



# President's Message

Greetings fellow IPRA members! Can you believe how fast summer is flying by? And now here we are, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend is coming up and everything is in full-swing! How many of you are looking forward to September? Things become a little less hectic, college football is going on, and a sense of normalcy returns in our lives. However despite the craziness that summer brings, please remember what a significant impact that you, your co-workers, and entire department have on kids, families and the community you represent. Every day IPRA members and the respective agencies they represent are adding to the quality of life and “making fun happen” for Iowans. And for that - STAND PROUD! Your professional association is staying very busy...Here are a few updates.

### NRPA Congress Professional Fellowship – Deadline July 15

Sponsored jointly by IPRA and the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation, this is a unique opportunity for a professional who has been an IPRA member for at least two years but has not attended Congress. The fellowship grant is valued at \$1,500 to attend Congress in Atlanta November 1-4. Please take advantage of this opportunity by viewing [www.iapra.org](http://www.iapra.org) and clicking on the link provided for more information. Chad Weir from Marshalltown was last year’s recipient and can speak first-hand about the wonderful experiences of attending an NRPA conference. In times of tight budgets, this is a remarkable opportunity for you (or directors, a member of your staff). The deadline, July 15, is quickly approaching.

### Special Trainings and Seminars

Congratulations to Mike Miner and his committee with Special Trainings as they are gearing up for two trainings this fall and winter; a Young Professionals Forum, and Current Issues Forum. They applied for and received a generous grant from the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation which will allow participants to attend at no charge. Dates and locations for these two training events are being finalized and more information about this great networking and educational opportunity will be forthcoming.

### RAGBRAI @ IPRA Headquarters

On July 28<sup>th</sup> RAGBRAI will be in Grinnell for an overnight stay. The main campground is Ahrens Park, home to our state office. The Ahrens Foundation, which has been and continues as a good friend to our association, has requested assistance during this day to welcome riders, provide some games and assist with overall campground logistics. Board members may be calling you for assistance. This could be a unique opportunity for an intern, if you have one. Furthermore, it gives us a chance to promote IPRA and the benefits of parks and recreation. So if you get the call from a board member, please consider helping out. IPRA members who will be riding in RAGBRAI are invited to use the restroom/shower facilities at the state office between normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Because of the sheer number of riders, the office facilities will not be open to the general public. Please contact Cathy Shutts at 641-236-3917 if you plan to stop by to “wash away the sweat”.

Final reflection – When is the last time you said “thank you” or “job well done” to a fellow co-worker, employee, or volunteer? In busy times, especially summer, it is easy to forget or to take for granted the people around us who are doing great things. Make it a point sometime today or this week to say thanks or commend someone else in your department. It will make their day (and maybe make yours, too).

Have a tremendous and safe holiday weekend.

*Submitted by Todd Redenius, Director, Ankeny Parks and Recreation, and IPRA Board of Directors President.*



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# IPRA Board Update

Gathering of board members for the most recent meeting occurred at the state office in Grinnell on Thursday, June 23. Members present included Todd Redenius, Sherri Proud, Doug Bylund, Matt Beatty, Janet Ellerbrock, Doug Foley, Scott Hock and Chad Weir. Due to a previous family commitment Michael Moran was unable to attend.

President Redenius reported on his meeting with the Ahrens Foundation CEO Julie Gosselink. Grinnell is one of RAGBRAI's host overnight communities. Grinnell community is requesting non-specific assistance as many riders will be camping in Ahrens/Paschal Park (home of IPRA/IASA state office). Redenius also indicated the state office has exterior capital improvement projects which will be undertaken by winter. He will be working to partner with outside groups by securing grant funding for repair expenditures.

Executive Director Steven Jordison reported the association fiscal year ends on June 30. Staff is working to close the books by mid-July. He also shared the positive impact of attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Council of State Executive Directors summer meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. State office completed exterior repair work included cistern filling, reconnecting power lines, power washing of the handicap ramp and hand rails. Interior work included annual service call for HVAC system. Finally, staff is working with current web host to redesign/revamp association website.

Treasurer Doug Bylund presented the FY10/11 financial statement as of May 2011, final estimate FY10/11, and proposed FY11/12 budget. Two major changes to FY11/12 budget include elimination of Placekick, Punt, and Pass youth football and increase of \$10 Fall Workshop delegate fee plus \$20 Spring Conference delegate fee. Increased delegate fee will be earmarked for bringing in higher quality speakers for both events. Kansas Park and Recreation Association did a similar increase which was embraced by its board of directors and delegates.

Discussion items were approving expenditures for website redesign, computer software upgrades and purchasing of scholarship fund certificate of deposit.

Finally, the board reviewed and discussed a new association action plan.

Additional board information can be found on the IPRA website.



## American Red Cross Fee Increase

As some of you may know, the American Red Cross (ARC) has issued a new fee list for all of its health services programs including the aquatic programs. This fee schedule was initiated by the National Red Cross and is an attempt to provide a standard fee for all programs across the United States. The proposed fee was to take effect on July 1 of this year. Through the efforts of the Iowa Red Cross Chapters, lead by Jeff Mau, the Regional Health and Safety Director for the Mid-Iowa Region, along with the assistance of chapter health services directors from across the state, this increase in fees has been delayed until the end of this summer's swimming season. This exception was made for Iowa only. As of right now, the proposed fee is scheduled to go into effect this fall. The IPRA Board of Directors is aware of these changes and will work to keep you informed of further developments. We do owe a big thank you for those with ARC who went to bat for us this summer.



*Submitted by Janet Ellerbrock, Fort Dodge Community Center, and IPRA Director at Large.*



# GOLF OUTING and AUCTION



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011**  
 Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.

**BROWN DEER GOLF CLUB**  
 1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville  
 For a sneak peak at the course amenities, find us at [www.browndeergolf.org](http://www.browndeergolf.org).

Special Thanks to:



**RYDER CUP  
 FORMAT**

(2 person team)  
 6 Holes best shot  
 6 holes alternate shot  
 6 holes best ball

**ENTRY FEE  
 \$60 per person**

Includes golf, cart, cookout, 2 drink tickets, and prizes.

*Auction immediately following with a variety of great items to bid on including golf and travel packages, merchandise, sports and school team items, and more. To donate an item, contact Duane Randall at 319.471.4164 or [vprdrandall@vintoniowa.net](mailto:vprdrandall@vintoniowa.net).*

*Stay and Play! Room block is being held through July 29 at the Coralville Marriott at a price of \$103 + tax. Call 319.688.4000 to make your room reservation. Players registered for the tournament can stay over and play Brown Deer again on Saturday – 18 holes at \$37.*

IOWA FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, GOLF OUTING  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEAMMATE \_\_\_\_\_

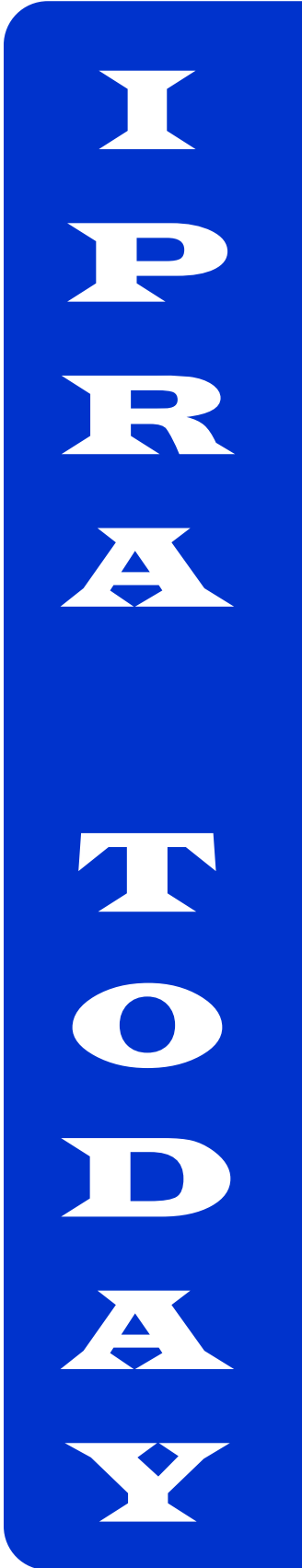
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Questions, call (319) 248-1750  
 To confirm your tee time and follow up with hotel and local entertainment options for a weekend stay.

OR, Sorry I cannot attend this year, please accept my contribution to be used to support the Foundation's efforts to educate and support parks and recreation professionals in Iowa.

**RETURN TO:**  
 Sherri Proud, Board Member  
 Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation  
 1506 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville, IA 52241



**BY JULY 27, 2011**  
 Fee payable to: Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation



# Criteria for NRPA National Congress Professional Fellowship 2011 National Congress: Atlanta, Georgia November 1-4

**Criteria:**

- Current IPRA professional member.
- Minimum of at least two years professional membership with IPRA.
- Currently employed in parks and recreation with two or more years of experience in the field.
- Has not previously attended the NRPA National Congress or has not attended for a minimum of seven years (preference will be given to individuals who have not attended).
- Attended at least one IPRA Spring Conferences and/or Fall Workshop.
- Preference may be given to applicants that have served on an IPRA committee.

**Program/Fellowship Requirements:**

- Submit required application and supplemental materials by the July 15, 2011 deadline
- Recipients will be asked to turn in CEU forms to show they attended sessions.
- Recipients will be asked to write a brief article for the IPRA newsletter highlighting their experience due within 30 days of returning from National Congress.
- The fellowship recipient will be assigned a mentor to interact with during the NRPA National Congress (current IPRA President or President designee).
- The selected individual may be asked to attend selected NRPA governance meetings.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed application.
- Current resume` .
- A one page typed sheet of paper explaining why the applicant is applying for the fellowship, how it would benefit the applicant and/or applicant's agency, and why the applicant has not or cannot budget for the NRPA National Congress.
- One letter of reference from the applicant's supervisor.

**Selection:**

- All applications will be reviewed by two (2) members each from the IPRA Executive Committee and Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation.
- The fellowship scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that demonstrates the most need for the fellowship and would best represent IPRA, the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation at the NRPA National Congress.

The Fellowship is valued at no more than \$1500. Expenses beyond \$1500 must be covered by the recipient and/or their agency.

This Fellowship is a special project funded by the Iowa Park and Recreation Association and the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation.





**NRPA National Congress Professional Fellowship  
2011 Fellowship Application Form**

**A. To be completed by applicant (Please type or print legibly)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address City Zip

Direct Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Population Served \_\_\_\_\_

Member of IPRA Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Years as IPRA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience as a Full Time Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the IPRA event(s) you have attended

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Institute

**Please attach:**

1. A copy of your current resume.
2. Your service experience with IPRA, including committees and/or events in which you have served the membership of IPRA.
3. One page letter of reference from your supervisor.
4. One separate page discuss the following (one page only please):
  - a. Why you are applying for this fellowship.
  - b. How attending the NRPA National Congress will benefit you and/or agency.
  - c. Why you have not or cannot budget for the NRPA National Congress.

**B. Criteria used to select recipients:**

1. Completion of application form. (completeness and neatness)
2. Experience serving as a member of IPRA.
3. Candidate that demonstrates the most need for the fellowship and would best represent IPRA at the NRPA National Congress.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 15, 2011**

**Please complete and return to:**

**IPRA Executive Committee  
Todd Redenius  
Ankeny Parks and Recreation  
210 South Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, Iowa 50023  
Phone: 515-963-3570 // Fax: 515-963-6719  
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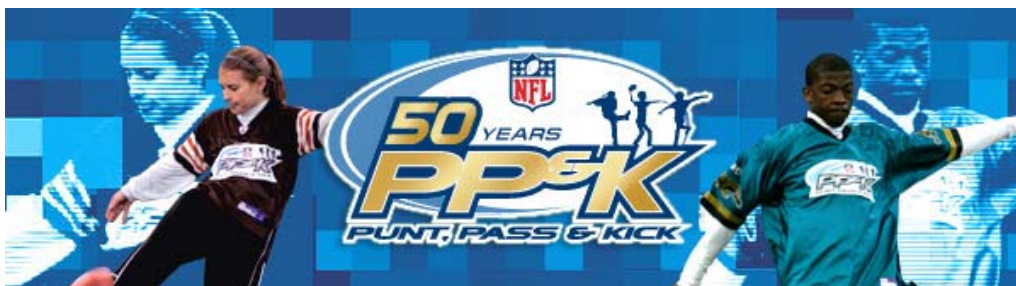
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# Placekick, Punt and Pass Football Dropped



IPRA Board of Directors approved eliminating the Placekick, Punt and Pass youth football program effective this autumn. In its place, IPRA is strongly endorsing the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick which marks its 50<sup>th</sup> season. Advantages are no participant fee, agencies receive footballs (one of each size needed), kicking tees, ribbons for first, second, and third place recipients, promotional tools, in addition to advancement to national competition. We are also supporting the NFL "Play 60", its movement for an active generation. For more information about NFL PPK, please visit [www.nflppk.com](http://www.nflppk.com).

Continuation of the IPRA program was becoming more difficult as member agencies choosing to go the NFL PPK route, loss of quality indoor facility for 2011 state finals, increased cost of indoor facility for state finals in 2012 and beyond, securing volunteers and expense of plaques.



## IPRA Day at the Iowa State Fair

Join your fellow park and recreation professionals from all over the state of Iowa for a fun-filled day of activities for all ages. **IPRA day at the fair is Thursday, August 18.** Many fun activities including Big Wheel Races, Spot-Shot Basketball, Pie Eating contests, a State Fair Scavenger Hunt, Sidewalk Bowling, Bozo Ball, Arts and Crafts projects, and a Bubble Gum Blowing Contest are offered for all ages, and your volunteer help in keeping these activities running smoothly is needed!

This is 'THE' day that many families plan to attend the fair so that they can participate in the fun activities. All IPRA day volunteers get free admission and parking passes; send your agency's ticket order to: [nschenck@adeliowa.org](mailto:nschenck@adeliowa.org) as soon as possible!

***IPRA State Fair Day Contact:***

*Nick Schenck  
Director  
Adel Parks & Recreation  
515-993-4525*





**2011 IPRA Fall Workshop**  
**September 19-21 (Monday through Wednesday)**  
**Wild Rose Hotel, Convention Center, Casino**  
**777 Wild Rose Road**  
**Clinton, IA**

**Room block reservation: \$55/night (single or double) plus applicable taxes**

**Cut off date: September 9, 2011**

**Phone: 800-457-9975**

**[www.wildroseresorts.com](http://www.wildroseresorts.com)**

**Gregg Obren, Fall Workshop Chairman**  
**Director, Clinton Parks and Recreation**

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## **Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director** **Brookings, South Dakota**

This position serves at the direction of the city manager and is responsible for directing and implementing year-round, city-wide parks, recreation and forestry programs and services to include supervision of personnel, policy/procedures development and implementation, budgets, fund-raising, programming and planning. The director represents the city and department before public and civic organizations and determines and implements procedures and processes for assessing community needs for new facilities and programs.

The selected candidate must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks, Recreation or a related field, including course work in organization and administration. A master's degree is preferred. In addition, five years of progressive leadership experience in parks and recreation programs with some exposure to forestry, horticulture and turf management or related field in an administrative supervisory capacity, with municipal or public sector experience is required. A combination of education, experience and training may be considered in lieu of degree requirement. Experience supervising a large and diverse workforce with skill in creating a culture of respect, collaboration, productivity and accountability is desirable.

A complete description of the position and qualifications is available at [www.cityofbrookings.org](http://www.cityofbrookings.org).

Applications are available at city hall or on line at the aforementioned web site. Submit city of Brookings application to the attention of the Human Resources Department, City of Brookings, P. O. Box 270, Brookings, SD, 57006. Phone: 605.697.8668; FAX: 605.697.8661. E-mail: [dlangland@cityofbrookings.org](mailto:dlangland@cityofbrookings.org). Applications must be completed in full or applicant will not be considered for position. First review of applications is July 18, 2011. AA/EOE

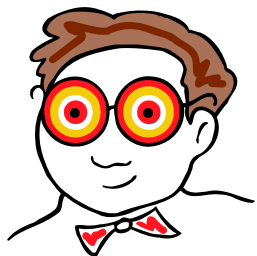


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**KEEP  
an eye  
OUT.**

❖ IPRA membership renewal forms will be mailed from the IPRA State Office in mid-July. Prompt return of forms and payment is greatly appreciated!!

❖ A new IPRA web site design with updated features is in the creation stages. Watch for more information to come your way.



## IPRA Calendar of Events

### July

- 4 State Offices Closed—Independence Day
- 15 NRPA National Congress Professional Fellowship application deadline
- 28 RAGBRAI overnight in Grinnell
- 29 NRPA Congress room block reservation deadline

### August

- 12 IFPR Golf Outing—Coralville
- 5 CEU/Aquatic Update—Ames
- 16-17 Certified Pool Operator's Course—Ames
- 18 IPRA State Fair Day—Des Moines
- 19-21 IPRA/IASA Men's 14 Inch Slow Pitch State Tournaments—West Des Moines