



AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR PARK AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION 2025-2026 COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

SEARCH FOR INNOVATION

NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL

Chair: Stacey Laird Dicke, CPRP (26-27)

Vice Chair: Michael Kies, CPRE (26-27)

Board Liaison: Stacey Laird Dicke, CPRP

Committee Members:

Arnold, Jan

Bivens, Raymond

Carlson, Boe

Hesser, Karen

Houtman, Troy

O'Sullivan, Cynthia (Cindie)

Prue, John

Stewart, Jeff

Tarullo, Rod – Liaison for Judges (2025-2027)

Troline, Katie

Turner, Joe

Weitzel, Greg

Externs:

Achée, Jeff

Bennamon, Dantez

CAPRA

Committee Members:

Hesser, Karen (24-26) – First Term

Snook, Joe (24-26) – First Term

Nunes, Christopher (Chris) (21-23, 24-26) – Second Term

Kalvort, Michael J. (22-24, 25-27) – Second Term

Geller, Jill (26-28) First Term

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER: MASTER CLASS SERIES – NEW!

Chair: Tracey M. Crawford, CTRS, CPRP

Vice Chair: Tara Eggleston-Stewart, CPRE

Board Liaison: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP

Committee Members:

Adams, Jane – Executive Director

Adams, Jodie – President-Elect

Anderson, Denise
Drogin-Rodgers, Ellen
Reser, Kim
Sklar, Sydney (Syd)
Young, Mark A.

Externs:

Venniro, Tom
Martinez, Tabatha

PREPARE FUTURE LEADERS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Chair: M. Jean Keller

Vice Chair: Karen Hesser, CPRP

Board Liaison: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP

Committee Members:

Arnold, Jan
Canzian, Sheila
Gee, Tara
Herd, Tim
Johnson, Sean
Kaiser, Nancy
Klitzing, Michael
Nunes, Christopher (Chris)
O'Connell, Jacqueline (Jackie)
Price-Shingles, June
Prue, John
Sheppard, Lisa
Snook, Joe
Stewart, Jeff
Wheeler, James
Wolter, Stephen (Steve)
Young, Mark A.

Externs:

Lawrence, Meredith
Keays, Molly
Tryon, Jay
Lacy, Adrienne
Venniro, Tom

EXTERN

Chair: Willian (Bill) McAdam, CPRP

Vice Chair: Anthony (Tony) Lopez, CPRE

Board Liaison: Rick Atkins, CPRP

Committee Members:

Armistead, Robert
Clark, Michael (Mike)
Foelsch, William (Bill)

Fullerton, Carrie
Kaiser, Nancy
Kotowski, Linda J.
Kuethe, Donna
Lord, Michal Anne
O'Connell, Jacqueline (Jackie)
Sklar, Sydney (Syd)
Tschirhart, Bill
Wight, Cindi

Externs:

MacCammon, Katie
Biedenstein, Michael
Stutzman, John
Keays, Molly
White-LaPierre, Tiffany
Richards, Emmy,
Venniro, Tom
Bennamon, Dantez
Martinez, Tabitha
Hill, Kiri

JEDI

Chair: Roslyn Johnson, CPRP

Co-Chair: Lisa Sheppard, CPRP

Board Liaison: Bernita Reese, CPRP

Committee Members:

Crawford, Tracey M.
Crittendon, Darrell
Eggleston-Stewart, Tara
Kuethe, Donna
Sklar, Sydney (Syd)
Sullivan, Cynthia (Cindie)
Trolene, Katie

Externs

Zygmant, Kimberly
Perry, Jordan

MENTORING

Chair: Nancy Kaiser, CPRP

Vice Chair: Tara Gee, CPRP

Board Liaison: Darrell Crittendon, CPRP

Committee Members:

Auler, Randy
Brown, Kyla
Canzian, Sheila
Capalbo, Carlo
Eggleston-Stewart, Tara
Enoch, Matthew

Foelsch, William (Bill)
Garcia, Homer
Garrett, Kimberly
Kalvort, Michael J.
Muck, Jeff
Nunes, Christopher (Chris)
Paradis, Lisa
Sheppard, Lisa
Tschirhart, Bill
Wheeler, James

Externs:

Stutzman, John
Paddock, Cassie
Tryon, Jay

LEGENDS

Chair: Christine (Chris) Dropinski, CPRP (25-26)

Vice Chair: Dr. Melissa Weddell (25-26)

Board Liaison: Darrell Crittendon, CPRP

Committee Members:

Kies, Michael
Kotowski, Linda J.
Mainella, Fran
Weitzel, Greg
Whitmore, Sandra

Externs:

Sandquist, Sarah
Richards, Emmy

SUPPORT & SOCIALIZE RESEARCH

BEST PAPER

Chair: Christopher (Chris) Beth, CPRP

Vice Chair: Dr. Stephanie T. West

Board Liaison: Dina Trunzo, CTRS

Committee Members:

Anderson, Denise
Bartnik, Janet
Drogin-Rodgers, Ellen
Gomez, Edwin
Hoover, Dianne
Hurd, Amy
Wright, Brett A.

Externs:

Johnson, Tiffany
Kish, Kara

RESEARCH FOR THE PROFESSION

Chair: Dr. Denise Anderson

Vice Chair: Dr. Ellen Drogin

Board Liaison: Deb Jordan, Ed.D.

Committee Members:

Gomez, Edwin

Hendricks, William W.

Nelson, William G.

Price-Shingles, June

Robertson, Terry

Troline, Katie

Weddell, Melissa

Wolter, Stephen (Steve)

Wright, Brett A.

Externs:

Iracki, Anthony

White-LaPierre, Tiffany

Clutter, Adriane

ACKNOWLEDGE STEWARDS & DOERS

PUGSLEY MEDAL

Chair: Lewis Ledford (23-25, 26-28)

Committee Members:

Ash, Jr. Richard L. (22-24, 25-27) – Second Term

Bahl, Renée E. (21-23, 24-26) – Second Term

Kessler, Elizabeth S. (23-25, 26-28) – Second Term

Whitehead, Maria (25-27) – First Term

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Committee Members:

Hendersen, Karla A, (22-26) – First Term

DeLuce, Joe (22-26) – First Term

Lord, Michal Anne (23-27) – First Term

Wright (24-28) – First Term

OPERATING

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Rebecca A. Benná, CPRP (25, 26-28)

Vice Chair: Dr. Michal Anne Lord (24-26)

Board Liaison: Michael J. Kalvort, CPRE

Committee Members:

Bartnik, Janet (25-27)

Garcia, Homer (26-28)

Kessler, Elizabeth S. (President)

Shaw, Sonya (24-26)

Zimmerman, Bill (25-27)

BRANDING & SOCIAL MEDIA

Chair: Jill Geller, CPRP

Vice Chair: Kim Reser, CPRP

Board Liaison: Stacie Anaya, CPRP

Committee Members:

Brown, Kyla

O'Dell, Mary Beth

McAdam, William (Bill)

O'Sullivan, Ellen

Externs

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MacCammon, Katie

Lewis, Kayode

Nance, Bobbi

Venniro, Tom

BYLAWS

Chair: Dr. Terry Robertson

Vice Chair: Cory Styron, CPRP

Board Liaison: Dina Trunzo, CTRS

Committee Members:

Anselment, Jason

Bartnik, Janet

Nelson, William (Bill)

Trautman, Susan

Zimmerman, Bill

NOMINATING

Chair: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP

Board Liaison: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP

Committee Members:

Adams, Jodie – President-elect

Hoover, Dianne

McCarty, Michael

Paradis, Lisa

NRPA COORDINATION – NEW!

President: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE

President-elect: Jodie Adams

Board Liaison: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE

Committee Members:

Aquirre, Jesús – Past NRPA Chair

Atkins, Rick – Current Board Member

Hoover, Diane – Past NRPA President

Johnson, Sean – Current Board Member

Kotowski, Linda - Past NRPA President

Kutska, Kenneth (Ken) - Past NRPA President
Mainella, Fran – Past NRPA President
Prue, John – Current Board Member
Randall, Arnold – Current Board Member
Reese, Bernita – Current Board Member
Trautman, Susan – Past NRPA Chair

NRPA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Committee:

Anselment, Jason
Kessler, Elizabeth S. – NRPA Ambassadors
Murphy, Peter

URBAN DIRECTORS

Chair: Michael Kirschman, CPRP

Vice-Chair: Crystal R. Ross

Board Liaison: Bernita Reese, CPRP

Committee Members:

Aquirre, Jesús
Bangoura, Alfred
Brown, Kyla
Carlson, Boe
Diaz, Anthony Paul (AP)
Garcia, Homer
Miller, Jayne
Moore, Reginald
Nardi, Maria
Randall, Arnold
Styron, Cory
Trautman, Susan
Walker, Nick
Whitmore, Sandra
Zimmerman, Bill

SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Chair: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE

Board Liaison: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE

Committee Members:

Adams, Jane H.
Armistead, Robert
Bartnik, Janet
Kalvort, Michael J.
Klitzing, Michael

INDUSTRY COUNCIL TASK FORCE – NEW!

Chair: Jodie Adams – President-elect

Board Liaison: Jodie Adams – President-elect

Committee Members:

Adams, Jane – Executive Director
Kalvort, Michael J. - Treasurer
Kessler, Elizabeth S. - President
Sullivan, Cynthia (Cindie) – Past President

INVESTMENT TASK FORCE – NEW!

Chair: Michael J. Kalvort, CPRE - Treasurer
Board Liaison: Michael J. Kalvort, CPRE - Treasurer
Committee Members:
Kessler, Elizabeth S. – President
Adams, Jodie – President-elect
Armistead, Robert
Kramer, Brit - Red Barn Communications, LLC
Adams, Jane H. - Executive Director
External Expert No. 1 - TBD
External Expert No. 2 – TBD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NEW!

President: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE
President-elect: Jodie Adams, CPRP
Past President: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP
Treasurer: Michael J. Kalvort, CPRE
Secretary: Stacey Laird Dicke, CPRP
Ex-Officio: Jane H. Adams, Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Elizabeth S. Kessler, CPRE
President-elect: Jodie Adams, SPRP
Past President: Cynthia (Cindie) Sullivan, CPRP
Treasurer: Michael J. Kalvort, CPRE
Secretary: Stacey Laird Dicke, CPRP
Anaya, Stacie, CPRE
Atkins, Rick, CPRP
Crittendon, Darrell, CPRP
Jordan, Deb, Ed.D.
Reese, Bernita, CPRP
Trunzo, Dina, CTRS
Ex-Officio: Jane H. Adams, Executive Director



BASECAMP – PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

basecamp.com

All AAPRA-directed Committees and Task Forces will have a dedicated Project Board on Basecamp. Committee and Task Force Members will be invited to their respective project boards, as well as to the All-Academy Project Board. Former Externs will also be assigned to their respective project board.

To become familiar with this resources, we recommended watching the Basecamp [tutorial](#) and attending one or more of the Basecamp Boot Camp guided training sessions.

The Basecamp Project Management mobile app (37Signals LLC - Developer) is available for free download from the Google Play Store, Microsoft Store or Apple App Store for use on your smartphone or tablet.



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All Academy Members/Fellows are enrolled in Wild Apricot, our Membership Management System used to maintain member records, process dues and payments for events like the Academy Awards Dinner and support communication. Through Wild Apricot Members, members can access contact information for fellow members, including email, phone number and mailing address. Members may also update their own profiles at any time to ensure their information remains accurate and current.

The Wild Apricot mobile app (Personify -Developer) is available for free download from the Google Play Store, Microsoft Store or Apple App Store for use on your smartphone or tablet. Look for a Pop-Up Trail Magic Session on Wild Apricot in 2026!



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