

Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation

Board Member Overview

The Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation was formed in 1987. The Foundation has a mission to provide resources to deliver the benefits of parks and recreation to all. As a non-for-profit organization, the Foundation relies entirely on the generosity of our donors to help continue our work.

Purpose

The Foundation is organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the purposes of the leisure movement in Iowa by:

- Promoting and improving leisure opportunities and amenities in Iowa.
- Furthering the course of research and development in all areas of leisure in Iowa.
- Providing scholarships on a nondiscriminatory basis to worthy students enrolled in professional development programs in parks and recreation or related fields of study at post secondary institutions of higher learning in Iowa.
- Facilitating the availability of technical assistance to leisure organizations in Iowa.
- Promoting leisure awareness among the general public of Iowa.

Successful Past Projects:

- Assistance to IPRA to print the history of IPRA's First 50 Years
- \$2,500 donation to the Ahrens Institute for the National Recreation and Park Association Headquarters
- Award of one scholarship from 1997-2007 raising the amount from \$600 in the first year to \$1,000 in 2007
- Led a three-year, \$50,000 fundraising initiative towards renovations and \$8,000 towards a maintenance fund for a home in Grinnell (gifted by the Ahrens Foundation) to become the headquarters for the Iowa Park and Recreation Association and the Iowa Amateur Softball Association

Highlights of Current Projects and Activities:

- Start-up funding towards the IPRA Public Awareness Campaign, Parks Grow Healthy Communities with ongoing partnership
- Provide Terry Trueblood IPRA Conference Fellowships(named in his honor)
- Provide 1/2 the funding with IPRA funding towards an NRPA Fellowship awarded on a competitive basis
- Provide funding towards a display booth at the Iowa League of Cities Conference, since 2009
- Provide support to the Annual Leadership Institute

Fundraising Events:

- Annual Foundation Golf Outing and Auction is the primary fundraising event.

Serving on the Foundation Board

The Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation annually welcomes IPRA members that have an interest in serving on the Foundation Board. To be considered as a Foundation Board Member please contact the Nominating Committee of the Foundation to request the application.

Board Member Expectations

Annual individual expectations include:

- Board Meeting Attendance: 1) Members are expected to attend a minimum of one meeting per year. 2) If a member is unable to attend, they should notify the president prior to the meeting.
- Fundraising Assistance: 1) Members are expected to make a meaningful personal financial contribution. 2) Members are expected to contribute to approved fundraising efforts. Contributions may include: * Direct ask * Writing letters/mailings * Calling current and potential donors * Connecting the IFPR with potential donors
- Event Participation: 1) Members are expected to participate in at least one event.