

**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.  
– in 1992, FRPA purchased its Executive Office headquarters building in Tallahassee.

– 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

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</u>	<u>FELLOW AWARD</u>
1954	Marion W. Huey (Mrs.) Nathan L. Mallison Ralph B. Van Fleet	
1955	Julian Olsen	
1956	Temple Jarrell	
1957	Woodrow W. Dukes	
1958	Frances Joyner (Mrs.)	
1959	Jack Puryear	
1960	A. H. Peavy, Jr.	
1961	Tom Starling	
1962	Walter Edge Denson Hambleton Dr. Roy Leilich	
1963	Jervy Gantt, Jr. Madge Williams	Ralph B. Van Fleet Marion W. Huey (Mrs.) Nathan L. Mallison
1964	Ralph Carter	Ben York Woodrow W. Dukes A. H. Peavy, Jr.
1965	Jack Woody	
1966	Catherine Sample	Jervy Gantt, Jr.
1967		James Hadaway Ralph Carter
1968	Ruth Stenger (Mrs.)	Denson Hambleton Walter Edge
1969	Sue Herndon	Dr. Roy Leilich
1970	J. Walter Reid Mary Ann Reid (Mrs.)	James Sayes
1971	Betty Palmer Tom Sperling	Dr. W. J. Tait Jack Puryear Joker Merchant
1972		J. Walter Reid
1973	Jean Fountain	Tom Sperling Jack Woody
1974	Dr. Frances Cannon	
1975	Robert Frankhauser William Swartz Howard Rohrbacher Betty Daniel	
1976	Gordon Sprague Basha Schlazer	
1977	Jack Haskin O.B. Johnson	Sue Herndon McCollum
1978	Don Brannon Walt Rothenbach Ray Massey	Robert Frankhauser
1979	Stu Taber Randy Trousdell Mary Stewart	Betty Daniel
1980	William Vickery Robert Gould Tom Kindred	
1981	Robert Conn Allen Edelman James Jernigan	Walt Rothenbach
1982	James McMahon	Frances Cannon

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</u>	<u>FELLOW AWARD</u>
1983		Tom Kindred
1984	Debbie Regnone Betty Douglas Irene Devin	William Vickery Don Brannon
1985	Julian Barrs Charles Swisher	James McMahan
1986	Cheryl Beeler Tom Farnsworth	
1987	Cathy Santa Dottie Abrams	Tom Farnsworth
1988	Rosie Keween	
1989	Bill Bird Robert Burdett	
1990	Cliff Crawford	
1991	Art Robbins Jerry Jones Mark Eynatten	Cathy Santa
1992	Joe Abrahams Fran Mainella	Debbie Regnone
1993		Randy Trousdell
1994	Margaret "Mitzi" Nelson	William Swartz Mark Eynatten
1995	Mary Ann Davis Christi Flood Howard Gregg	
1996	Harriet Orr	Cheryl Beeler
1997	Collier Clark Tommy Purvis	W. Howard Gregg
1998	Patrick Byrne Adrienne Kurtz	
1999	Rosemary Prince	Robert Conn, Sr.
2000	Leah Hoffman	Tommy Purvis
2001	Steve Miller	Collier Clark
2002	Mark Abdo	
2003	Barbara Manzo Julia Recker	Patrick Byrne
2004	Terri Messler	
2005	Karen Palus	Barbara Manzo
2006	Elaine Smith	Leah Hoffman
2007	Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider	
2008	Nancy Sigoloff-Taback	Julia Thompson
2009	W. Greg Scott	Karen Palus
2010	Don Decker	Terri Messler
2011	Joe Abel Cathy Norris	
2012	Donna Trafford	
2013	T. Michael Stavres	
2014		Don Decker
2019	Joan Byrne	

## FRPA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

George D. Butler	Mrs. Marion Huey	Mrs. Mary Ann Reid
Ben York	Mrs. Alice Forman	Mrs. Cordelia Hunt
J. Walter Reid	Mrs. Estelle Wells	Pierce Gahan
Temple Jarrell	Willard Sutherland	Mrs. Madge Williams
Walter Edge	Herb Ball	Jack Puryear
O.B. Johnson	Joker Merchant	Harriett Johnson
Lee Dunn	Dwight Hunter	Ralph Carter
Denny Hambleton	Julia Dunn	Jervy Gantt, Jr.
Patrick Heneghan	James Sayes	Ruth Stenger
Stuart Taber	Phyllis Dewey Sheldon	Betty Palmer
Charles Parks	Howard Rohrbacher	Ray Massey
Dr. Frances Cannon	Dorothy Abrams - 1991	William Haycock - 1992
Charles Swisher - 1992	Robert Gould - 1993	James McMahon - 1993
Dr. Roy Leilich - 1994	Sue Herndon McCollum - 1995	Allen Edelman - 1996
Thomas Kindred - 1997	Jerry Jones - 1998	Betty Douglas - 2000
William Red Vickrey - 2002	Cathy Santa - 2003	Walt Rothenbach – 2004
Randy Trousdell – 2005	Collier Clark – 2006	William 'Bill' Swartz – 2007
Margaret 'Mitzi' Nelson – 2009	W. Howard Gregg – 2011	Dr. Cheryl Beeler – 2012
Barbara Manzo – 2012	Phyllis Bush - 2013 (posthumously)	
Jack Kardys – 2017	Chester Pruitt – 2018	Leah Hoffman - 2019

## **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)  
2020 – Eric Call

### **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  
2020 - Brad Lympany  
2021 - Lyndsey Marsh

### **Outstanding Student Award**

1997 - Jean Horgan

### **Parks Professional Award**

2015 - John Fussell  
2016 - Greg Brown  
2017 - Danny Barcia  
2019 - Chris Lisenby  
2019 - Suzanne Shuffitt  
2020 - Greg Wright  
2021 - Chris Sanz

### **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
- 2021 - Pinellas Realty Organization

### **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
- 2020 - Individual – Stephen Martin
- Group – City of West Park Youth Council
- 2021 - Individual – Dave and Erma Miller
- Group – Pinellas Park TeenWorkx

**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 Suwannee River CD
- Audio Visual – Electronic Media – Florida State Parks On-Line Guide
- 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
- 2011 - Catalogue – Safety Harbor Leisure Services R.E.A.L.
- 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
- 2020 - Campaign/Initiative – Davie Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts - #SaferBy4
- Electronic Media – Palm Beach County – Power of Parks Podcast
- 2021 - Campaign/Initiative - Charlotte County Community Services - Easter Egg-Scursion
- Electronic Media - North Port Parks and Recreation – Scoop, Scoop, Baby
- Print Material – Sarasota County Parks and Recreation – A Walk in the Park

**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

- 2019 - Small Market - Collier County Parks and Recreation Division
- 2019 - Large Market – Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
- 2020 - Mid/Large Market – Osceola County Parks and Recreation
- 2020 - Small Market – Leesburg Parks and Recreation
- 2021 - Mid/Large Market - Winter Haven Parks, Recreation and Culture

**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
- 2009 - 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
- 2010 - 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
- 2005 - 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

Community Building

- 2020 - Largo Recreation Parks and Arts
- 2020 - Hillsborough County 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
- 2020 - Charlotte County Community Services, Parks and Natural Resources

#### 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
- 2020 - Health – Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation – Opioid Epidemic Awareness Trainings & Public Forum
  - Community Building – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
  - Economic Impact and Development – Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts
- 2021 - Health - Town of Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens – Ignite the Fight Virtual 5k
  - Community Building- Port St Lucie Parks and Recreation - Healthy U: A Series of Conversations
  - Environmental – Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces - Zoo Miami Conservation Action Center
  - Economic Impact – Gulf Breeze Parks and Recreation - Reverse Holiday Parade
  - Exceptional Circumstances - Weston Parks and Recreation - Cypress Bay Drive Thru Graduation

#### **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
- 2007 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
- 2008 - Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
- 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
1971	Gainesville
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  
2009 Disney Coronado Springs Resort – Orlando  
2010 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2011 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2012 Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek - Orlando  
2013 Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek - Orlando  
2014 Hilton Orlando  
2015 Hilton Orlando  
2016 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2017 Omni Championsgate - Orlando  
2018 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2019 Omni Championsgate – Orlando  
2020 Omni Championsgate – Orlando  
2021 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2022 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2023 Caribe Royale – Orlando  
2024 Caribe Royale – Orlando

## FRPA EDITORIAL BOARDS

1946	Editors Unknown
1947	Cordelia Hunt
1952	Dr. William J. Tait
1953	Temple Jarrell
1954-55	Ed Schoedinger
1956	Ed Lawrence
1957	Edmond Shea
1958	Ron Perry
1959-60	Ron Perry & James Sayes
1961	Art Peavy & James Sayes
1962-63	Art Peavy & Ron Perry
1964	Bob Rhinehart & Crownson Publishing
1965	Mike Zotti
1966-68	Ruth Stenger
1969-72	Jean Fountain
1973	Cheryl Beeler
1974	Jean Fountain
1975-76	Jan Ziff
1977-78	Walt Rothenbach
1979-82	Dick Jackson
1983	Joan Murray, Lynda Bragg and Chrys Sullivan
1984	Rosemary Prince, Lynda Bragg and Chrys Sullivan
1985	Jeanne Clark, Phyllis Bush, Ruthie Pfaff
1986	Jeanne Clark, Phyllis Bush, Ruthie Pfaff
1987	Ruthie Pfaff, Phyllis Bush
1988	Phyllis Bush, Jerrie Lindsey, Bob Bradley
1989	Jerrie Lindsey, Bob Bradley, Katy Johnston
1990	Jerrie Lindsey, Katy Johnston, Bill Bibby
1991-94	Phyllis Bush, Katy Johnston, Bill Bibby
1994-96	Phyllis Bush, Katy Johnston, Ashley Edwards
1996-97	Phyllis Bush, Katy Johnston, Ashley Edwards, Pete Sampson
1997-98	Phyllis Bush, Katy Johnston, Ashley Edwards, Candy McCrary, James Stamborski, Dave Borisenko
1998-99	Julia Recker
1999-00	Pamela Post and Julia Recker
2000-01	Pamela Post
2017-19	Don Decker and Terri Messler
2020-21	Richard Durr, Brynn Frazier, Jen Guerrant, Laura Ansel, Brie Ondercin, Terri Messler, Christopher Korbela, Fred Couceyro
2021-22	Terri Messler, Robert Chenier, Lynn Gordon, Mike Koenig, Christopher Korbela, Fred Couceyro, Brynn Frazier, Jen Guerrant, Laura Ansel, Brie Ondercin



## PAST OFFICERS

### 1942-43

President - Nash Higgins  
Other Officers - no records

### 1943-44

President - Nathan L. Mallison  
Other Officers - no records

### 1944-45

President - Cordelia Hunt  
Other Officers - no record

### 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  
District I - Helen Lewis  
District II - Kert Kurland (resigned) Tom Starling  
District III - Bud Keathly  
District IV - Temple Jarrell

1956-57

President - Clifford King (resign 10/56)  
President Elect - Ben York  
Secretary - Alice Forman  
Treasurer - Denson Hambleton  
District I - Ben Page  
District II - James Sayes  
District III - Bud Keathly  
District IV - A. H. Peavy, Jr.

1957-58

President - Ben York  
President Elect - A. H. Peavy, Jr.  
Secretary - Bill Richter  
Treasurer - Don Donley  
District I - James Hadaway  
District II - James Sayes  
District III - Ted Wilson  
District IV - Jack Woody

1958-59

President - A. H. Peavy, Jr.  
President Elect - James Sayes  
Secretary - Mary Reid  
Treasurer - Mark McDonald  
District I - James Hitzman  
District II - Howard Rohrbacher  
District III - Eddie Moore  
District IV - Dennis Hambleton

1959-60

President - James Sayes  
President Elect - Temple Jarrell  
Secretary - Mary Faust  
Treasurer - Lou Presti  
District I - Joe Johnson  
District II - Bill Stott  
District III - Emilie Moore  
District IV - Walter Judd

1960-61

President - Temple Jarrell (resigned)  
    appointed James Sayes  
President Elect - Roy Leilich  
Secretary - Madge Williams  
Treasurer - Lou Presti  
District I - William Vickery  
District II - Ron Perry  
District III - Robert Rhinehart  
District IV - Walter Reid  
District V - Walter Edge

1961-62

President - Dr. Roy Leilich  
President Elect - Dennis Hambleton  
Secretary - Madge Williams  
Treasurer - Betty Palmer  
District I - Don James  
District II - Sandy DeSandro  
District III - Don Donley  
District IV - Jeannette Hunt  
District V - Walter Edge

1962-63

President - Dennis Hambleton  
President Elect - Ralph E. Carter  
Secretary - Madge Williams  
    Treasurer - Herb Ball  
District I - Betty Palmer  
District II - Mark K. McDonald  
District III - Robert Curry  
District IV - Tom Miller  
District V - Gene Fuller

1963-64

President - Ralph E. Carter  
President Elect - Bob Rhinehart  
    Secretary - Madge Williams  
Treasurer - George Boyd  
District I - Betty Palmer  
District II - Tom Sperling  
District III - Robert Hill  
District IV - Pat Heneghan  
District V - Eugene Fuller

1964-65

President - Robert Rhinehart  
President Elect - James Hadaway  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Tom Sperling  
District I - Buddy Elliott  
District II - Ray Massey  
District III - Gary Garretson  
District IV - Ron Perry  
District V - Walter Edge

1965-66

President - James Hadaway  
President Elect - Jack Woody  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Tom Sperling  
District I - William Vickery  
District II - Madge Williams  
District III - Gary Garretson  
District IV - Walter Reid  
District V - Dave Gessner  
Parliamentarian - Woody Dukes

1966-67

President - Jack Woody  
President Elect - Walter Edge  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Tom Sperling  
District I - Randy Trousdell  
District II - Jim Jernigan  
District III - Mike Tully  
District IV - Tom Gibbons  
District V - Jack Miller  
Parliamentarian - Denny Hambleton

1967-68

President - Walter Edge  
President Elect - Tom Sperling  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Walter Reid  
District I - Randy Trousdell  
District II - Bob Gould  
District III - Gerald Gow (resigned) George Boyd  
District IV - Mary Ann Reid  
District V - Gabe Prescott  
Parliamentarian - Woody Dukes

1968-69

President - Tom Sperling  
President Elect - Pat Heneghan  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Walter Reid  
District I - Bill Farramore  
District II - Bob Fleming  
District III - George Boyd  
District IV - Guy Carretta  
District V - Billy Hankins  
Parliamentarian - Woody Dukes

1969-70

President - Pat Heneghan  
President Elect - Dr. William Tait  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Walter Reid  
District I - Judy Coryell  
District II - Jerry Jones  
District III - Ruth Stenger  
District IV - Bill Guinn  
District V - Gordon Sprague  
Parliamentarian - Walter Edge

1970-71

President - Dr. William Tait  
President Elect - William Vickery  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Walter Reid  
District I - Gayle Winchester  
District II - Charles Swisher  
District III - Ruth Stenger  
District IV - Herb Ball  
District V - Woody Dukes  
Parliamentarian - Walter Edge

1971-72

President - William Vickery  
President Elect - Walter Reid  
Secretary - Sue Herndon  
Treasurer - Bob Frankhauser  
District I - Randy Trousdell  
District II - Winston Needham  
District III - Ream Wilson  
District IV - Basha Schlazer  
District V - Bill Swartz  
Parliamentarian - Woody Dukes

1972-73

President - Walter Reid  
President Elect - Gordon Sprague  
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 McMullin  
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  
District II - Jerry Jones  
District III - Wayne Struble  
District IV - Jim Altaffer  
District V - Jim McMahan  
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  
District III - Betty Daniels  
District IV - Brock Cunigan  
District V - Jim McMahan  
District VI - Bob Stevens  
District VII - Randy Wilkinson  
District VIII - Phyllis Dewey  
Parliamentarian - Ron Tietgen  
Administrative Assistant - Sharon Sofford

1976-77

President - Ray Massey  
President Elect - Ron Tietgen  
Secretary - Zoe Gray  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
Asst. Treasurer - Don Brannon  
District I - Bill Hammond  
District II - Gail McCall  
District III - Jack Masson  
District IV - James Altaffer  
District V - Jim McMahan  
District VI - Bob Stevens  
District VII - Dottie Abrams  
District VIII - O.B. Johnson  
Parliamentarian - Bob Gould  
Administrative Assistant - Jack Haskins

1978-79

President - Robert Gould  
President Elect - Walt Rothenbach  
Secretary - Zoe Gray Roseman  
Treasurer - John Wintermeier  
Asst. Treasurer - Jack Masson  
District I - Sue McCollum  
District II - Jim Sparks  
District III - Charles Swisher  
District IV - Margaret Spurrier  
District V - Thomas Kindred  
District VI - Bill Swartz  
District VII - Ralph Gonzalez  
District VIII - Irene Devin  
Parliamentarian - James McMahan  
Executive Director - Jack Haskins

1979-80

President - Walt Rothenbach  
President Elect - Dr. Frances Cannon  
Secretary - Jack Masson  
Treasurer - John Wintermeier  
District I - Jody Skelton  
District II - Jim Sparks  
District III - Wes Crile  
District IV - Margaret Spurrier  
District V - John Dance  
District VI - Bill Swartz  
District VII - Ralph Gonzalez  
Parliamentarian - Bob Conn  
Executive Director - Jack Haskins

1980-81

President - Dr. Frances Cannon  
President Elect - Tom Kindred  
Secretary - Debbie Regnone  
Treasurer - Don Brannon  
District I - Jody Skelton  
District II - Don Jordan  
District III - Wes Crile  
District IV - Margaret Spurrier  
District V - John Dance  
District VI - Bill Swartz  
District VII - Ralph Gonzalez  
District VIII - Cecil Nall  
Parliamentarian - Bob Conn  
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  
District III - Tom Fransworth  
District IV - Cathy Santa  
District V - Bob Burdett  
District VI - Bob Stevens  
District VII - Sherman Mills  
District VIII - Bob Blake  
Parliamentarian - Jim McMahon  
Executive Directors - Nancy Francois '82  
Fran Mainella '83

1984-85

President - Tom Farnsworth  
President Elect - Bob Burdett  
Secretary - Rosie Keween  
Treasurer - Mark Eynatten  
District I - Cheryl Beeler  
District II - Bill Trahan  
District III - Art Robins  
District IV - Lee Metzger  
District V - Michelle Park  
District VI - Maley Brancaccio  
District VII - Howard Gregg  
District VIII - Bob Blake  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1981-82

President - Tom Kindred  
President Elect - Gary Bliss  
Secretary - Debbie Regnone  
Treasurer - Don Brannon  
District I - Barbara Berger  
District II - Don Jordan  
District III - Tom Farnsworth  
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

1983-84

President - Steve Riser  
President Elect - Tom Farnsworth  
Secretary - Donna Darracott  
Treasurer - Don Brannon  
District I - Cheryl Beeler  
District II - Linda Hall  
District III - Art Robins  
District IV - Cathy Santa  
District V - Bob Burdett  
District VI - Bob Stevens  
District VII - Howard Gregg  
District VIII - Bob Blake  
Parliamentarian - Jim McMahon  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1985-86

President - Bob Burdett  
President Elect - Cathy Santa  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Mark Eynatten  
District I - Andy Holdnak  
District II - Bill Trahan  
District III - Wes Crile  
District IV - Lee Metzger  
District V - Michelle Park  
District VI - Maley Brancaccio  
District VII - Harriet Orr  
District VIII - Suzanne Haller  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1986-87

President - Cathy Santa  
President Elect - Michelle Park  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Andy Holdnak  
District II - Julian Barrs  
District III - Wes Crile  
District IV - Nilo Menendez  
District V - Chuck Proulx  
District VI - Dan Loubier  
District VII - Harriet Orr  
District VIII - Ken Richardson  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1988-89

President - Mark Eynatten  
President Elect - Howard Gregg  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Collier Clark  
District II - Nancy Kirts  
District III - Christi Flood  
District IV - Robert Steve Miller  
District V - Robert Dent  
District VI - Chris Holley  
District VII - Maureen Gregg  
District VIII - James Romano  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Citizen Board Member - Gary Steele  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1990-91

President - Don Brannon  
President Elect - Nilo Menendez  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Gerry Norris  
District II - Tommy Purvis  
District III - Christi Flood  
District IV - Mary Ann Davis  
District V - Robert Dent  
District VI - Mary Ellen Donner  
District VII - Maureen Gregg  
District VIII - Dan Keefe  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Citizen Board Member - Gary Steele  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1987-88

President - Michelle Park  
President Elect - Mark Eynatten  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Collier Clark  
District II - Nancy Kirts  
District III - Wayne Struble  
District IV - Nilo Menendez  
District V - Robert Dent  
District VI - Dan Loubier  
District VII - Sue McKay  
District VIII - Ken Richardson  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella

1989-90

President - Howard Gregg  
President Elect - Don Brannon  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Gerry Norris  
District II - Nancy Kirtz  
District III - Christi Flood  
District IV - Robert Steve Miller  
District V - Carol Olsen  
District VI - Chris Holley  
District VII - Maureen Gregg  
District VIII - James Romano  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Citizen Board Member - Gary Steele  
Executive Director - Fran Mainella '89  
Eleanor Warmack '90

1991-92

President - Nilo Menendez  
President Elect - Lynn Sordel  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Rosemary Prince  
District II - Tommy Purvis  
District III - Julia Recker  
District IV - Mary Ann Davis  
District V - Chris Dafoe  
District VI - Mary Ellen Donner  
District VII - Greg Pessolano  
District VIII - Dan Keefe  
Parliamentarian - William James  
Citizen Board Member - Jean Edwards  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1992-93

President - Lynn Sordel  
President Elect - Jerry Jones  
Secretary - Cheryl Beeler  
Treasurer - Rosie Keween  
District I - Rosemary Prince  
District II - Mitzi Nelson  
District III - Julia Recker  
District IV - Mark Abdo  
District V - Chris Dafoe  
District VI - Barbara Manzo  
District VII - Greg Pessolano  
District VIII - Steve Person  
Parliamentarian - William James  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1994-95

President - Cheryl Beeler  
President Elect - Steve Person  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
1st Vice President - Julia Recker  
2nd Vice President - Dan Keefe '94  
Mark Abdo '95  
District I - Joe Ferolito  
District II - Patti Evans  
District III - Tom Richmeyer  
District IV - Bob Sheffield  
District V - Sherman Conrad  
District VI - Mark Thornton  
  
District VII - Adrienne Kurtz  
District VIII - Vaughn Black  
Parliamentarian - Rosie Keween  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1996-97

President - Barbara Manzo  
President-Elect - Julia Recker  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
1st Vice President - Greg Pessolano  
2nd Vice-President - Mark Abdo  
District I - Rosemary Prince  
District II - Patrick Byrne  
District III - Ainsley Fry  
District IV - Peg Cummings  
District V - Mickey Gomez  
District VI - Annie Pappalardo  
District VII - Sandra Hill  
District VIII - Tom Messenheimer  
Parliamentarian - Vaughn Black  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Southern Region - Tommy Purvis  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1993-94

President - Jerry Jones  
President Elect - Cheryl Beeler  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
District I - Joe Ferolito  
District II - Mitzi Nelson  
District III - Tom Richmeyer  
District IV - Mark Abdo  
District V - Sherman Conrad  
District VI - Barbara Mano  
District VII - Adrienne Kurtz  
District VIII - Steve Person  
Parliamentarian - Williams James  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1995-96

President - Steve Person  
President Elect - Barbara Manzo  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
1st Vice President - Julia Recker  
2nd Vice President - Mark Abdo  
  
District I - Rosemary Prince  
District II - Pat Byrne  
District III - Ainsley Fry  
District IV - Bob Sheffield  
District V - Mickey Gomez  
District VI - Mark Thornton - 4/96  
Annie Pappalardo  
District VII - Sandra Hill  
District VIII - Vaughn Black  
Parliamentarian - Rosie Keween  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1997-98

President - Julia Recker  
President-Elect - Ross Ferlita  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
1st Vice President - Sara Devilder  
2nd Vice President - Mark Abdo  
District I - Pete Sampson  
District II - Patrick Byrne  
District III - Karen Overstreet  
District IV - Peg Cummings  
District V - Michael Bocchino  
District VI - Annie Pappalardo  
District VII - Joe Abel  
District VIII - Tom Messenheimer  
Parliamentarian - Vaughn Black  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Southern Region - Tommy Purvis  
Administrators - Sharon Kent  
Aquatics - Marie Sheba  
Athletics - Linda Probert - continued on next page

1997-98 continued

Community Centers - Kyle Kent  
Ethnic Minority - Janice Cartwright  
Leisure Arts - Mary Margaret Gruszka  
Parks and Natural Resources - Paddy Cunningham  
Therapeutic Recreation - Stephanie Smock  
Wellness - Katy Johnston  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1998-1999

President - Ross Ferlita  
President-Elect - Mark Abdo  
Past President - Julia Recker  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Walt Rothenbach  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Sara Devilder  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Patrick Byrne  
District I - Pete Sampson - 9/98-1/99  
                  - Bill Bibby 1/99-9/99  
District II - Greg Scott  
District III - Karen Palus  
District IV - James Sheets  
District V - Mike Bocchino  
District VI - Janis Keim  
District VII - Joe Abel  
District VIII - Becky Thacker  
Parliamentarian - Vaughn Black  
CBM - Jean Edwards  
Southern Region - Tommy Purvis  
Administrators- Sharon Kent  
Aquatics - Marie Sheba  
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka  
Athletics - Linda Probert  
Community Centers - Ire Bethea  
Ethnic Minority - Janice Cartwright  
Parks & Natural Res. - Paddy Cunningham  
Therapeutic Recreation - Stephanie Smock  
Wellness - Terri Messler  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack

1999-2000

President - Mark Abdo  
President-Elect - Joe Abel  
Past President - Ross Ferlita  
Secretary - Mary Ann Davis  
Treasurer - Steve Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Bob Sheffield  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Patrick Byrne  
District I - Bill Bibby  
                  (Ashley Edwards 1/00-9/00)  
District II - Greg Scott  
District III - Terri Owen  
District IV - Leah Hoffman  
District V - Leah Rockwell  
District VI - Janis Keim  
District VII - Amy Wolf  
District VIII - Becky Thacker  
Parliamentarian - John Holland  
CBM - Ray Massey  
Southern Region - Tommy Purvis  
Administrators - Susan Miller  
Aquatics - Marie Sheba  
Arts & Events - Mary Margaret Gruszka  
Athletics - John Allen  
Community Centers - Ire Bethea  
Ethnic Minority - Josie Davis  
Parks & Natural Resources - Ed McIntyre  
Therapeutic Recreation - Amanda Wuster  
Wellness - Terri Messler  
Executive Director - Eleanor Warmack



## 2000-2001

President - Joe Abel  
President-Elect - Bob Sheffield  
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  
Vice President of Professional Development – Kara Petty  
Central Region – Marcia Bowen  
Northern Region – Jeff Moffitt  
Southeast Region – Michelle Zimmer  
Southwest Region – Kathy Cahill  
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  
Southeast Region – Michelle Zimmer

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  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 2015-2016

President – Jack Kardys  
President Elect – Chester Pruitt  
Past President – Joan Byrne  
Vice President – Greg Brown  
Vice President – Mathew Eberius  
Vice President – Linda Goberna  
Vice President – Shorty Robbins  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 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  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 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  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 2018-2019

President – Felicia Donnelly  
President Elect – Susan Lovallo  
Past President – Joan Byrne  
Vice President of Finance – Jennifer Cirillo  
Vice President – Danny Barcia  
Vice President – Sidney Kittila  
Vice President – Dave Ramirez  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 2019-2020

President – Susan Lovallo  
President Elect – Jennifer Cirillo  
Past President – Felicia Donnelly  
Vice President of Finance – Bryan Nipe  
Vice President – Becky Gunter  
Vice President – Dave Ramirez  
Vice President – Michelle Zimmer  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 2020-2021

President – Jennifer Cirillo  
President Elect – Kevin Kirwin  
Past President – Susan Lovallo  
Vice President of Finance – Bryan Nipe  
Vice President – Becky Gunter  
Vice President – Krista Pincince  
Vice President – Chip Potts  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

#### 2021-2022

President – Kevin Kirwin  
President Elect – Becky Gunter  
Past President – Jennifer Cirillo  
Vice President of Finance – Charlotte Presensky  
Vice President – Terrell Griffin  
Vice President – Krista Pincince  
Vice President – Chip Potts  
Executive Director – Eleanor Warmack

