrne
Past President – Jack Kardys
Vice President – Mathew Eberius
Vice President – Andy Palmer
Vice President – Shorty Robbins
Vice President – Michelle Zimmer
2017-2018
President – Joan Byrne
President Elect – Felicia Donnelly
Past President – Chester Pruitt
Vice President of Finance – Jennifer Cirillo
Vice President – Sidney Kittila
Vice President – Andy Palmer
Vice President – Michelle Zimmer

2018-2019
President – Felicia Donnelly
President Elect – Susan Lovallo
Past President – Joan Byrne
Vice President of Finance – Jennifer Cirillo
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