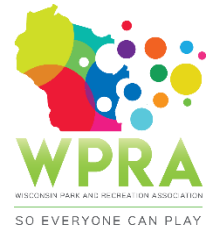




WPRA Region III Meeting

Thursday, April 16th
Madison College
D1630 B & C



Location: Truax Campus, 1701 Wright Street, Madison, WI

Agenda:

**8:30-9am Connection and Refreshments (Coffee, Juice, Snacks and Networking)
Room D1630 B & C**

9am-9:15am Welcome and Host Report

(Michaela Rosga, Sofi Blahnik, Rebecca Price)

- Welcome and Host report, update on Madison College Program given by Michaela, Sofi, and Rebecca.

9:15am-9:30am WPRA Reports

• Recreation Section

- No Update

• Park Section

- Park Section (and Rec Section) will be hosting Fall Conference in New Berlin September 23 & 24. Update emailed to me by Lael, Sam shared at meeting.

• Aquatics Section

- Updates given by Shane Martin and Leah Wicander. Updates on upcoming training and meetings, along with updates on changes that were made to deep water testing/training.

• Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- Update given by Leah, mentioned past meetings and upcoming meetings. Also gave an update on Callie Norton being added to the committee as pre chair.

• Emerging Professionals Committee

- Update given by Sam. Updated on upcoming lunch and learns along with us meeting in the coming month to discuss conference speakers.

• School District Departments

- At our last meeting on March 20, we discussed conference topics, gave a reminder of the Summer Staff Workshop on May 20 at New Berlin, middle school morning childcare, ways to alleviate transportation costs for summer camp trips, and attendance tracking for camps. Nothing pressing to report.
- Our next meeting is May 8 at 11am in-person in Menomonee Falls. After that meeting, we'll take a summer break and meet back up in the fall. If anyone who works in a school district would like to be added to the contact list, please reach out to WPRA.
- Brooke emailed this info over; I updated everyone at the meeting.

- WPRA Board

- Conference Committee for 2028 is looking for individuals to help. Reach out to Ann Moeller if interested. Update given by Sam.

9:30am – 10:15am

Parks for All: Connecting Community, Conservation & the Future

Exploring how parks and recreation professionals can strengthen community connections while supporting conservation and preparing for future needs.

- Students provided a presentation on Parks for all, inclusion in parks and park use for many different activities.

10:30am-11:15am

Networking Session

An interactive opportunity for professionals to share ideas, experiences, and strategies with peers from across the region.

- Rotating Networking session, very similar to the speed networking done at the WPRA Annual Conference this year.

11:30am-12:15pm

Why Now is Important

A discussion focused on why this moment is critical for innovation, leadership, and forward-thinking strategies in parks and recreation. This will lead in to closing and our committee provide a survey to aid in future event planning and feedback for our students.

- Students led a roundtable of group discussions aligning with parks usages, parks safety, and potential barriers and how to eliminate barriers.

Please RSVP by April 8th- RSVP by clicking the Registration Link. [REGISTER HERE](#)



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