

# Frequently Asked Questions



## What are the various methods I can access to get information about WPR and its happenings?

WPR website ([wprweb.org](http://wprweb.org)), Facebook ([facebook.com/WPRweb](https://facebook.com/WPRweb)), PR Monthly emails (sent to current members), IMPACT Magazine, WPR Connect ([wprweb.org/wpr-connect](http://wprweb.org/wpr-connect)), and [Region](#) meetings.

*NOTE: You may want to verify that the [WPR Office](#) has your correct email address. Also, you may want to ensure that your agency's filters don't flag WPR as spam. We don't want you to miss any important information that may be trying to find its way to you!*

## What does the WPR Office do for the association and membership?

Think about a bicycle without wheels. That's what WPR would be without the [office staff](#) who support the association and its members!

The WPR Office assists the [Board of Directors](#) with developing and monitoring the operating budget, organize Board and Section meetings, update association documents, manage the WPR communication channels (phone, email, website, and social media), coordinate logistics for the [WPR Annual Conference & Tradeshow](#), help coordinate the Fall Workshop, work with Regions/Sections/Committees, facilitate quarterly webinars and the quarterly [IMPACT Magazine](#), manage membership and event registration processing, manage the [Career Center](#), and the list goes on and on.

## What do my membership dues pay for?

Membership aims to benefit its members and the communities they serve by providing members access and connection to other professionals across the state, provides opportunities to grow professionally and continue to advance skills and knowledge, and gives members (and all parks and recreation professionals across the state) a voice at the government level to advocate for our profession and resources to support our work.

Further information about membership details, including benefits and membership categories, can be found on the [WPR Membership page](#).

## How can I get more involved in WPR?

This is your chance to help lead the association. From submitting your name for an elected position on the Board of Directors or for a Section seat when the call for nominations is announced, to serving on one of many [WPR Committees](#), there is a role that is just right for you!

If you are interested in getting involved and would like to discuss opportunities further or learn more, please contact Sandy Schueller, WPR Associate Executive Director, at [sandy@wprweb.org](mailto:sandy@wprweb.org).

### Why did the Annual Conference & Tradeshow move to January/February?

There have been requests over the years to move the [WPRA Annual Conference & Tradeshow](#) to early Q1 in order to avoid conflicts with the [NRPA Annual Conference](#), which is held annually in September/October. Re-evaluating the WPRA Annual Conference & Tradeshow schedule was identified as a task in the most recent [Strategic Plan](#) and as important to members. The Board of Directors anticipated a slow roll-out to changing the dates; however, COVID-19 and subsequent training calendar cancellations provided an opportunity to make the adjustments that were long-requested. This will continue to be evaluated.

### Can you please tell me more about the current WPRA Association & Member Analysis and Strategic Action Plan process?

The [WPRA Association & Membership Analysis and Strategic Action Plan](#) includes a number of tasks intended to assist the association in better understanding the needs and desires of the membership through survey and outreach opportunities, analyzing the association's mission, by-laws, and financial conditions and realities, and to develop a fully operationalized strategic action plan to include goals, actions, timelines, and performance/success indicators.

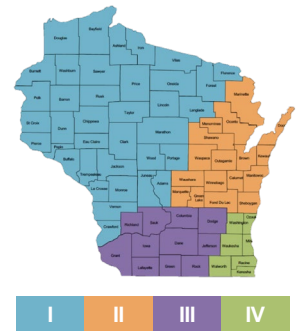
The results of the process are expected to be revealed in the fall 2024.

### What Region do I belong to? And what Section best fits me?

WPRA has four geographic Regions, as shown to the right.

#### Region Representatives

- [I \(PARPRO\)](#)
  - John Jimenez - [jjimenez@chippewafalls-wi.gov](mailto:jjimenez@chippewafalls-wi.gov)
- [II \(NEWPRO\)](#)
  - John McDonald - [john@littlechutewi.org](mailto:john@littlechutewi.org)
- [III \(PARR3\)](#)
  - Mike Percy - [mike.percy@portagewi.gov](mailto:mike.percy@portagewi.gov)
- [IV \(SEPRC\)](#)
  - Amanda Schwichtenberg - [schwichtenberga@wawmsd.org](mailto:schwichtenberga@wawmsd.org)



WPRA also offers members the option of registering for one of the three main Sections: Aquatics, Park, and Recreation.

#### Sections Representatives

- [Aquatics:](#)
  - Deb Bossingham - [bossingd@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:bossingd@verona.k12.wi.us)
- [Park:](#)
  - Tony Nowak - [tony.nowak@polkcountywi.gov](mailto:tony.nowak@polkcountywi.gov)
- [Recreation:](#)
  - Adrienne Lacy [alacy@marinette.wi.us](mailto:alacy@marinette.wi.us)

Additional information for Regions and Sections can be found on the [WPRA Regions & Sections page](#). Members can also find their information in their Profile on the WPRA website.