

Missouri Park and Recreation Association

Parks and Natural Resource Section Code for Awards

The Parks and Natural Resource Section of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association wishes to acknowledge the notable contributions of its members to the field of Parks and Recreation. Please review the information below and complete the attached nomination form.

I. Award Categories

- A. Distinguished Service Award - This award may be given annually to one member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.
- B. Outstanding Young Professional - This award may be given annually to a professional who is a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.

II. Qualifications of Candidates - Distinguished Service Award.

- A. General - Must be a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association. Active or retired.
- B. Experience - At least (8) years experience working as a parks and recreation leader, supervisor, director, administrator or instructor at the municipal, county, state or federal government levels or within an institution of higher education.
- C. Contributions to the field
 - 1. Service above and beyond normal position requirements.
 - 2. Demonstration of outstanding leadership skills in the field of parks and recreation.
 - 3. Development of innovative park and recreation programs, ideas or facilities.
 - 4. Contributed to significant advancements in the field through research and continuing education.

III. Qualifications of Candidates - Outstanding New Professional Award.

- A. General - Must be a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.
- B. Experience - At least (3) years experience working as a parks and recreation leader, supervisor, director, administrator or instructor at the municipal, county, state, or federal levels or within an institution of higher education.
- C. Contributions to the Field
 - 1. Service above and beyond normal position requirements.
 - 2. Demonstration of outstanding leadership skills in the field of parks and recreation.
 - 3. Development of innovative park and recreation programs, ideas or facilities.
 - 4. Contributed to significant advancements in the field through research and continuing education.

IV. Procedures for Awards Selection

- A. The Awards Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members. This committee is responsible for the review of all candidates and the selection of award recipients.

- B. Any member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association can submit names of candidates to the committee chairman. Nominations must be submitted to the chairman of the committee prior to the date established by the committee and published in the MPRA publication.
- C. A list of the candidates will be prepared by the chairman for review. This list will be accompanied by a biographical outline of the candidates. These outlines will be submitted by the MPRA member nominating the candidate.
- D. The committee members will thoroughly review the biographical material of the candidates prior to selection.
- E. Current members of the Awards Committee or the Parks and Natural Resources Executive Board are not eligible for the awards.

V. Procedure for Presentation of Awards

The person nominating the recipient may present the award at the MPRA Annual Conference at a time and location determined by the conference committee. If this is not possible, or the nominating person wishes, the award will be presented by a member of the Awards Committee.