



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2009

Present:

Executive Committee – John Hagener, Ben Page, Angie Cole, Glen Cowan

Directors-at-Large – Duane Randall, Doug Bylund, Matt Salvatore, Faron Van Nostrand

Newly Elected Directors-at-Large – Matt Beatty, Janet Ellerbrock, Doug Foley

Staff – Steven Jordison

Absent:

Directors-at-Large – Mark Ripplinger

GENERAL ITEMS

President Hagener called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with a roll call of board members. He then welcomed newly elected directors-at-large in addition to announcing Todd Redenius was elected to Vice President and Cindy Coffin as NRPA Great Lakes Regional Council (October 2009 – October 2012).

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval to accept pre-distributed agenda was made with the addition of one item. The additional item was the written request by Conference Planning Chair Sherri Proud regarding a partnership between the University of Iowa Athletic Department and IPRA. **Motion to accept the amended agenda: Ben Page; Second: Glen Cowan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Minutes of September 17, 2008 board meeting were electronically distributed to board members and committee chairs. **Motion to approve minutes as presented: Duane Randall; Second: Faron Van Nostrand. Motion passed unanimously.**

REPORT ITEMS

Treasurer's Report – Angie Cole presented the financial statement as of January 31, 2009. Highlights include the following: receipt of \$10,966.00 from Adventureland Park (Des Moines) for consignment

ticket sales sold in 2008 {history 2008 - \$10,966, 2007 - \$10,750, 2006 - \$11,057, 2005 - \$11,570, 2004 - \$12,303}, IPRA received a \$5,000 contribution from the estate of Virginia Frye which is to be deposited in the IPRA scholarship fund, no NRPA Regional Council funds were expended as the event to be held in Des Moines was cancelled, Iowa ASA

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has been invoiced for the second quarter {October – December}, as of this meeting the Special Training and Seminars committee did not conduct any community forums but is planning to organize five in the spring, going green with electronic publications of the newsletter and membership directory have saved the association nearly \$4,000 in printing and mailing costs, budget work on FY09/10 will begin in mid-April, and finally Ms. Cole will take the lead along with the Executive committee is pursuing an external financial review. The financial review is part of the current Three Year Action Plan.

Mr. Hagener requested the Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed.

President's Report – Mr. Hagener took a few moments to recognize the efforts of Ben Page on board nominations and the election process, Terry Hoffman and Marie Ware with their leadership in executing our fifth annual Leadership Institute, Josh Larson with organizing the upcoming Young Professional's Forum, Trends Forums and Park Forum, Matt Beatty with Information Technology in the creation of the IPRA forum board using Google as a platform {currently there are 62 participating professionals}, and finally, he appreciated the efforts of staff. Finally, he commended the efforts of the association in "going green" and described a brief outline of the external financial review.

Nominating Committee – Vice President Ben Page reported a number of very qualified candidates were nominated by the membership. According to the by-laws slates of two candidates for vice president, six for director-at-large and two NRPA GLRC representatives along with a write-in line for each office was prepared. Eligible members were given ballots and requested to vote via online, USPS, fax, or by email. Newly elected directors-at-large will serve a three year term, the vice president will serve a two year term followed by a two year term as president, and finally, the NRPA GLRC will serve a three year term starting at the conclusion of the 2009 NRPA Congress.

Executive Director's Report – staff distributed an electronic report. It can be reviewed at the conclusion of minutes.

IPRA/Iowa Amateur Softball Association Operating Agreement – staff presented an updated agreement which was approved by the IASA board of directors. For all intensive purposes, we are following the original agreement dated 2001. One question brought forward by the IPRA board was reviewing the monthly rent of \$200.

Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation – Foundation members Angie Cole and Duane Randall spoke to the subject. Minutes of their meeting held on September 16, 2008 were distributed. Ms. Cole stated the Foundation is on a strategic path of success through the creation of a one year action plan. Further in the agenda the Foundation's request for assistance will be addressed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Three Year Action Plan Status Update (2008-2011) – Ben Page reported the association is on course to achieving all current objectives and goals. One outstanding goal is the external financial review. This goal was to have been accomplished by the end of October 2008. It was determined Treasurer Angie Cole, along with fellow Executive committee members, would initiate and complete the review with the assistance of an outside financial firm.

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Ms. Cole will work with staff in the creation of RFP and the distribution of the same. Staff's role will be to provide technical and financial records.

Renaming of Richard J. Slattery Professional Award – President Hagener inquired if all board members received an electronic copy of the letter from Mr. Gil Spence. In the letter from Mr. Spence is a request and supporting comments for the renaming of the Slattery Professional award to the Richard J. Slattery/Terry Trueblood Professional award. All present board members responded they had in fact received the letter. He then opened the floor for comment. Consensus was the tremendous impact Mr. Trueblood has had on the profession as well as respective associations on both the state and national level. Expressed concerns included the potential precedent this would have since IPRA has no formal awards naming rights as well as what the renaming would mean for future generations.

It was determined President Hagener should contact the Awards committee via Chair Terry Gray for their review and recommendation of Mr. Spence's request.

Awarding the 2011 Spring Conference and Fall Workshop Host Sites – staff indicated RFP's for the Fall Workshop were sent to all member agencies {121} while the Spring Conference RFP's were sent to only agencies which could host such an event. We received three RFP's for the Spring Conference {Waterloo, Davenport, Clinton} and only two for the Fall Workshop {both were from Clinton – two separate properties}. Staff then gave a comparison of RFP for each event with potential revenue generating bottom-lines. Little discussion was held with the only concern being two submittals for the Fall Workshop. It was determined there should be a separate vote on each annual event.

Motion to accept the submitted RFP from Davenport Parks and Recreation (River Center, Adler Theater, and connecting hotel property) for April 11-13, 2011. Motion: Duane Randall; Second: Matt Salvatore. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the submitted RFP from Clinton Parks and Recreation with staff and local host discretion to determine the best property to contract with. Motion: Duane Randall; Second: Glen Cowan. Motion passed unanimously.

Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation Request for Assistance – President Hagener distributed a letter received from President Christine Page of the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation. The letter was given to staff for their review and comments. Staff provided such and returned the original letter to Mr. Hagener.

Four items were to be addressed by IPRA with a returned written response. Items are as follows: 1) share purchase and participation in a display booth at the Iowa League of Cities conference, fall 2009 with the Iowa Park and Recreation Association. The Foundation will share in the cost with IPRA and will also share in the staffing of the booth and provide promotional materials for the Foundation (IFPR expense not to exceed \$1,000) – note the 2009 LOC conference will overlap the IPRA Fall Workshop in Ames, 2) allocate dollars towards Fellowships for the IPRA 2009 Spring Conference and 2009 Fall Workshop. The Fellowship amount will cover the registration fees, lodging, plus a one year IPRA membership. Travel and meal costs (other than event meals) are to be paid by the Fellow. IFPR will determine the scholarship criteria, review applications and select recipients. IFPR requests to fund this expense in the amount of the actual direct cost which IPRA incurs without including the budgeted net profit portion to IPRA (staff determined direct cost of the Spring Conference is \$140.00 while the Fall Workshop direct cost is \$75.00).

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The amount of a one year membership direct cost is \$30.00 per person, 3) allocated \$500.00 in support of the Young Professionals Forum on February 12, 2009 and \$400.00 in support of the Spring 2009 Trends Forum on March 3, 2009. Intention of the IFPR is to reimburse IPRA for direct costs only. Result of the sponsorship is to allow participants to attend at no charge, 4) IFPR will no longer offer a \$1,000.00 high education scholarship.

Based upon the letter of request and staff's response, Mr. Hagener prepared a Board Action Forum.

Motion to approve the following requested items from the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation:

1. share the cost of purchasing an exhibit booth and staffing it at the Iowa League of Cities 2009 conference in Davenport – booth cost not to exceed \$225 {note - concern the ILC conference will be held September 23-25 which overlaps the IPRA Fall Workshop to be hosted in Ames from September 22-24}.
2. provide Spring Conference and Fall Workshop delegate registration at direct costs only {conference - \$140.00 / workshop \$75.00}; should delegates wish to play golf, Texas Hold'em, or attend an OSI, it would be on their own; hotel and transportation costs would be covered by IFPR; complimentary one year professional membership would be billed at direct cost of \$55.00; all Fellowship recipients must be approved by the IFPR; IPRA will invoice IFPR after each conference and workshop.
3. IPRA accepted the offer by IFPR to sponsor both the Young Professional's Forum (up to \$500) and Park Forum (up to \$400) at direct costs only. Where necessary, IPRA will invoice IFPR for incurred direct costs {note – at no additional cost, IPRA will also give credit to IFPR for sponsoring the Trends Forums}

Motion made by: Glen Cowan; Seconded – Doug Bylund. Motion unanimously approved.

IPRA Administrative Services Vision – tabled; not discussed due to lack of meeting time.

Additional agenda item – IPRA Partnering with University of Iowa Athletics – Spring Conference chair Sherri Proud presented a request to collaborate in the promotion of the NCAA Women's Basketball first and second round tournament (March 22 and 24) hosted by the Uof I. Proposed partnership will include running an ad in the IPRA March newsletter, electronic distribution of the same in IPRA Tuesday Talk, electronic distribution of the ad to member agencies with a goal to encourage communities within a 90 minute drive of Iowa City to promote the event, IPRA will send out a PDF copy of an 8 ½" X 11" poster which communities can print and hang in their facilities or departments.

In exchange, IPRA agencies will provide some concourse activities at Carver-Hawkeye Arena during the tournament games, Coralville Parks and Recreation will provide a movie night after a UofI baseball game using departmental equipment and staff, and finally, IPRA will obtain the use of the Indoor Club Kinnick Skybox at no charge for the Monday evening NCAA social (value is \$1,400) with food and beverage at direct costs to IPRA.

Motion to accept the proposal as submitted by Sherri Proud: Angie Cole; Second: Matt Salvatore. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments/Concerns – Director Janet Ellerbrock shared a new format as designed by the National Swimming Pool Foundation Certified Pool Operator course. CPO will go to online first day education. Participants will pay NSPF a fee for the course with a primer test cost of \$150. Persons who pass will be given six months to take the second day. Additionally, NSPF has re-written the CPO manual. The new manuals will be used in IPRA courses starting in May 2009. Cost of the new manual will remain the same.

Director Faron Van Nostrand shared concerns from the Special Training and Seminars committee regarding IPRA web site updates. Staff indicated all information has been corrected.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ben Page

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved



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ACTION FORM

Submitted By: John Hagener

Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

Agenda Item#: Discussion Item #4

SUBJECT:

The Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation has submitted a letter of request for the following items:

(please refer to the memorandum from IFPR entitled "communication of action items/fiscal impact" which was provided in your board packets).

Item 1) share the cost of purchasing an exhibit booth and staffing it at the Iowa League of Cities 2009 conference in Davenport. Cost of the booth is \$550 (\$225 for each agency).

Item 2) provide IFPR fellowship recipients with 2009 Spring Conference and 2009 Fall Workshop with full delegate privileges at only direct expense costs. As part of the fellowship, recipients would receive a one complimentary IPRA professional membership at only direct expense costs.

Item 3) IFPR will sponsor the Young Professional Forum (up to \$500) and Parks Forum (up to \$400).

Item 4) IFPR will again not offer a \$1,000.00 higher education scholarship.

BACKGROUND:

Through the efforts of Marie Ware and Christine Page, IFPR has regained its vision and mission. They have crafted both a vision and mission statement in addition to four goals for 2009. There is a 20-plus year relationship with the Foundation. Many of its board members are current members of IPRA. IPRA has had a working history with the Foundation in terms of higher education scholarship awards and numerous fund raising events.

ALTERNATIVES:

Within each identified item in the "Subject" portion, IPRA could chose to or not to fund or participate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Item 1) this is a budget item which will occur in FY 09/10 and should be taken within the context of budget preparation.

IPRA Board Action Form – IFPR Request

Item 2) this is non-budgeted item (conference and membership) for FY 08/09. Regarding Fall Workshop, this request should be taken in context with FY 09/10 budget.

Item 3) IPRA has already accepted this sponsorship and promoted as such. We already have given the Foundation credit for the three “Trends” workshops at no charge. Because the Foundation has requested its sponsorship only cover direct expenses, IPRA is out for any sponsorship monies in excess of generated revenue.

Item 4) this is a regrettable situation, but it is today’s reality. IFPR did not award a scholarship last year (2008)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

Item 1) cost would include exhibit booth and staff travel. Anticipated total for IPRA would be \$750 (exhibit space, staff mileage, food, hotel). IPRA Membership committee should be assigned the task of filling volunteers to man open booth hours.

Item 2) Spring Conference direct costs would be \$140.00 (this includes luncheons, breaks, awards banquet and miscellaneous). IPRA nor IFPR would be responsible for recipients golf outing nor transportation expenses. IFPR would underwrite the expense of housing. IPRA is not responsible for offsite institute/tour expenses. Current budget full delegate fee is \$180.00 plus OSI fee of \$15.00

Fall Workshop direct costs would be \$75.00 (this includes luncheons, steak fry, breaks, and miscellaneous). IPRA nor IFPR would be responsible for recipients golf outing nor transportation expenses. IFPR would underwrite the expense of housing. IPRA is not responsible for offsite institute/tour expenses. Delegate fees for FY 09/10 have not been set. Last year (2008), full delegate fee was \$100.00 plus \$15.00 fee for OSI.

Complimentary one year professional membership is valued at \$130.00. Request for direct cost would be approximately \$55.00 (this includes newsletter, direct mailings, membership directory). Additional potential loss of income would come in the form of non-member versus member rates for participation in workshops and conference

Item 3) see comments in “Recommendation – Item 3”.

IPRA in good faith has also purchased website domain names of www.iafpr.org and www.iowafoundationforparksandrecreation.org (value \$30.00). Additionally, IPRA created and placed a half page full color ad on the back cover of the 2009 membership directory and buyer’s guide (value \$200.00). Finally, IPRA has created a IFPR specific page on the IPRA website as well as a direct link to the page from IPRA’s home page.

BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve the following requested items from the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation:

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Glen Cowan; Seconded – Doug Bylund. Motion unanimously approved.

Approved



Executive Director Report to the Board of Directors

Time Period September 12, 2008 to February 23, 2009

AQUATICS

Certified Pool Operator Courses / Aquatics CEU Workshops – our new season splashed-off at Cedar Rapids in October followed by Burlington (November), Cedar Falls (January) and Sioux City (February). History of classes to date:

<i>CPO</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
Cedar Rapids	29	32	32	20	22
Burlington	16	17	18	16	19
Cedar Falls	18	29	28	29	19
Sioux City	25	28	24	23	23
<i>CEU</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
Cedar Rapids	24	32	32	9	14
Burlington	20	13	13	8	11
Cedar Falls	27	38	38	35	22
Sioux City	49	31	36	34	21

Course sites still to be completed are Ames, Iowa City, Clear Lake, Fort Dodge, and Des Moines.

FALL WORKSHOP – 2008

As most individuals know, Cedar Rapids experienced devastating flooding. Because of this, city staff were time, physical, and emotional strapped. Fortunately, IPRA membership rose to the occasion by offering leadership assistance. Board member Duane Randall became the local committee chair. He was aided by Angie Cole, Angie Turner, Richard Fox, Matt Beatty, Pat Carlson, Karlene Hummel, and many other city staff members from Marion and Cedar Rapids.

Breakdown by the numbers:

Location	Participation	Revenue	Expense	Revenue over Expense
Cedar Rapids (2008)	98	\$16,610	\$8,813	\$7,797
Marshalltown (2007)	102	\$13,955	\$6,515	\$7,440
Fort Dodge (2006)	87	\$13,499	\$4,854	\$8,645
Bettendorf (2005)	119	\$19,445	\$12,540	\$6,905

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City of Ames Parks and Recreation Department will host the next Fall Workshop at the Hotel at Gateway Convention Center from September 22-24.

SPRING CONFERENCE

Chair Sherri Proud has her committee working hard to get the delegate brochure electronically distributed by February 27. Online registration will be up and running by February 27. Delegate registration deadline is slated for March 25. Exhibitor information has been disseminated. The conference swings off with the annual golf outing. It will be held at Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville with the conference concluding on Wednesday with an in-depth U of I athletics tour.

2011 SPRING CONFERENCE AND FALL WORKSHOP

RFP were distributed to each member agency for the Fall Workshop whereas larger communities who can host the Conference were mailed both. Staff has prepared a white paper describing RFP results in addition to recommendations.

AWARDS

Deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, February 25, 2009 to chair Terry Gray (Marshalltown). The committee is set for a tele-conference meeting on March 6. Recipients will be announced during the awards banquet on Tuesday, April 7. IPRA member Gil Spence (Dubuque) sent a request letter to the awards committee for the possibility of renaming the Richard J. Slattery Outstanding Professional Award for future years beginning in 2010.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The committee has created a new member service. That being a web based forum discussion board hosted by Google. Persons who wish to participate can do so at no charge but must be invited. An official invite is simple and easy yet is secure enough to allow for IPRA members/friends only. To date, there are almost 60 people participating. The IT committee will be responsible for content monitoring.

LEGISLATIVE

With the Iowa Legislature in session, it is important for all members and board & commissions persons to keep a close eye as to proposed legislation. Due to some recent concerns, the Legislative committee will work with staff to create a disclaimer statement which will accompany future announcements.

NOMINATIONS

All current IPRA members were sent nominating materials in December 2008. Nominations were then due to committee chair Ben Page by January 7, 2009. Once the slate was determined, a ballot and candidate biography was electronically and, if necessary, USPS mailed to each eligible member. Members were given approximately two weeks to cast their in one of four ways: online, USPS, fax, or e-mail. Results are: Vice President – Todd Redenius (Ankeny), DAL – Matt Beatty (Ogden), Doug Foley (Manchester), and Janet Ellerbrock (North Liberty), NRPA Great Lakes Regional Council (effective October 2009) – Cindy Coffin (Iowa City). New board members will be installed during the awards banquet on Tuesday, April 7.

PCCEB

Chair Cindy Coffin and staff will work to make the transiting all CPRP records to NRPA by July 1, 2009. Thereafter, persons with a CPRP will contact NRPA for inquiries. IPRA will assign CEU credit for its educational sessions. These IPRA CEU's should then be accepted by NRPA for credit for attaining an individual's 2.0 requirement.

PUBLICATIONS

For the first time ever, the IPRA membership directory and buyer's guide was distributed electronically to the membership. Of the more than 400 who received the document electronically, only 19 wanted a hard copy. With electronic distribution, we only produced 225 directories as compared to 675. Currently, 290 out of a possible 690 receive hard copy newsletters.

MARKETING

Nick Schenck (Adel) has accepted the reigns as chair. They have met only once with a second planning meeting slated for Tuesday, February 24 in Des Moines.

SCHOLARSHIP

The committee has created several new twists to spark life into the age-old scholarship auction. Some of the changes to be held during the Conference include a silent auction during Monday evening's NCAA social as well as a local rock band concert following the awards banquet.

SPECIAL TRAINING & SEMINARS

Young Professional Forum – Hiawatha showcased their new city hall by hosting this year's event February 12. There were 19 young persons who came from throughout the state for a one day retreat. Sessions included career development and certification, employee supervision, working with committees and councils, workplace etiquette, followed by a panel discussion. Terry Hoffman, Angie Cole, Geoff Hubbard, Shelly Simpson, Cindy Coffin, Josh Larsen, and Mike Miner were guest presenters. Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation sponsored the event at direct cost only so each participant could attend at no charge.

Trends Forum – the committee has selected three sites (Huxley, Fort Dodge, and Waterloo) situated in various locations to attract as many members as possible. Trends Forums are designed to learn about "hot topics" within the parks and recreation field from Iowa professionals. Iowa Smoke Free Air Act and Swimming Pool Main Drains are this year's focus areas. Representatives from the Iowa Department of Public Health spoke on both topics whereas Charlie Rochford (Pool Tech Midwest) spoke to swimming pool main drains. Cost was free to participants as there was no lunch provided. The first forum was held in Huxley on February 19 which 11 members attended. Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation was given credit for sponsoring even though there will be no dollars exchanged.

Parks Forum – Nevada will host IPRA members on March 3 for discussion on park master planning, emerald ash borer, maintenance plan and inspectors, followed up with lunch and networking. Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation sponsored the event at direct cost only so each participant could attend at no charge.

SPORTS

Placekick, Punt, and Throw Football – state finals were held at the indoor football practice facility on the campus of Iowa State University. Cost of facility usage was \$930.00 which paid for rental and staff expenses. With the finals slated for November 1, 2008, an indoor facility is ideal for competition, spectators and volunteers. This year there were 696 child participating at the local level. Girls and boys competed separately for the second year. There were 63 boys and 29 girls competing at the state finals. Volunteers for the state finals were Matt Fielder and Jason Egly (both North Liberty) and Community of Christ Church (Ames).

Adult Volleyball Tournaments – all tournaments are played in the Grinnell Athletic and Recreation Center (GARC) located in Grinnell. There are three courts available for use. The first event was held on Saturday, November 22 with 8-A and 8-B coed teams playing. Teams played in pool play then advanced to a seeded double elimination tournament. The next competition was held on Saturday, January 17 with 5-Men B, 5-Women A, and 5-Women B teams. Again, teams played in a pool play but followed this time with a single elimination tournament. In past years, our January tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday. But with the number of teams dwindling, the Sports committee opted for a one day event. Our final event of the season will again be a coed tournament. Competition will be on Saturday, March 7 at GARC. Staff coordinated both the November and January events with the assistance of Travis Mai (November) and Rick Courcier (January).

Spot Shot – local competitions are being held at this time. State finals will be at the GARC on Saturday, March 28.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Financial Review – staff will be assisting the board of directors Executive committee in determining both the scope and extent of the review. Lead for the review will be the board of directors Treasurer.

Consignment Tickets – each member agency received materials. Request deadline is February 27. Parks for 2009 include: Blank Park Zoo, Adventureland, Lost Island, Noah's Ark, Six Flags Great America, Six Flags St. Louis, Valleyfair, and Worlds of Fun.

Leadership Institute (Li5) – nearly a dozen young professionals spent an intensive 24 hours in the IPRA state office in Grinnell. Terry Hoffman (Sioux City) and Marie Ware (Oskaloosa) organized both presenters and participants. Gil Spence (Dubuque) was the inaugural "The Last Lecturer" which will feature "seasoned" professionals sharing their career triumphs and tribulations. Boland Recreation again sponsored Li so participants could attend at no charge.

REAP day at the State Capitol - Thursday, March 12 REAP supporters will converge on the state capitol to share the message and demonstrate support for continuation of REAP funding. Last fiscal year, the legislature authorized nearly \$18 million, of which cities received ~ \$2.3 million. Governor Culver has put another \$18 million in his proposed budget. With the state's economic situation, the proposed amount could be in jeopardy. This being said, it will be critical to have IPRA members and friends visit their state representative or senator to shore-up support. IPRA staff will coordinate the capitol hill event.

NRPA National Legislative Forum - Terry Hoffman (Legislative Chair), Ben Page (Vice President) and staff will represent IPRA during the upcoming forum. Park and recreation professionals and citizen advocates will descend in Washington, D.D. from March 17-21.

Certified Playground Safety Inspector - Outdoor Recreation Products is working with NRPA to offer a CPSI course in Omaha, Nebraska from May 6-8. This is a national certified playground course. IPRA last offered the course several years ago but was not allowed to conduct it as the minimum of 40 participants was not met. 2002 was the last time IPRA hosted the CPSI. Once details are confirmed, Outdoor Recreation Products will distribute information.

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Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation – the group has met several times. They have crafted a vision statement, mission statement, and goals for the year 2009. Foundation chair Christine Page has submitted a request letter to the IPRA board of directors for four action items. Staff has reviewed the letter by including staff comments to each request. An IPRA board agenda item has been incorporated for the February 24, 2009 meeting to discuss possible action. One item the Foundation has been busy with is their new “Fellowship” program. This program is specifically addressed in its request letter. One aspect of the “fellowship” is for first-time delegates to have all expenses with the exception of travel, golf outing, and offsite tours to be paid for by the Foundation. In turn, IPRA would only invoice the Foundation for direct delegate costs. Another portion of the “fellowship” is the Foundation paying for a one year membership in IPRA. Again, IPRA would only invoice the Foundation for direct costs.

Approved



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department

Executive Board

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Ben Page

Angie Cole

Glen Cowan

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Vice-President

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NRPA Great Lakes Regional

(until October 2009)

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AGENDA

General Items

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Introduction of New Vice President, Directors at Large and NRPA GLRC Representative

Consent Items

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of September 11, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Report Items

1. Treasurer's Report
2. President's Report
3. Nominating Committee
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Iowa Amateur Softball Association / IPRA Agreement
6. Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation

Angie Cole
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Discussion Items

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| 1. Three Year Action Plan Status Update (2008 – 2011) | Ben Page |
| 2. Renaming of Richard J. Slattery Professional Award | John Hagner |
| 3. Awarding of 2011 Spring Conference and Fall Workshop Host Sites | |
| 4. Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation Request for Assistance | John Hagner |
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| 6. Board Member Comments / Concerns | |

Adjournment

Approved