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What's New in NIRSA



The NIRSA, since 2007 has been working on a Governance Transition Model. With this model some changes have been made to the leadership positions of NIRSA, and some additional opportunities have been created. In this month's newsletter PIRSA is providing an explanation of these changes and additions. The NIRSA website (www.nirsa.org) was used as a resource for this information and can be visited to answer anymore additional questions.

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NIRSA Board of Directors

"Driving and positioning of the Association"

The Board of Directors is the visionary leadership that strategically positions and drives the Association.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- Strategic planning
- Oversight of fiduciary and legal responsibilities
- Establishing Association policy
- Supervision of the Executive Director
- Serving as sole shareholder of NIRSA Services Corporation.

Board of Directors Positions

- Presidential Track
 - President,
 - President Designee
 - President Elect
- At-Large Directors (3 people)
- Board-elected Annual Director

The NIRSA Assembly

"Driving the needs of the Profession"

The Assembly is a new edition to NIRSA governance. This group of representatives is intended to be the "forward-thinking" group that will focus on the needs of the profession.

Responsibilities of The Assembly

- Germinating ideas
- Developing leaders
- Sharing knowledge

Assembly Positions

- Six (6) NIRSA Members (Professional, Life, Student, Emeritus or Associate members)
- Four (4) NIRSA Professional Members who have been professional members for less than five years
- Three (3) NIRSA Student Members
- Six (6) Open Seats (NIRSA Members or non-members)
- Past Presidents Representative - Assembly
- NIRSA Board of Director representative

Member Network

"Driving communication, engagement and growth of the Membership"

The Member Networks replacing the old version of the organization of leadership for NIRSA. In the past, regions elected Regional Vice Presidents that oversaw the State Directors and students held positions such as Regional Student Representatives and National Student Representative.

Responsibilities of the Member Network

- Out reach
- Engagement
- Advocacy
- Local constituent communication
- Nurturing and developing Members regionally
- Networking
- Grass roots growth of the field
- Overseeing State/Provincial Directors and Student Leaders
- Facilitating regional education opportunities

The Member Network Positions

- Six (6) Regional Representatives from each region
- Six (6) Regional Student Leaders from each region
- National Student Leader
- Past Presidents Representative
- NIRSA Board of Directors Representative

The Registry of Collegiate Recreational Sports Professionals



The Registry is a replacement to the CRSS certification that used to exist of NIRSA members. The Registry is a professional development opportunity for NIRSA members.

Each member that is interested will have to apply and then once accepted is responsible to earn Continuing Education Units

(CEU) in the following areas.

Core Competencies

- Philosophy and Theory
- Programming
- Management Techniques
- Business Procedures
- Facility Management, Planning & Design
- Research & Evaluation
- Legal Liability & Risk Management
- Personal and Professional Qualities

The application to apply can be found on the NIRSA website along with a more detailed description of the Core Competencies. Refer to the box for criteria to apply.



Category A: Applicant with Masters Degree in a related field

- No less than two years full-time experience working in recreational sport administration
 - Two years of graduate assistant experience count as one year

Or

- A minimum of one year of full-time professional experience and CRSS certification

Category B: Applicant with a Bachelor's Degree in a related field

- No less than three years full-time experience working in recreational sport administration

Or

- A minimum of two years of full-time professional experience and CRSS certification
- And 2.0 total CEUS with representation in all eight Core Competencies

Category C: Applicant with no academic degree or no degrees in related field

- No less than four years of full-time experience working in recreational sport administration
- And 4.0 CEUs with representation in all eight Core Competencies

Did you know?

If you have information that would like to share with PIRSA you can also use the PIRSA List Serv/Mailing List

If there is any information that you would like distributed through the State or need access to the PIRSA Mailing List please contact Jay Gallagher

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What Is Habitat?

Habitat is a social networking site that connects everyone to their NIRSA family! This is a social platform to be used to help reach out to professionals and students in the field of recreation to discuss topics and share new ideas. In place of the list serv emails that used to fill inboxes, Habitat can now be used to field questions in areas of recreation and share innovative tools and ideas that everyone has been using in the programs on campuses across the country. There is opportunity for blogging, discussions, and even event sharing! If you haven't signed into Habitat yet, PIRSA encourages you to do so. All you need is your NIRSA website member login and a few minutes to create a fun profile. Search for PIRSA community and become a member!

PIRSA State Workshop

Thursday, October 6th

Friday, October 7th



California University
of Pennsylvania

Recreational Services
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For more information, visit: www.thepirsa.com

Calling for Presentations!

Interested in presenting at the PIRSA State Workshop?
Please send the topic you are interested in presenting
to the PIRSA President, Dan Simmons.

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For the most up-to-date PIRSA Information visit the PIRSA Website at www.thepirsa.com

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