

**Missouri Park and Recreation Association**  
Region Governance Code for Awards (Revised 6/19)

The Regions of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association wishes to acknowledge the notable contributions of member agency staff to the field of Parks and Recreation. Please review the information below and complete the attached nomination form.

I. Award Categories

- A. Outstanding New 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 – Outstanding New Professionals

- A. General - Must be a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.

- B. Experience - At least one (1) year of experience working in the field of Parks and Recreation at the municipal, county, state, or federal government levels or an institution of higher education and be less than 35 years of age.

- C. Contributions to the Field

1. Service above and beyond normal position requirements.
2. Demonstration of outstanding leadership skills.
3. Development of innovative ideas, policy, programs or facilities.
4. Contributed to significant advancements in the field through research and continuing education.

III. Procedures for Awards Selection

- A. The Awards Committee shall be comprised of (4) members. This committee is responsible for the review of all candidates and the selection of award recipients. The Director, Director-Elect, and Membership Committee Chair shall be three members of the committee. The fourth member will be selected by the Membership Committee Chair at large from the region membership to serve as the Award Coordinator.
- B. Any member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association can submit names of candidates. Nominations must be submitted to the Coordinator 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 Coordinator 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. The Awards Committee members are not eligible for the awards.

#### IV. Procedure for Presentation of Awards

The person nominating the recipient may present the award during the MPRA Annual Conference. If this is not possible, or the nominating person wishes, the award will be presented by a member of the Awards Committee at a scheduled meeting of the Region.