



**WPR Region 2 Meeting**  
**Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 • 9:30am Refreshments 9:45am**  
**Presentation by Patrick Murphy and Melissa Wiesner**  
J.E. Hamilton Community House  
1520 17th St  
Two Rivers, 54241  
Behringer Room, Ground Floor.

**AGENDA**

1. **Host Presentation** – Rebecca Hansen
2. **Introductions**
3. **Presentation by Patrick Murphy and Melissa Wiesner- Active Shooter and EAP .2 CEU- 10am**
4. **Lunch 12-12:30pm**
5. **Call to Order – NEWPRO meeting started at 12:30pm**
6. **Approve Region Minutes – Thursday Sept. 16th, 2021 via zoom**
7. **Region Financial Report- Finalized budget for 2022 for region meetings. Each region has \$2500 they are able to spend on meetings, lunches, etc.**
8. **Region Business- There is still \$115 in our NEWPRO account. What would we like to do with these funds?**
9. **Reports**
  - a. **Section Reports**
    - i. **Aquatic- Ann Moeller**

Section award winners have been chosen. The Facility Design award goes to VFW Aquatic Center (City of De Pere) and the Aquatic Professional of the Year will be Angie Lucas (Verona) The 2022 Aquatic Seminar will take place on March 25 in Hartford. Possible topics may include: “Making Lifeguarding Cool” and other Recruiting and Marketing techniques. We are working on securing speakers. The American Red Cross will be increasing all fees \$3-\$5 (January 3, 2022) First Aid/CPR/AED updates will be released on December 1. Instructors have until August 2022 to continue teaching current material. With 2022 budgets being finalized, we encourage members to keep the pool employee wage document updated. This can be found here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SOrcG3E40Ilm2rvfrYzfdmHgKW6DfG-MYj26t\\_uhvE8/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SOrcG3E40Ilm2rvfrYzfdmHgKW6DfG-MYj26t_uhvE8/edit#gid=0)
    - ii. **Park- Stephanie Schlag**

The Park Section hosted the Fall Workshop and Parks Tour in Wausau on October 7 & 8th in Wausau. The feedback was positive and had rave reviews

of the parks tour—kudos to Marathon Co. and Wausau for an excellent parks tour. Park section discussed the pros and cons to having sessions in a park facility vs. a hotel as has been past practice. Overall, the sessions in a park facility were favorable. The 2022 location and date are October 6-7 in Waukesha County, host community/location Brookfield. The section made a recommendation to the WPRAs Board of Directors to appoint Brian Hefty as the DNR Representative on the Park Section. There was also a request to the Public Policy to investigate the broadening the definition/parameters for parks as stated in ARPA funding requirements. The Park Section will be meeting again on Wednesday, December 15th to discuss and possibly recommend updated park design award categories for 2022. The last 2 years there was a very unbalanced number of submissions in the \$1mil + category.

**iii. Recreation- Megan James**  
**NO report**

**iv. Young Professionals- Ryan Pawlisch**

- Last meeting discussed plans for a quarterly webinar, WPRAs YPS Booth, WPRAs Speakers and finding a student rep.
- We set next year's meeting dates
- Ryan Pawlisch attended the UWL Career Expo and had some great dialogue with students and formed good relationships.
- We have found speakers for the mentorship luncheon for WPRAs.
- We continue to work towards planning for WPRAs Conference with things for the booth, the luncheon etc

**b. WPRAs Report**

**i. . Upcoming event and deadline reminders:**

**1. Membership Dues**

For the end of 2021, there were 1,324 total members in WPRAs, representing 263 Individual Professional members; 811 additional Premier Professional members and 66 Board/Commission contacts among the 42 total Premier Agencies; 73 Student members; 4 University and 10 Faculty contacts; 27 Emeritus; 2 Affiliate and 72 Commercial Member individuals (representing 51 different companies). This represents a growth of 36 members compared to year end of 2020. As of December 6, 2021, there are 552 total members representing: 131 Individual Professional members; 271 additional Premier Professional members among the 19 total Premier Agencies; 78 Student members; 4 University and 10 Faculty contacts; 30 Emeritus; 3 Affiliate and 29 Commercial Member individuals (representing 20 different companies). 2022 membership renewals will be distributed electronically again this year. The first notice was sent to members on October 15, 2021 and a reminder on November 15, 2021. Additional reminders will be send December 13, 2021 and January 19, 2022.

**2. Nominations**

Current open WPRAs Leadership Positions for 2022 • Aquatics Section Secretary/Treasurer • Aquatics Section Representative At-



Large/Commercial • Park Section Region III Representative • Recreation  
Region III Representative

**3. Awards- Award Submissions**

WPR Award Categories: • Partnership Award – Colony Brands Inc & Affiliates, Monroe • Fellowship Award – Jim White, West Bend • Elective Official Award – Mayor Michael Neitzke, Greenfield • George Wilson Service Award – Jeff Skoug • Professional Award of Merit – Chad Dallman All winners and nominees have been notified. We are currently working with the WPR office team to ensure that awards are ordered, and information needed is collected from award winners and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients. Deadline for everyone to turn in their information is Wed 12/15. The Awards Committee will then provide assistance as needed to gather any missing information. A draft proposal of the Committee restructure was submitted on Wednesday, December 8 to the WPR Executive Board for review/ consideration. We are continually working on the revision of the Awards Banquet Itinerary. The following meetings were held: Thursday, October 28 – Awards Committee met to discuss nominations for the 5 major awards and final selections were made. The Draft Itinerary for the Awards Banquet was also discussed, along with clarifying responsibilities of the office and Committee. Tuesday, November 2 – Awards Committee, as well as representatives for various Sections and the WPR Office, all met to review the draft itinerary for the Awards Banquet and clarify expectations. Still awaiting results of various section awards, as well as whom will present the awards at the Banquet. Monday, November 29 – Awards Committee met to discuss the proposal for committee restructure (per Executive Board Request). Also touched base with Sandy from the WPR Office team to check status of awards for sections. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 1 at 9am with the Committee and WPR Office representatives to review the Banquet PowerPoint Draft, finalize Banquet Itinerary, and confirm awards have all been ordered.

**4. IMPACT Magazine & PRMonthly –**

The Winter issue of IMPACT is in production now. Deadline for the Spring issue is February 16, 2022. PRMonthly content is always due the first Friday of each month and is distributed to members on the third Friday monthly.

**5. Any Upcoming Events**

- **Dec. 15th:** Dec. Membership Meeting - Topic: Be Active Community Challenge
- **Dec. 21st:** [Virtual CEU - Megan Owens, Ph.D.](#)
- **Dec. 24th:** Bylaw Amendments Due
- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>:** PRMonthly Due
- **Jan. 21st:** [2022 Annual Conference Attendee Registration Rate Increases](#)
- **Feb. 21st-24th:** 2022 Annual Conference & Trade Show

ii. **WPRA Committee/Subcommittee Updates**

**Professional Development** – Andrew Rossa, Chair and Rebecca Price, Pre-Chair (Board Liaison Dawn Comte) The Professional Development (PD) Committee met on October 19th and discussed the transition from current committee members to the new members in January. The PD committee requested that each section send the committee names and contact information of speakers that they would like to see in the virtual workshops for 2022. The Diversity/Equity/Inclusion team met in November and have drafted a purpose statement for the workgroup as well and a listing of goals and objectives the group would like to achieve. The DEI team will meet in January to continue the formal set up of the workgroup. The DEI workgroup is still looking for new members.

2021 Virtual CEU Webinar Series registrations

Jessica Rector (January 19): 111

Natalie Livingston (March 16): 58

Dr. Joel Fish (April 20): 56

Blake Theisen (May 18): 48

Lynn Jamieson (August 17): 42

Jessica Rector (September 14): 56

Kate Connell (October 19): 62

Samuel Bauer (November 16): 42

Megan Owens (December 21): 39 (38 Members, 1 Non-Member)

**Leadership Academy Subcommittee** – Ron Grall

I'm pleased to report that the 14th Annual Leadership Academy, "Leadership for the Next Generation", held on December 1-3, in Oshkosh, was a great success! We realized maximum enrollment capacity (40) as well as our 150th Graduate since inception of the Academy. Initial review of participant evaluations indicates 100% meeting/exceeding expectations regarding overall speaker quality and overall value of attending the Academy (nearly 80% expressed exceeded expectations). A post event meeting was held to help gather "fresh thoughts" and start the planning process for 2022. Our tentative theme: 15th Annual WPRA Leadership Academy Dream BIG – Step Forward Kudos to our exceptional committee members for making things happen! • Elizabeth Breitenfeldt • Kristin Grissom • Scott Jaquish • Don Melichar • Shelly Strasser Please note that Jen McCollan (City of Oshkosh Parks) will be coming in as a new committee member replacing Shelly (incoming WPRA President). Special thanks to Best Western Waterfront Oshkosh), Visit Oshkosh (CVB) and Milwaukee Bucks affiliate the Wisconsin Herd, for their wonderful accommodations and hospitality! Scott "Jake" Jaquish was the master "negotiator" to pull the Herd game social together – BIG FUN! Extra special thanks to: • The WPRA Foundation for their on-going support as Educational Program Sponsor! The Foundation Board also held their regular meeting in conjunction with the Academy and several members participated in Herd game festivities, including providing the "Overtime Social"! • Supporting Sponsors Boland Recreation (program materials) and Lee Recreation (feature social – Herd Game). Our first regular meeting for 2022 is scheduled for: January 13, 10:00 AM in Waukesha City (In-person).



**2022 Annual Conference Subcommittee** – Erin Cross (Board Liaison Shelly Strasser) The conference committee is working on putting the finish touches on a very exciting and educational conference. We will be meeting again in person on December 7th at the Kalahari to tie up any loose ends. Overall, it has been a very smooth process, largely due to the hard work and dedication by committee members and all the assistance of ARC, and specifically Sandy.

iii. **WPRA Foundation Updates**

c. **Public Policy Update-**

**Legislative Update**

***General Overview***

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature met in November to take up Republican leaders’ proposals for legislative and congressional redistricting. As expected, the Governor vetoed the legislative maps on November 18. In November 30, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued its first major [ruling](#) related to this cycle of redistricting in Wisconsin. The court’s ruling addressed several key issues in its approach to redistricting. The ruling, adopted by the justices 4-3 along ideological lines, is generally a “win” for Republicans. Attorneys representing legislative leaders had asked the court to adopt a “least change” approach and to reject “partisan balance” or “political unfairness” as criteria for new maps, and the majority agreed. Now, the parties will provide briefs and proposed maps to the court over the next month, with trial dates set aside in January if necessary. Meanwhile in the Capitol, the legislative is not expected to be on the floor again until January 2022. The Assembly is rumored to try to finish their general session business by February and the Senate by the first week of March. After that, the legislature will adjourn for the remainder of 2022, and will likely not reconvene until the next legislative session begins in January 2023.

***PPC Update***

The WPRA PPC continues to engage in both legislative and regulatory activities. On the regulatory side, WPRA has been engaged in the in the rulemaking of DATCP 76 – or the “Pool Rule” regulating swimming pools. The PPC is working in conjunction with the WPRA Aquatics sections to relay feedback to DATCP on the rule through the external advisory committee. Once the committee’s work wraps up in December, the rule will continue to move through the rulemaking process.

On the legislative side, WPRA is working on several bills, including continuing to ensure the “national anthem” bill (requiring) the national anthem be played or sung at any sporting event held in a venue constructed entirely or in part with taxpayer funds. The bill does not include penalties, enforcement mechanisms, or any specifics as to how the anthem must be played or sung at any event), does not advance in the Senate and seeking clarification on the “boat launch bill.” The boat launch bill, [SB 324/AB 285](#)) waives the boat launch fees for veterans.

d. **NRPA Update & National New**

**10. Open Discussion Forum**

- Are animals permitted at special events?
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- Dog Parks- Where do people purchase their doggie bags?

**11. Holiday gift exchange and holiday game**

**12. Adjourn**