

Professional Development Committee

Structure: Three (3) Section Representatives; one (1) representative from the Leadership Academy Subcommittee; two (2) representatives from Conference Subcommittee, one (1) each Pre-; Past- and Chairpersons.

Committee Chair Terms: Chairpersons serve three (3) years: first year as a Pre-Chair; second year as Chair; third year as past Chair for oversight.

Board Liaison: Derek Donlevy, *President*

2024 Chairperson: Nick Phalin

Purpose: Identify, recommend and oversee all education provided by WPRA with a long-range vision of providing the highest quality education to park and recreation professionals at a variety of education and networking events throughout the year.

Annual Duties:

1. Oversee the work of all Professional Development Subcommittees.
2. Work with all Sections, Regions and Committees to ensure a long-range plan for education provide by WPRA is diverse and fresh.
3. Manage and aid in coordination of the overall calendar of all WPRA events.
4. Assess and implement NPRA educational resources, themes and initiatives as appropriate.
5. Aid all Subcommittees in establishing appropriate participation rates for events.

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Conference Subcommittee

Structure: Three (3) members for speakers; three (3) for tradeshow; one (1) local arrangements; one (1) publicity/marketing; two (2) networking events/socials; one (1) each Pre-, Past- and Chairpersons. Chair concurrently serves on the Professional Development Committee.

Term: Two (2) years, one year prior to and one year during the execution of the Annual Conference they are planning. (*Note: there are two separate Annual Conference Subcommittees operating concurrently.)

Board Liaison: Jamie Polley, *President-Elect*

2024 Chairperson (for the 2025 Annual Conference): Andrew Rossa

2025 Chairperson (for the 2026 Annual Conference): Trista Taylor

Subcommittee Members: A total of up to thirteen (13) 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.

Recommended Conference Assignments:

- Up to 3 = Speakers (Keynotes/Main; Executive Sessions; PreConference Workshops);
- Up to 3 = Tradeshow; one (1) of which is a Commercial Member
- Up to 2 = Networking Events/Onsite Logistics
- 1 = Publicity/Marketing
- 1 = Local Arrangements/Onsite Logistics

Subcommittee Purpose: Plan and administer an Annual Conference to provide quality educational programs and networking opportunities for park and recreation professionals and partners.

Subcommittee Annual Duties:

1. Provide educational programs on a variety of topics appropriate for all levels of employees.

2. Provide ample networking opportunities to encourage communication among park and recreation professionals and partners.
3. Develop sponsorship and exhibit opportunities for companies that support the park and recreation profession.

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Professional Development Subcommittees

Leadership Academy Subcommittee

Structure: A total of up to nine (9) members: up to three (3) serving as Chairpersons as defined above, and up to six (6) additional members. Chair concurrently serves on the Professional Development Committee.

Term: Three (3) years on a staggered rotating basis.

2024 Board Liaison: Jamie Polley, *President-Elect*

2024 Chairperson: Ron Grall

Subcommittee Purpose: Plan and administer Leadership Academy to provide quality educational programs for park and recreation professionals.

Subcommittee Annual Duties:

1. Plan and administer all logistic, planning and other elements to successful execute the annual Leadership Academy.
2. Oversee attendee records and award the multi-year graduate certificate program.