



2017-2018 MRPA Board & Council Third Quarter Report: Winter 2018

President

Tim Chesnutt

- The Board is continuing to work on the Strategic Plan, reviewing notes from the Fall Membership meeting and identifying best approaches and timelines to accomplish the work.
- We are also working on review of By-Laws and making recommendations. The implementation of recommendations will fall under next year's Board.
- Working on updating the Nomination process and clarifying the process.
- Working on an evaluation, summary of Executive Director's accomplishments and goals for the year.
- As we transition to a new Board and Council in April, continue to work to clarify roles, and strengthening our processes and service to the membership.

Past President

Beahta Davis

- Nominations for MRPA Board and Branch positions will be announced at the Winter Membership meeting. Nominations for MRPA Board will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Candidates for Board positions will have an opportunity to provide a 2-3 minute speech regarding their qualifications and desire to serve as a MRPA Board member.

President Elect

Carolyn Ryan

- Worked with Jen Jennings and Wanda Ramos to set up Winter General Membership Meeting to be held January 29 at Annapolis Rec and Parks. Leon T. Andrews, Jr, Director, Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL), National League of Cities. Topic: "REAL Talk: Advancing Racial Equity in Your City".
- Have secured chairs for almost every Executive Council committee.
- Will be working with a small committee to outline the process for nominations for MRPA Executive Board and Branch Chair positions to be added to the association bylaws.
- Will be working with a small committee to outline the job description, roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect positions.

Vice President

Wanda Ramos

- Assisted with Winter General Membership meeting.
- Working with Board and Council to update position descriptions.

- Worked with Board and Council to prepare Winter General Membership meeting Quarterly Report.

Treasurer/Treasurer Elect

Myra Butler/Jake Chesnutt

- Finance Committee: updating investment policy to align with board priorities and current fiscal situation.
- Budget: reviewed FY18 (which is CY18) proposal with MRPA staff and budget has been presented to the Board for approval.
- Financial Guidelines: updating with the Board and MRPA Office, and incorporating Finance Committee recommendations on investment policy.

Secretary

Corey Smith

All approved Board and Council Meeting minutes have been uploaded on the MRPA website. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like the Board to review/discuss any matters, the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 2nd. Please send any agenda topics to Corey Smith at coreyh.smith@pgparks.com by 5pm on Wednesday, January 31st.

PARC Branch

Steve McCoy, Chair

The Parks and Resource Conservation Branch (PARC) had a very productive final quarter of 2017. Coming off the heels of a very educational and informative Sustainability Workshop at the University of Maryland, College Park, this past fall, we set out to plan a new year of Branch Workshops in an effort to bring PARC Branch members together to tour great park facilities and enjoy some professional networking. We will be showcasing some of our more historic sites this year to explore how historical resource management goes hand in hand with natural resource management and conservation.

Our 2018-2019 Workshop schedule is as follows:

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| • The National Arboretum, Washington, DC | May 24, 2018 |
| • Fort Frederick State Park | Sept/Oct 2018 |
| • Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad State Park | January, 2019 |
| • North Point State Park/Ft. McHenry National Monument | March 2019 |

Look for more information on the MRPA website as plans develop.

The PARC Branch Board has been eagerly awaiting the final draft of the MRPA Strategic Plan and look forward to working with the other Branches to further define our role and support "Prospering Branches".

RALS Branch

Alexandria Wilson, Chair

RALS is working to continue its mission to provide recreation and leisure services to the membership, provide opportunities for networking and socialization, and preparing to provide fulfilling workshops and training opportunities to aid the membership.

Nominations:

- We have a full slate of potential officers

Next Meetings:

Friday, February 9th – M-NCPPC @ 2 PM
7833 Walker Drive, Greenbelt, MD – 4th Floor (Sports, Health, & Wellness Division)

Next Workshop:

February 13th – College Park Community Center

- 5051 Pierce Avenue; College Park, MD 20740

Youth Program Quality Assessment Work Methods Series:

Part 1: Building Community

Part 2: Cooperative Learning

9:30 – 2:30 PM

\$70/ per – Career Staff Member

\$45/ per – Student & Intermittent Staff Member

*Includes the text books (2x) & Lunch

March – Date and location TBD

Youth Program Quality Assessment Work Methods Series:

Part 1: Youth Voice

Part 2: Planning & Reflection

10 – 3 PM

\$70/ per – Career Staff Member

\$45/ per – Student & Intermittent Staff Member

*Includes the text books (2x) & Lunch

TR Branch

Melissa Wyman, Chair

- TR Branch had a meeting in November at M-NCPPC Department of Parks & Recreation from 1PM-3PM.
- The Tommy Ross Memorial Fund recently gave a \$200 scholarship for a participant to attend Camp Mayo this upcoming summer. We are still accepting applications to provide financial assistance (up to \$200) to those with special needs and allow them to participate in recreation programs in Maryland at the local or county level. For more information or to submit your application, please visit <https://mrpanet.site-ym.com/?TRScholarship> or contact Corey Smith, M-NCPPC Dept. of Parks & Recreation at 301-408-4330.
- Save The Date: TR Branch's Annual Mini Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, April 10th in Ocean City, MD. More Information TBA.
 - The TR Branch will have their next meeting in February 2018. Date and time of meeting is TBA.

Awards Committee

Elisabeth Deal

The Awards Committee is putting the final touches on the March 1 Celebration of Excellence Awards Luncheon. MRPA members are encouraged to come to the event which will be held at the Cylburn Arboretum and will feature an amazing silent auction, delicious lunch, networking and awards. Tickets are \$25 and will be available soon on the MRPA website.

Deadline for Association Awards to be presented at the Conference is February 1. Check the MRPA website for application and details.

Conference Committee

Terri Hilton and Duncan Mullis

- Theme - "Discover the Treasures of Recreation and Parks." #treasuremrpa2018
- Dates – April 10-12th, 2018, location Princess Royale, Ocean City, Md.
- 2018 MRPA Conference exhibitor registration is now open. Please send this registration link to your favorite vendor. <https://mrpanet.site-ym.com/page/2018Conference>
- Delegate registration is now open, register by March 2nd to receive the priority rate.
- The Princess Royale Room block is now available. Call prior to March 9th to receive the conference rate.
- Conference Keynote speaker, Neelay Bhatt brings experience from four continents and the global platform "TEDx," describes him as a business and communications visionary. For more information regarding Neelay <http://www.lets sayhello.com/bolo-at-tedx.php>
- Preconference Brochure is now available online. 48 education sessions will be offered, three nights of themed socials and plenty of opportunities for networking.
- The Sports, Tourism and Maintenance Tour will be held on Wednesday, April 11th departing the hotel at 8:30 am and returning at 4pm. The tour will visit; DE Turf Sports Complex in Frederica, DE, Sports at the Beach in Georgetown, DE and the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex in Salisbury, MD.
- Sponsor a basket in the Silent Auction-Contact Sharon Norcio for more information. sharon.norcio@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Playlist of music is being developed for Tuesday evenings Bonfire Social (after the exhibit hall grand opening) Email Leigh Ann with your song choices LeighAnn.Eckenrode@pgparks.com
- Questions regarding conference – Email Terri Hilton thilton@rockvillemd.gov or Duncan Mullis dmullis@mvf.org.

Ritch Stevenson Leadership Institute (formerly MRPA Leadership Institute)

Marybeth Dugan, Chair

"CONNECTING THE D.O.T.S."

(Dynamic, Out-of-office, Training, Self-improvement)

A HUGE shout out and thank you to the LI committee:

Holly Harden, Maureen Dougherty, Debby Huffman, Di Quynn-Reno, Kathy Garrity, Christi Bishop

- The 2018 Leadership Institute continues to thrive and offer great learning experiences for the 20 LI participants. At the December 14th session, Michele Potter, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the City of Gaithersburg, shared her expertise on grass roots lobbying and how it works effectively in your agency. Sue Simmons, Director of Parks and Recreation in Caroline County, also got us thinking about ethics and "what do you do when no one is looking?" Both speakers were dynamic and brought thought provoking conversation to the table. Thank you Michele and Sue! Thank you to the City of Annapolis and the staff at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center in Annapolis for hosting us that day and especially to Jen Jennings who helped with logistics coordination.
On January 11th, Laura Wetherald, Bureau Chief of Recreation for the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, presented a thorough overview of CAPRA and how to be a visitor while exploring the necessary characteristics of a true professional and professionalism. Thank you, Laura and to the Howard County Recreation and Parks Department for hosting us, especially Matt Madera and the staff at North Laurel Community Center.
We're looking forward to February 8th when we will meet at the beautiful Belmont Manor and Historic Park in Elkridge. Our dynamic speakers will be Sheema Hai who will speak on Cultural Competency in the Work Place and Tim Matthews, Employee/Labor Relations Manager, MNCPPC as he takes us through the interview process, leveraging our strengths for professional growth. Thank you to Howard

County Department of Recreation and Parks, particularly Cathy Allen and her staff at Belmont for hosting us this day.

- The LI participants are busy researching and developing their chosen leadership topics in their groups and will present them to a panel of judges, their supervisors and Executive Board and Council on March 8th at the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium. Thank you to Takoma Park Recreation Department for hosting us, especially Debby Huffman for her continued support. On April 12th, from 1:30-3pm, the LI participants will be presenting their topics at the annual conference in Ocean City! Come out and support your LI friends and colleagues!

The LI class of 2018 will receive their certificates of achievement on April 12th at the conference in Ocean City at a special ceremony during the Thursday night banquet. Hope to see you there as we congratulate our Leadership Institute graduates on their great achievement!

Legislative Committee

John Byrd, Chair

Attached please find the 2018 legislation position chart for week ending 1/26/2018.

Marketing Communications Committee

Holly Harden, Chair

GOAL: INCREASE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

- Developed promotion calendar for upcoming training, events and deadlines
- Created fliers for upcoming training
- Created content for Weekly Update and social media posts
- Supported launch of Professional Learning Communities
- Ordered new backdrop for use at Awards banquet and conference
- Attended demonstration of Higher Logic member engagement platform

Future steps for this year include:

- Promoting Professional Learning Communities
- Developing slide show for Conference and Leadership Institute
- Photography for training and conference
- Researching video content

Membership Committee

Emily Lawrence, Chair

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th from 1pm-3pm at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink located at 5211 Campus Drive, College Park MD 20740. All are welcome to attend! Will be discussing Membership Committee's role in MRPA's new strategic plan.
- In the process of scheduling student outreach visits for the spring
- Agency Outreach visit to Prince George's County Annual Department Meeting on January 5th
- Tablecloth with new MRPA logo ordered for Outreach Visits

Professional Certification Board (PCB)

Bob Hicks, Chair

Sharon Norcio, CTRS Skip Gormley, CPRP Di Quynn-Reno, CPRP

The Professional Certification Board (PCB) has/will be working on the following items:

1. Reviewed and approved CEUs for the following educational sessions during this quarter:
 - a. Grassroots Lobbying....How to Make It Work – Approved for .3 CEUs
 - b. Director's Summit Opening Session – Approved for .1 CEU
 - c. YPQA Work Methods Series: Active Learning & Ask, Listen, Encourage – Approved for .4 CEUs
 - d. Sports Programming 101 – Approved for .3 CEUs
 - e. Sports Programming 102 – Approved for .3 CEUs
 - f. MRPA Winter General Membership Meeting Program Real Action: Getting Started with Building Equity in Your City – Approved for .1 CEU
 - g. Cultural Competency in the Workplace – Approved for .3 CEUs
 - h. Leveraging Your Strengths for Professional Growth – Approved for .2 CEUs
2. Pending CEU applications:
 - a. It Starts in Parks - .1 CEU requested
 - b. Annual Conference Educational Sessions

PCB Goals for 2017-2018

1. Continue to review and comment on CEU applications for workshops and other educational sessions sponsored by MRPA.
2. Promote Professional Certification with MRPA membership.

Any questions regarding Professional Certification or CEU's for MRPA sponsored Workshops, please call Bob Hicks at 301-600-6816 or email at rhicks@frederickcountymd.gov.

Resource Development Committee

Amy Vagnoni, Chair

Lottery

Golf Tournament

Created a sponsorship package and letter.

Donate button on the website to help fund scholarships.

Seeking sponsorship ideas from the members.

Received Silver Sponsorship from Dick's Sporting Goods (\$2500)

We are waiting on responses from:

1. BSN Sports
2. Screen Designs and Promotions
3. Baltimore Ravens
4. VersaCourt
5. Power Systems
6. Rec Supply Company
7. Recreonics
8. Goddard School
9. Gladhill Tractor
10. Turf Tank
11. Unisource Services, LLC

If anyone could help by sending me business names, contact names, and addresses that would be much appreciated. avagnoni@frederickcountymd.gov

Scholarship Committee

Jennifer Jennings, Chair

Modell's Fall Fundraiser

The first fall coupon earned \$63.46. This check was cut on 1/16.

The second fall coupon earned \$35.15. This one has not yet been cut. Total \$98.61

Modell's has offered for us to do another fundraiser in the spring, once a time frame is decided, we will move forward.

Sponsorships Committee

Matt Purkins, Chair

Working on ad sales for online directory and the conference brochure.

Training and Education

Laura Wetherald, Chair

Jennene Blakely, Co-chair jblakely@howardcountymd.gov

New Training Coordinator for MRPA meet with Training Chair to discuss roles and scope

- All trainings have been very successful as far as attendance and content. Need to continue to focus on CEU driven trainings but also address the new ways in which our members learn.
- John Nissel, who is leading the planning of Park Maintenance staff has been very successful in the delivery and content with good marks in attendance. This continued training market has allowed us to expand our scope of training.
- Future Trainings in the Winter/Spring being offered through MHCPPC- are going to be implemented Darryl. He has shared three new training which are currently going through the process for promotion and fiscal operation with the MRPA office.
- Directors Summit in February continues to be an anticipated first-time event. Laura and the MRPA team are excited with now 20 attendees when 15 was our minimum. The content of the sessions will be very comprehensive and timely. We look forward to accessing the Wye Conference Center.
- The Ritch Stevenson Leadership Institute under the direction of MBDH and her very qualified team continues to produce a best practice model for future LI's.
- Jenene and Dave are putting the final touches on the programs selected for the MRPA conference. It will be a treasured event not to be missed.
- Marketing under the direction of Holly has been able to soar and the word is consistent and getting out in many new venues and reaching new markets and members.
- Training Workshop by Maureen was very successful. It did appear a lot in the class though were looking for skills to train in house staff as opposed to presenting at a conference but the content was well received.
- Webinar Options and Operational Tasks is still at the forefront to be determined this year. Jen is not taking this on as one of her tasks.
- Creation of a Training Pre/Day of Planning Template is being prepared by Jen from a template used by Karen potter and LTW at Howard County. This template will assist all agencies and branches etc. in setting up the logistics for a training and help with being comprehensive.
- Branch Trainings are continuing to unfold but very pleased all the Branches got their trainings dates on the books early-
- CEU Logistics continue to be a lengthy but professional process approving CEU. The sooner they are provided the more time can be given to review, comment and approve.

Committee Goals:

- a) **Developed and Implement an MRPA Marketing Plan** just for Training and Development offerings- Holly Harden is on board to assist with this
- b) Research and Implement a Sampling of 2-3 Online **Webinars** to evaluated for further implementation within the next year-**This has been moved to the role of Jen**
- c) **Researched, Plan and Implementation of Directors School- Feb 2018**
- d) Continue to Develop and Implement another **Successful Year of Agency Driven Development Plans** and Incorporate a Strong, Branch, Agency, and Association Calendar of Offerings for the Entire Membership and maintain and projected and up to date Budget. **MNCPPC and Baltimore City are on board to also partner for trainings. Dec 2017 Growth can still happen but the minimum agencies have been acquired.**
- e) Hold at **least 3 Training Committee meetings** during the next year to maintain a strong level of communication, promote marketing efforts, review program and speaker proposals, develop a resource for different training teams and maintain updates on Evaluation Analysis of current and past Trainings offered. **This has been accomplished. Dec 2017**
- f) Strive to include **CAPRA driven narrative in training flyers** to continue the CAPRA core 10 categories - This came from the Training and Development Plan Maureen put together. **Need to clarify better in the flyer and new verbiage has been approved for trainings for a consistent message. Dec 2017.**
- g) Maintaining a **yearly Up to Date Training Calendar** and working closely with the MRPA Webpage to be current. - Will continue to work with the MRPA on this. **This has been accomplished and a flyer version was created by Holly/Marketing. Dec 2017**
- h) New Training Options being planned or implemented within the MRPA Organization- **This continues with good coordination. Have buy-in from all branches, interest groups, Board and committees. Dec 2017**

Current Status 2018 Regular Session

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total:	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Synopsis	Position
SB0113	Natural Resources – Recreational License Incentive Discount Program	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	Gets more people outdoors and active	Recommended Support with letter
SB0119	Program Open Space – Local Funds – Acquisition and Development of Land for Education Purposes	Senator Zirkin	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. WITHDRAWN	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	Allows use of POS money to build schools	Recommended Oppose and testimony
HB0043	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Perpetual Conservation Easements	Delegate Jackson	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means	Incentive for landowners to preserve	Recommended Support or no position
SB0203	Agriculture – Nutrient Management – Fertilizer Use on Turf	Senator Middleton Senator Guzzone	Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	Altering type fertilizer, altering certain restrictions and limitations on application	Recommended Support or no position
SB0229	Baltimore County – Program Open Space – Local Funds – Acquisition and Development of Land for Educational Purposes	Senator Zirkin	Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	Allows Baltimore County to use certain POS money for educational purposes	Recommended Oppose
HB0141	State Finance and Procurement – Public Buildings – Diaper-Changing Facilities in Restrooms	Delegate Knotts	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. canceled	Health and Government Operations	Diaper-changing facility be installed in certain restrooms in certain public buildings	Recommended No position
HB0252	Department of Agriculture – Agritourism	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Hearing 02/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation	Defining agritourism	Recommended Monitor – no position
SB0304	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Enforcement – Delayed Implementation	Senator Middleton	Hearing 1/24 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance	Prohibiting enforcing compliance with the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act until 60 days after February 11, 2018.	Recommended Monitor

<p>SB0477</p>	<p>Public Information Act – Required Denials – Physical Addresses, E-Mail Addresses, and Telephone Numbers</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>Hearing 2/14 at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Education, Health and Environmental Affairs</p>	<p>Denying inspection of a distribution list and a request to be added to a distribution list that identifies a physical address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number of an individual that is used by a governmental entity or an elected official for the sole purpose of periodically sending news about certain activities or sending informational notices or emergency alerts; etc.</p>	<p>Recommended Monitor</p>
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**For Tracking list: LEGISLATION
All Bills**