



WPR Region 2 Meeting
Thursday April 18th, 2024, • 9:45am Arrival/Refreshments
Village of Howard – Howard Commons
550 Commons Place, Howard, WI 54313

AGENDA

***Message from Howard Commons: this is the main entrance for the Roger & Star Kimps Activity Center, which is where the meeting will be held.**

Itinerary:

9:45 a.m. – Arrival/refreshments: Coffee – *La Java a Roasting House*; fruit, bagels, donuts.

10:00 Host report – Paul Evert, Village Administrator

10:15-11:15 Lynda Fink: "*Stopping the Doormat Syndrome: Navigating Public Construction*" - CEU

11:15-12:15 – Tour of Howard Commons

12:15-1:15 - Lunch – *Parker John BBQ & Pizza*

1:30pm- Business meeting

1. Call to Order –
2. Introductions-
3. Approve Region Minutes from December 21, 2023
4. Region Business
5. Reports
 - a. **Section Reports**
 - i. Aquatic - (Board representative Deb Bossingham)
 - ii. Park- (Board representative Tony Nowak)
 - iii. Recreation- (Board representative Jeff Brazzale)

b. WPR Report

i. Upcoming event and deadline reminders:

1. **Awards (*Chad Dallman*)**
 - i. Website has recipients noted.
 - ii. Get involved in nominated professionals around the state.
 - iii. October 1st deadline
 - iv. The Board of Directors approved up to 7 complimentary tickets for both the George Wilson and Professional Award of Merit awardees.
2. **Communication Committee (*Ann Moeller*)**
 - i. Looking to create a more robust IMPACT content.
3. **DEI Committee (*Lael Pascal/Adrienne Lacy*)**
4. **Emerging Professionals Committee (*Ben Andrews/Shamus O'Reilly*)**
 - i. Ben Andrews from Cambridge and Shamus O'Reilly from Poynette are the Emerging Professionals Committee Co-Chairs. The Committee is also looking for young/emerging and distinguished professionals to serve on the committee.
5. **Membership (*Joleen Stinson*)**
 - i. 110% will be hosting a virtual room and membership session to gather feedback based on the membership survey results.

6. **Nominations – (*Stephanie Schlag*)**
 - i. Specific to nominations as it pertains to region 2: we are looking for nominees for 2025-2026 for the following positions:
Region 2 Rec Section rep, Community Based Education & Leisure Services for Rec Section (can be from any region)
Rep at Large for Aquatics Section (can be from any region)
Rep at Large for Park Section (can be from any region)
WPRA Secretary/Treasurer (can be from any region)
If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be a great candidate for any of the open positions, please let me know.
7. **Past Presidents Resource Committee - (*Stephanie Schlag*)**
8. **Professional Development Committee – (*Nick Phalin*)**
 - i. Conference Committee (*Andrew Rossa*)
 - i. The Conference Planning Committee is working with the sections on getting the speaker proposals submitted. We are working closely with the Prof Dev Committee to make sure that all proposals are reviewed and approved.
 - ii. We will be planning a promotional advertisement in the next WRPA publication to start getting the 2025 conference information out to the members.
 - ii. Leadership Academy (*Ron Grall*)
 - i. The Conference Committee structure will be updated to the below starting with the 2026 committee: A total of up to fourteen (14) members: up to three (3) serving as Chairs/Co-Chairpersons as defined above, up to ten (10) additional members, one (1) of which being a Commercial Member. It is recommended that the composition of the Conference subcommittee include at least one (1) member from each Section and two (2) members from each Region.
 - ii. Recommended Conference Assignments:
 - iii. Up to 3 = Speakers (Keynotes/Main; Executive Sessions);
 - iv. Up to 3 = Tradeshow; one (1) of which is a Commercial Member
 - v. Up to 3 = Networking Events/Onsite Logistics/Local Arrangements; one (1) is recommended to be local to the venue
 - vi. Up to 2 = Publicity/Marketing
9. **Public Policy Committee – (*Shelly Strasser*)**
 - i. Caty McDermott, Hamilton Consulting Group
- c. **IMPACT Magazine & PR Monthly**
- d. **Any Upcoming Events**
 - i. Calendar available online
 - ii. CPSI Course – May 7
 - iii. Park Section Meeting May 16
 - iv. Region 2 meeting May 16
 - v. Fall Workshop – September 19 & 20
 - vi. Region 2 Fall Meeting – October TBD
- e. **NRPA Update & National News**



6. Open Discussion Forum

- a. Aquatics – new updates; challenges with new revision**
- b. Parks**
- c. Recreation**
- d. WPRA**
- e. Policy**

7. Adjourn