

Missouri Park and Recreation Association

Code for Awards (Revised 10/11)

The Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA) recognizes the desirability of honoring certain members, citizens and organizations in the state that have rendered outstanding service to recreation and/or parks in the state of Missouri.

The Citation and Awards Committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) or no more than nine (9) MPRA members and is charged with the responsibility of selecting the individuals and organizations to receive the honors.

I. THE AWARDS

A. FELLOW- RECREATION AND/OR PARKS

This award shall be made annually to not more than one (1) member of the association, except where in the estimation of the committee, special circumstances warrants multiple awards.

B. ASSOCIATE FELLOW

This award may be made annually to not more than two (2) members of the association, except where in the estimation of the committee, special circumstances warrant multiple awards.

C. CITATION - RECREATION AND/OR PARKS

This award may be made annually to not more than six (6) within the "Citation" categories.

D. RETIREMENT SERVICE

E. PUBLIC OFFICIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award may be made annually to not more than one (1) individual from each of the following four (4) levels of government: Local, County, State, and Federal.

F. SUPPORT STAFF

This award may be made annually to not more than one (1) individual.

G. GIVE-BACK AWARD SPONSORED BY MUSCO LIGHTING

This award may be given to not more than one (1) individual or group each year.

II. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR FELLOW AWARDS

A. MEMBERSHIP IN MPRA (PROFESSIONAL OR ASSOCIATE)

B. EXPERIENCE

At least ten (10) years experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or a combination of same in the field of recreation and/or parks. Candidate must be certified by a certifying board recognized in the field of parks, recreation and leisure services.

C. SERVICE

1. Contribution primarily through demonstrated outstanding and continual service to the association.
2. Distinctive and innovative leadership in administration, management, promotion, organization, legislation, and development in the provision of parks and recreation services.

D. EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP

Candidate shall have met at least a total of four (4) items listed below:

1. Office Holder

- a. An elected member of a National Recreation and Park Association Regional Council,
- b. An elected officer of MPRA,
- c. An elected director of MPRA,
- d. A member of the MPRA Executive Board.

2. Committee Work

- a. Chairman of any standing MPRA committee,
- b. Chairman or member of any NRPA branch committee,
- c. Chairman of any NRPA regional council,
- d. Chairman of any special MPRA committee.

3. Professional Research - Writing - Speeches

- a. Numerous addresses or appearances to groups over the radio or TV held in the interest of recreation and parks,
- b. Original articles in newspapers or magazine on recreation and/or parks,
- c. Research which has helped advance the profession,
- d. Author or co-author of a book(s) on recreation and/or parks,
- e. Original contribution to profession which has affected philosophy or practices.

III. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE FELLOW AWARD

A. MEMBERSHIP IN MPRA

B. EXPERIENCE

At least three (3) years experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, or a combination of same in field of parks and recreation. Certification of candidate by a certifying board recognized in the field of parks, recreation and leisure services is preferred.

C. EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTION AND LEADERSHIP

Candidate shall meet at least two (2) items listed below:

1. Service on any standing or special committee of MPRA or sections of MPRA,
2. Active in student park and recreation clubs or organizations,
3. Published articles in parks and recreation related publications,
4. Numerous addresses to public groups in the interest of parks and recreation,
5. Outstanding contribution to the field of parks and recreation evidenced by innovative ideas or programs.
6. Other contributions to MPRA or NRPA.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR CITATIONS

A. INDIVIDUAL

1. Any person not fully employed in parks and recreation but associated with the leisure service field that has made an outstanding contribution to recreation and/or parks. This contribution may have been in the form of:
 - a. Preparing and sponsoring recreation and/or parks legislation,
 - b. Promotion recreation and/or parks on all levels,
 - c. Serving as a member of a citizens committee, working for recreation and/or parks programs securing funds, etc.,
 - d. Providing a grant of cash, land, bequest, or such other contribution of considerable magnitude in the furtherance of parks and recreation in the state of Missouri.

B. ORGANIZATIONS

1. Any not-for-profit or business organization that has made an outstanding contribution to recreation and/or parks as follows:
 - a. Preparing and sponsoring recreation and/or parks legislation,
 - b. Promoting recreation and/or parks on all levels,
 - c. Providing a grant of cash, land, bequest, or such other contribution of considerable magnitude in the furtherance of parks and recreation in the state of Missouri.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND/OR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Any agency, board or commission providing parks, recreation and related services to the general public which shows outstanding contribution to professional excellence may be exhibited by:
 - a. Membership of agency/professional staff in MPRA and/or NRPA,
 - b. Publication of articles in *Images* or other professional journals,
 - c. Examples of positive program for service area,
 - d. Examples of positive public relations program for agency and/or profession,
 - e. Participation in MPRA Annual Conference as a participant and agency exhibitor.

V. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR RETIREMENT SERVICE AWARD

A. RETIREMENT

B. MEMBERSHIP IN MPRA FOR AT LEAST TEN (10) YEARS

C. EXPERIENCE

At least ten (10) years in the state of Missouri in parks and recreation prior to retirement.

D. SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO MPRA

Candidate must meet at least three (3) of the eight (8) items listed:

1. An elected officer of MPRA,
2. An elected executive board member of MPRA,
3. A member of the MPRA executive board,
4. Member or chairman of a MPRA committee,
5. Numerous addresses or appearances to groups in the interest of recreation and parks,
6. Original articles in magazines, newspapers, or journals on recreation and parks,
7. Research which has helped advance the profession,
8. Author or co-author of book(s) on recreation and parks.

VI. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A. Must be an ELECTED public official.

B. An individual who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to recreation and/or parks. This contribution may have been evidenced in the form of:

1. Preparing, sponsoring, supporting, and handling of recreation and/or parks related legislation,
2. Public promotion and support voiced on behalf of recreation and/or park interests and issues,
3. Public addresses to groups in the interests of recreation and/or parks,
4. Counsel and advice rendered to MPRA and/or its constituency on issues, concerns and/or interests of recreation and/or parks.

VII. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SUPPORT STAFF AWARD

A. Must be employed by a member agency.

B. Must be employed in a position such as clerical, maintenance, program leader or other support position.

C. Must have been employed by the agency for 10 or more years

D. Must have demonstrated exemplary service above and beyond the normal duties of the job such as:

- Longevity of service;
- Sustained outstanding service;
- Distinctive customer service;
- Creation of new and/or innovative service;

VIII. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR GIVE-BACK AWARD SPONSORED BY MUSCO LIGHTING

A. INDIVIDUAL

1. Membership in MPRA.
2. Service: Noteworthy contributions in the area of serving the underserved in the community. This may include, but is not limited to, a specific program or facility, or any other unusually noteworthy effort to serve the underserved in the community through parks and recreation services.

B. PUBLIC AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION

1. Membership in MPRA
2. Service: Noteworthy contributions in the area of serving the underserved in the community. This may include, but is not limited to, a specific program or facility, or any other unusually noteworthy effort to serve the underserved in the community through parks and recreation services.

IX. PROCEDURE FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Any member of the association may nominate candidates to the Citations and Awards Committee chairman. Nominations must be submitted to the chairman of the Awards and Citations Committee prior to the date established by the committee and published in the MPRA magazine.

X. PROCEDURE FOR AWARDS SELECTIONS

A. The chairman of the Citations and Awards Committee will coordinate with the MPRA office on all nominations.

B. A list of candidates will be prepared by the chairman for review. This list will be accompanied by all information requested on the nomination form that has been submitted by the nominating MPRA member.

C. The committee will study the qualifications of the candidates and will check the material submitted for accuracy of dates, names, and specific articles in publications which have been listed by the sponsor of the candidate.

D. The committee will select one (1) individual as the recipient of the Fellow Award and one (1) individual as the recipient of the Associate Fellow Award annually with the exception that where special or highly unusual circumstances dictate, the committee shall have the authority to select two (2) recipients of either award.

E. All criteria created and changes for all board, sections and special interest awards must be reviewed by the Citations and Awards Committee and approved through recommendations from this committee to the MPRA Board.

F. While it will be permissible for a Citations and Awards Committee member to submit nominations, such member will refrain from discussing and voting on this or any other nomination which might be considered a "conflict of interest."

XI. PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

A. The Citations and Awards Committee may present awards at the annual conference or at a special occasion that is appropriate for such an award.

B. The Citations and Awards Committee shall have sole responsibility for presenting all awards at an appropriate ceremony at the annual meeting.

C. In honoring the tradition and recognition of the Fellow and Associate Fellow awards, the prior year's recipients make the current year's presentation if individual is willing, able and available.

XII. SPECIAL AWARDS BY SECTIONS OF MPRA

Any special awards by sections must be approved by the Citation and Awards Committee of MPRA. Such approval would be for the award, not for candidates for awards. Financing of such awards would be the responsibility of the section presenting said award. Sections shall be encouraged to develop an awards program for their membership. Presentation of special awards may be made at luncheon meetings, business meetings, or special meetings of the sections and/or other meetings with approval of the executive board.

XIII. NOTE:

In addition to the various citations and awards detailed in this document, regions and several sections of MPRA have their own "Code of Awards." Listed below are additional awards offered through the various sections of MPRA.

A. Parks and Natural Resource Management Section

1. Distinguished Service Award
2. Outstanding Young Professional

B. Aquatics Section

1. Distinguished Service Award
2. Outstanding Young Professional

C. Sports Section

1. Excellence in Service Award
2. Outstanding Volunteer Coach

D. Regional Governance

1. Outstanding New Professional