



**2018-2019 MRPA Board & Council
Third Quarter Report: Winter 2019**

President

Carolyn Ryan

- The Board and Council had the opportunity to meet with Matt Carusona from NCPRA on November 7 and 8.
- Held a Board and Council Meeting at Kentlands Mansion on January 17.
- Had the opportunity to meet with and/or attend the following Committee meetings and events:
 - Senior Center PLC
 - Joint MRPA/MML/MACPRA/DNR Meeting
- Continue to monitor progress on our MRPA Strategic Plan

President Elect

Holly Harden

- Recruiting & confirming 2019-2020 Council chairs.
- Planning for May 1st Board and Council retreat.
- Securing leadership for the three new ad hoc committees: Technology, Professional Learning Communities and Amusement & Attraction tickets.

Hosting two Professional Learning Community Facilitator meetings Feb 6th and 15th to develop standard operating procedures, budgets and schedule for 2019 for 2019 programs.

Coordinating with various professionals to offer the following Professional Learning Communities:

- March 6: Aquatics
- March 12: Southern MD
- March 29: Teens
- April 25: Volunteer Management

Thanks to **Charlyn Simpson, Amanda DeFilippo, Jennene Blakely, Katie Peet and Pamela Reese** for supporting Professional Learning Communities this quarter.

Vice-President

Steve McCoy

- Continued planning for 2019 Winter General Membership Meeting
- Continuing to compile and enhance Board and Council position descriptions
- Compiled report for Third Quarter

Treasurer/Treasurer Elect

Jake Chesnutt/Carla Benavides

Continued working on the 2019 budget with the MRPA office, branches and the committees. The draft 2019 budget was presented to the Board and Council at the January meeting.

Secretary

Corey Smith

Minutes from Board and Council Meetings will be posted to the MRPA Website within a month after the meeting after being approved. If you have questions, please e-mail Corey at coreyh.smith@pgpaks.com.

RALS Branch

Owen McPherson, Chair

This has been a slow year and we're trudging toward meeting the goals set forth this year.

As a review we were to: To develop a succession planning work-shop to assist in the development of future committee leadership; to update the informational brochure describing the RALS committee and its mission; to develop a brief marketing campaign speaking to the benefits of joining the RALS, it is our idea that this can be package and delivered at the various MRPA learning opportunities; to develop new ways to meet and engage RALS's constantly changing membership base; to establish bi-monthly RALS committee meetings in other area jurisdictions in our quest to spread the message to more members.

I appreciate the strong response of the RALS members who responded to the recent interest survey asking for input into the future direction of RALS, and most importantly MRPA. We received some highly useful and thought provoking suggestions. Once all the information is dissected, categorized, and placed in a readable format, we'll get it out to the membership.

Thank-you for all that attended the December 14th RALS Holiday event this year at Odenton Bowling Alley. We really appreciate your support.

Consider taking an active role in your MRPA membership. We want you on our team...we need you on our team!

Awards Committee

Matthew Purkins, Chair

We will be awarding Member of the Quarter award Wednesday at the Winter General Membership Meeting

Nominations have closed for agency awards; judging for those will occur this week and winners will be notified. Awards Luncheon will be on Thursday, February 28 at Laurel Beltsville Senior Center.

Nominations for Legacy Awards (i.e. Retired Life, Citation, etc.) are due by Thursday, January 31. These awards will be given at the conference

Conference Committee

Mike Coppersmith, Chair

Terri Hilton, Co-Chair

- The conference will be held April 9-11th at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland.
- The theme is "Oh the State I'm in."
- The logo -



- Exhibitor and delegate registration is open.
<https://www.mrpanet.org/general/custom.asp?page=2019ConferenceInfo>
Please reach out to your business contacts who may benefit from being an exhibitor.
- The conference committee has been meeting once a month to plan this phenomenal conference for you!
- 48 education sessions are planned over the three-day conference. The opening keynote speaker is Dr. John Compton. New this year is a closing keynote, Thursday at 2:45-4:15pm. The speaker will be Dale Smith. A bio of both keynote speakers can be found on the MRPA website. (link above) 3 nights of networking and social opportunities are being planned.
- Back this year is the conference app through Guidebook. Stay tuned on how to sign up!
- The silent auction is being planned again this year. Please begin to think about what you or your agency can contribute.
- Questions on conference? Please Email Terri Hilton, thilton@rockvillemd.gov, or Mike Coppersmith, Mcoppersmith@rockvillemd.gov

MRPA Leadership Institute

Jennifer Jennings, Chair

Leadership Institute is rapidly coming to a close. In the past few months we have created bonds with peers, learned about teamwork, legislation, ethics, CAPRA to name a few. Several directors have taken time out of their busy schedules spoken to the class to inform them what they look for and expect from a leader in their organizations.

Takoma Park will host our group on March 14th. 22 LI participants will present topics that are currently relevant to the Recreation and Parks field. This will be an exciting day as preparation for this event has been for the entire length of course.

The class will conduct a session and graduate in April at the conference in Ocean City.

Marketing Communications Committee

Anna Hunter, Chair

The Marketing Communications Committee has been creating fliers for those that request this. They have also met with the MRPA staff a few times this fall/winter to discuss updates to the design of the website, how to improve our social media accounts, and strategies on how to increase awareness of MRPA to our members and others in Maryland and those that are part of the Recreation & Parks community.

Member Engagement and Outreach Committee

Alexandria Wilson, Chair

Wendy Donley, Co-Chair

Had Committee meeting on December 12

Welcome Letter that will be sent to new members was sent to MRPA Office for distribution

Currently Scheduling School Visits

Currently Editing Membership Brochure

Working on creating a video to be distributed to new members

Working on obtaining the master list of agency member names

Future meeting dates: February 13, March 13

Professional Certification Board

Di Quynn-Reno, Chair

CEU Applications Under Review:

Leveraging Your Strengths for Professional Growth (12/13/18)

FOCUS on the ARTS (01/25/19)

Honestly Dishonest: A Fraud Examiner's Perspective (01/31/19)

Could Verses Should (01/31/19)

Catch Me If YOU Can (01/31/19)

CEU Applications Reviewed & Approved:

Gen Y: Transitioning Smoothly into the Workplace .575 approved

Unconscious Bias .4 approved

Creating a Positive Environment .35 approved

Entrepreneurial Solutions for Local Government Challenges .15 approved

Community and Economic Planning .15 approved

On the Frey – Managing Non-Sanctioned Behaviors .15 approved

Nature Based Exposure through Parks and Recreation .15 approved

Parks are Everywhere .15 approved

Community Resilience Planning .15 approved

Handling Health Factors in Parks and Recreation .15 approved

Macro Trends .15 approved

Diversity in Nature: The Intersection of Race/Ethnicity, Culture, Class .15 approved

Transform into Action: Up level Your Energy .15 approved

Training Your Staff from A-Z .3 approved

Emotional Intelligence .25 approved

The Changing Climate of Recreation and Parks .1 approved

Board Goals:

Research MRPA website ability to have CEU submission electrically.

(Goal: non-conference CEU submission on-line)

Goal complete

Streamline CEU approval process

(Goal: CEU application review within 3 weeks of submission)

Goal complete

Actively coordinate with Conference Committee for CEU submissions

(Goal: CEU's approved prior to guide printing deadline)

Dates to have been set with the Conference Education Committee

Create SOP for CEU and Board procedures

No progress

Job description prepared and submitted to MRPA Board.
MPRA Council and Board meeting attended in January.

Board Members: Karen Haseley, Sharon Norcio

Sponsorship Committee

Nancy Pfeffer, Chair

We are continuing to get sponsors for the Professional Learning Communities.
Donations for the silent auction at the Showcase Awards are coming in.
Planning for the golf ball drop at the Summer General Membership Meeting

Training and Education Committee

Jennene Blakely, Chair

Darryl Wyles, Co-Chair

- Howard County model of offering trainings is expanding to Prince George's County. If your agency is offering internal trainings and you would like to open up spots to MRPA members, please contact Jennene Blakely or Darryl Wyles for logistical information.
- Skilled Laborer Development Workshops to begin in March.
- Conference Education Committee offering a diverse lineup of speakers including TWO keynotes (opening and closing) for the annual Conference in April. **STILL NEED FOUR Speed Sessions** – Please contact Gen Jennai or Jake Chesnutt for more details
- Be on the lookout for a survey that will evaluate our training offerings and barriers to participation from members
- Seeking MRPA Members to assist with several new committees under Training and Education for 2019-20
 - Training SUMMITS (one day or overnight mini-conferences on a specific topic). Please contact Jennene Blakely or Holly Harden for details
 - Introduction to Recreation & Parks Institute – Contact Jennene Blakely
 - Members with Video Editing capabilities to help with pre-recorded topics for website (including benefits of Professional Certifications and Benefits of MRPA Membership)

Upcoming Trainings and PLC's

FEBRUARY 13th

Focus on the Arts (Howard County)

February 26th

Training Your Summer Staff From A to Z (Laurel, MD)

MARCH 6th

Aquatics Professional Learning Community (Ellicott City, MD)

MARCH 12th

Southern Maryland Professional Learning Community (Charles County Recreation & Parks)

MARCH 13th

A Path to Sustainable Trail Systems (.4 CEUs) (Highland, MD)

MARCH 20th

Camp Professional Learning Community (Annapolis, MD)

MARCH 27th

Gen Y: Transitioning Smoothly in the Workplace (.6 CEUs pending)
(Upper Marlboro, MD)

April 9-11th

MRPA Annual Conference
(Ocean City, MD; 10am)

April 17th

Landscaping & Ground Maintenance (Howard County)

No Report

Past President

Tim Chesnutt

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Angie Hummer, Chair

TR Branch

Joya Johnson, Chair

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Michelle Potter, Co-Chair

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