

Board of Directors
and Recreational Sports Commission
Nominee Information Form



Nominee's Name: Amber Moon Peterson

Current Employer/Organization: City of Nisswa

Current Title/Position: Parks and Recreation Director

Nominated For: Northeast Region

1. MRPA Positions Held (Sections, Committees, Offices, etc.):

I have helped on two MRPA conference planning committees. In 2021 I helped with Catering & Networking Events and in 2022 I helped with planning the OSI.

2. Professional Work Experience in Park and Recreation Profession

I have been in my role at the City of Nisswa for two years. Previous to that, I worked at a community center in Crosby, MN. I worked four years as the General Manager and one year as the Fitness Specialist / Kids Camp Coordinator. I have spent time working in the fitness industry as well as wilderness therapy with teens.

3. Other Volunteer Professional Association/Community Involvement

For a couple of years, I helped the Crosby PTO with planning an off-road triathlon in the Cuyuna State Recreation Area as a fundraiser for the school.

4. Education and Training

I have a BS in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services from Mankato and am a Certified Personal Trainer and Certified Pool Operator.

5. What do you believe are the strategic plan priorities and how would you help to implement those priorities?

I would work to understand MRPA's strategic plan more before I can specifically identify priorities and how to implement them. I believe it is important to recognize the similarities and differences in rural and urban parks and recreation systems when discussing plan priorities and implementation. I feel I would be able to offer a diverse perspective coming from a small, rural department.

6. What are the opportunities and challenges to be addressed by the Board of Directors and the MRPA membership during your term of office, if elected, as well as in the long-term? How do these areas relate to the Association's core values?

In terms of inclusion and engagement, I think having effective methods for offering non-metro education courses as well as trainings targeted at sub-fields in the industry would be ways in to include professionals that may be more challenging to involve.

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Please complete the information on this form and return along with a photo to the MRPA office no later than November 4, 2022. Please send to:



Nominee's Name: Jamie Anderson

Current Employer/Organization: City of Bemidji Parks & Recreation

Current Title/Position: Recreation Coordinator

Nominated For: Northwest Region

1. MRPA Positions Held (Sections, Committees, Offices, etc.):

Secretary for Northern Minnesota Recreation Parks Association

2. Professional Work Experience in Park and Recreation Profession

2000-2012 started seasonal positions/temporary with Anoka County Parks & Three Rivers Park District (Assistant Manager at Bunker Beach 4 years) (Guest Services Lead at Three Rivers)

2008 Internship with Como Zoo

2012 Internship with City of Maple Grove

2012-Current Recreation Coordinator with City of Bemidji

3. Other Volunteer Professional Association/Community Involvement

Bemidji Community Education Committee, Bemidji Early Childhood Initiative, Friends of the Carnegie Committee, Bike Bemidji Loop the Lake Committee

4. Education and Training

B.S. Recreation Programming & Leisure Services

B.S. Mass Communications with emphasis in Public Relations

Minnesota State University, Mankato

ERLI 2 Leadership Training

5. What do you believe are the strategic plan priorities and how would you help to implement those priorities?

One priority would be to continue offering diverse educational/training opportunities by incorporating virtual and in person meeting options. I would help implement these priorities by keeping up with the latest trends in technology as well as reaching out to various speakers.

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Engaging greater Minnesota in all aspects of the organization is a big challenge to be addressed. Even though we can meet in person keeping the virtual aspect in place is key to keeping engagement and higher memberships from those in greater Minnesota.

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Nominee's Name: Lynn Neumann

Current Employer/Organization: Hutchinson Parks, Recreation and Community Education

Current Title/Position: Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Education

Nominated For: Northwest Region

1. MRPA Positions Held (Sections, Committees, Offices, etc.):

2022 MRPA Conference Committee – Volunteer Coordinator

2. Professional Work Experience in Park and Recreation Profession

2021- Current

Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Education – City of Hutchinson

2020-2021

Assistant City Administrator – City of Glencoe

2014-2020

Recreation Programmer – City of St. Cloud Park and Recreation

2010-2014

Aquatics Coordinator / Special Event Coordinator – City of St. Cloud Park and Recreation

3. Other Volunteer Professional Association/Community Involvement

- MCEA – Minnesota Community Education Association Member
- Hutchinson Health Foundation Board Member
- Hutchinson Rotary Club
- Hutchinson Youth Leadership Institute Design Team
- Tiger Path Mentorship Program Volunteer
- Faith Lutheran Church Committee
- Hutchinson Leadership Institute Graduate

4. Education and Training

- Bachelor of Science Degree – Saint Cloud State University
- Graduate Certificate – Community Education – Saint Cloud State University
- State of Minnesota Department of Education: Community Education Director License
- Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP)
- Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP)
- Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
- Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)
- USA Swimming Coaching Certification
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Trainer (LGIT)
- American Red Cross First Aid and Safety Instructor Trainer
- American Red Cross CPR Professional Rescuer / AED / O2 Instructor Trainer
- American Red Cross Blood Borne Pathogens Instructor Trainer
- American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor

5. What do you believe are the strategic plan priorities and how would you help to implement those priorities?

Everyone's professional lives are extremely busy and MRPA creates an opportunity for its members to connect with others, advocate for the profession and grow together towards common goals. MRPA needs to continuously be learning, growing and evolving together through the core values of Leadership, Stewardship, Wellness, Inclusion, Engagement and Integrity. Utilization of MRPA resources should be a priority for the association members, along with nurturing relationships within to make improvements across the state and organization to engage members and grow opportunities throughout the State of Minnesota.

As a member of the MRPA Board I would share an equity-focused, continuous improvement, growth mindset with fellow MRPA Board and Association Members. I would also continue to raise awareness across the state the value that parks and recreation provide to all.

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All members of the association should have a voice in the decision-making process to help move the association forward while working towards common goals and objectives that directly align with the core values. Connections are extremely important. We need to continue to engage all members of the association ensuring we are meeting the needs of all professionals across the state. Resources, professional development and communication should continue to be readily available for all members. As community needs change, we as professionals need to address the changes with a grow mindset in order to continue to provide top notch services for our communities. MRPA is and should continue to be an avenue for all professionals to learn from others and flourish together.