

**MRPA Young Professional and Student Network
Conference Call
June 16, 2021 (1pm-2pm)
Zoom Link Available on Facebook/Email**

MRPA YPSN Overview

- Showcase MRPA/MRPF/NRPA and what these organizations offer.
- Provide accessible and inviting forum to network.
- Information resource for trends, jobs opportunities, and professional development.

Bettering Yourself-Continuing Education, Certifications, Grad School, Experiences, Fellowships

- Jared Flewells, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, City of Eagan
 - Jared Flewells is a Minnesota lifer growing up in Forest Lake and moved onto the University of Minnesota where he received his BS in Recreation and Leisure Studies. During his high school and college days, he worked for the City of Lino Lakes and the City of Woodbury in many capacities from Umpire to Park Maintenance to League Coordinator. During his 16+ professional years at MPRB, Hastings, Woodbury and Eagan, Jared has found a passion for projects, facilities, softball and continued education. He earned his Masters from the University of Western Kentucky in Facility Management and currently holds his CPRE from NRPA. He still loves Gopher athletics almost as much as his two children and visits campus regularly as an Adjunct Professor or passionate fan.

Round Table Discussion: How Do We Continue to Learn, Grow and Improve

- Hear from a seasoned professional on ways to continue growing professionally within the field. Based on his professional background in the field and experiences hiring, Jared will explain the importance of continuing education, certifications, grad school, experiences and fellowships. As a group, participants will discuss ways to challenge themselves both personally and professionally.

Ask the Network

- Questions/current challenges you are facing

YPSN Updates

- Jessica Christensen Buck-Chair Elect/Vice Chair
- Greg Simmons-Association Liaison
- Matt Colwell-Student Representative
- Heidi Weiler-Special Events/Social Director

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Follow the YPSN on Social Media-Facebook: MRPA Young Professionals and Student Network

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