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Dear IPRA Member:

Enclosed is information relating to our professional awards program. The Awards Committee encourages each of you to look around and determine who in your department or community has been valuable to you and/or your agency. Awards are not only a wonderful way to honor individual(s) or groups, but also allow you to showcase the community and provide a vehicle to receive positive publicity. These awards will be presented at the IPRA Spring Conference in Sioux City on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The deadline for all nominations is February 24. There are only two awards which require IPRA membership; the Slattery / Trueblood Professional Award and the Dr. Carole Hanson Outstanding New Professional Award. There will only be one recipient for each of these awards. A new requirement for the Slattery / Trueblood is the nominee must have been a member with IPRA for a minimum of 10 years. Prior to submitting nomination materials which require current IPRA membership status, please contact Cathy Shutts at 641-236-3917 or cshutts@pcpartner.net.

The remaining awards categories do not require IPRA membership. Each award category will have only one recipient per category. Please take a few moments to carefully consider all the categories. Nominators can submit in multiple categories and can nominate more than one individual or organization to a specific category or categories.

Follow the steps as outlined in the brochure to ensure the person, group, organization or business you nominate is given full consideration by the Awards Committee. Please read it carefully. If you submitted a nomination last year and the person or group did not receive an award, please contact Steven Grimes by February 24 if you would like to have it reconsidered for this year.

New for this coming year, selected nominees may be offered to showcase their nomination materials during the 2010 Spring Conference. In addition, those selected non-recipients will be acknowledged during a local community presentation.

Consider looking outside your department or agency when nominating. IPRA wishes to recognize the determination and hard work of each member in providing their local community with outstanding parks and recreation opportunities.

Award recipients will receive complimentary Awards Banquet tickets. Nominators will be notified so that arrangements can be made to have recipients in attendance.

Yours in Leisure,

Steven Grimes

Steven Grimes
2010 Awards Committee Chair

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