

# 2012 MRPA Annual Awards Criteria & Nomination Form

## MRPA Association Awards

\*\*\* Submit 1 copy per nomination \*\*\*

### **Citation Award**

- Must have demonstrated significant and exemplary service to the field of parks and recreation
- Must have contributed a minimum of five years to the leisure services profession within the state
- Special consideration will be given to those serving at the national and/or regional level
- Current President, Awards Chair & MRPA staff are not eligible to receive this award
- Need not be a member of MRPA
- Individual may be recognized only once for this award

### **John P. "Jack" Hewitt**

#### **Distinguished Fellow Recognition**

- Full-time career professional in parks/recreation & leisure services for a minimum of 20 years
- Held elected office in MRPA or one of its approved branches and/or served as a standing committee chair for a cumulative total of at least five years
- Held office, been a member of the governing board and/or a standing committee within the NRPA or predecessor organizations, and/or its infra-structure such as CAP, MARC, Board of Trustees, etc. for a cumulative total of at least five years
- Must be a current professional MRPA member during period of recognition being cited
- Individual may be recognized only once for this award

### **Retired Life**

- Retired professional who was active in parks/recreation & leisure services field for a minimum of 20 years
- MRPA member for a minimum of 15 years, ten of which involves active participation

### **Connie Romanello Lifetime Volunteer Award**

- The recipient must have demonstrated significant & exemplary public service as a volunteer in the area of parks, recreation, resource conservation, or leisure services for a minimum of 20 years at the local, state, and/or national level
- At least 15 years of service must be performed within the state
- The recipient must have been a member of MRPA for at least 10 years
- Special consideration will be given for service at the national and/or regional levels
- Only one award will be presented annually
- Individual may be recognized only once for this award

### **Group/Organization Award**

- Volunteer group/organization within the state which has contributed outstanding service within the past two years to the parks, recreation and leisure profession

### **Community Volunteer Award**

- An individual recognized for outstanding service to a local/community park, recreation or leisure program within the state
- Emphasis on leadership and/or significant contribution to an activity or program
- Only service during the past five years will be considered
- Need not be a member of MRPA

### **Agency Volunteer Award**

- An individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to a park and/or recreation agency within the state
- Only service during the past two years will be considered
- Need not be a member of MRPA

### **Member of the Year**

- Must be an active member of MRPA, who has contributed significantly to the goals and objectives of MRPA during the current year
- Must display exemplary service to MRPA

### **Landscape Site/ ASLA Award**

- Presented to a public or private agency for their contributions to a natural or designed park landscape in the state
- Must submit a maximum of ten pictures (on disc or paper)
- Must include a 1,000 word maximum description of project
- Must be usable for recreational purposes with the primary emphasis on landscape design
- Need not be a member of MRPA

### **Award Nominations will be judged on the following:**

Accessibility	Economy of Design
Aesthetics	Quality of Design
Uniqueness of Design	Maintenance consideration
Vandal resistance	Popularity
Appropriate relationship to the setting	

### **Writing, Research or Audio Visual Award**

- Must be a published writing, research, or audio visual which has enhanced MRPA or the profession of parks and leisure services
- Contributions may be at national, state, or local level
- Example of publication or production must accompany the nomination
- Research must have occurred within the past five years
- Need not be a member of MRPA

# Branch Awards

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## Recreation & Leisure Services RALS

### **Outstanding Recreation Professional**

- Professional who has given outstanding service to the field of recreation
- Could have been responsible for, but not limited to, contributions of programs, time, creative ideas, professional growth, promotion of volunteer groups, help with favorable legislation, management of an economically sound recreation facility, or other significant event which promotes the general welfare of community recreation
- Must be a RALS Branch member

### **Member of the Year**

- Individual who has provided outstanding service to the recreation and leisure services profession and MRPA through involvement in the RALS Branch and other organizations

### **Innovative Program Award**

- Presented to an individual or organization for an innovative project or activity that promotes the recreation and leisure services profession
- Helps to meet the leisure needs of their community

### **Committee Work of the Year**

- Committee member or entire committee who has displayed outstanding leadership and involvement in any RALS Branch standing or special committee
- Must be a RALS Branch member(s)

### **Donald Lewis Long, Sr. Student Award**

- Student who has achieved academic excellence
- Has significantly promoted recreation and leisure services at his/her college or community
- Letter of support from recreation services curriculum is necessary for this award

## Park & Resource Conservation Branch PARC

### **Planning & Design with Environmental Protection in Mind**

- Agency which has used staff to design and/or develop park land which demonstrates maximum utilization of a facility with minimum impact to the existing environment
- Unique feature will be given special consideration

### **Creative Programming Award**

- Agency or individual who develops a creative program to include topics of interpretation, recreation, and/or conservation and/or vandalism reduction efforts,
- Volunteer work, etc...

### **Creative Maintenance Category**

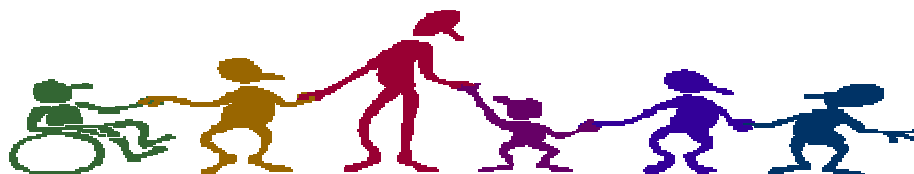
- Implemented maintenance idea that demonstrates labor/cost saving
- Alternatively, a design that uniquely enhances a facility, building, or project

### **Student Award**

- Student who made a contribution to the PARC Branch or to the field of park resource and conservation in the state
- Contributions could include: maintenance, landscaping, conservation, or interpretive projects or programs

### **Service Award**

Person or group for outstanding service to the field of parks and resource conservation  
Short-term major projects and/or long time service in the field will be considered (i.e., time saving ideas, helping with favorable legislation, a major construction project, or a significant community event)



# Branch Awards

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## Therapeutic Recreation Branch

TR

### **Outstanding Recognition Award**

- Demonstrated significant, long range contributions and exemplary service for a minimum of three years to the TR Branch as well as the therapeutic recreation profession
- Individual may be recognized only once for this award
- Must be a TR Branch member

### **Practitioner Award**

- Has significantly contributed to the improvement and enhancement of the therapeutic recreation profession
- Must have shown exceptional practical applications of the principals and concept of therapeutic recreation
- Must be a TR Branch member

### **Volunteer Award**

- Volunteer or volunteer group which has contributed outstanding service to the field of therapeutic recreation, at the agency or departmental or direct service level in the state within the past year

### **Innovative Program Award**

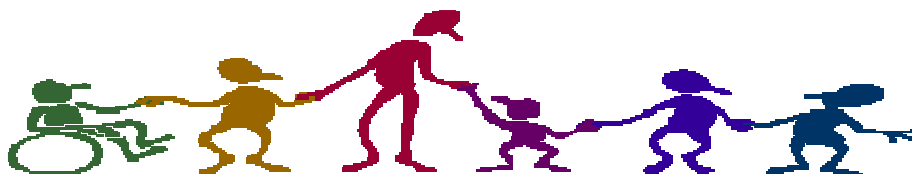
- Agency or special program in recognition of an outstanding event/program exemplifying creativity/innovative, resource usage, therapeutic value, and participant benefit
- All events must have occurred within the past year and have been completed before entry or be an ongoing project

### **Committee Work of the Year**

- Committee member or entire committee who has displayed outstanding leadership and involvement in any TR Branch standing or special committee
- Must be TR Branch member(s)

### **Outstanding Student Award**

- Student who has achieved academic excellence
- Has significantly promoted the ideals and philosophies of therapeutic recreation within the state, his/her college, and/or community
- Letter of support from a therapeutic recreation curriculum is necessary for this award



# 2012 MRPA Awards Nomination Form

Include with the Nomination Form: written text, pertinent photos, news articles, or any additional material, which would enhance the nomination.

**Award Name** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Association or Branch Award (please check) \*

**MRPA Association Award**

**RALS**

**PARC**

**TR**

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

MRPA Member  **YES**  **NO**  **DON'T KNOW**

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by (MRPA Member's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return nomination to nominator:  YES  NO

***Nominations are judged on what you provide to the Awards Committee.***

The quality and presentation of the submission is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** Explain in detail why the nomination is deserving of the award. Read each criterion very carefully to make sure your nominee meets all the criteria and requirements. The Committee has the right to place a nomination in categories other than the one(s) intended, or refer to a branch for consideration.

This will depend on appropriateness of nomination. If you choose to submit a nomination via email, all supporting documentation must be included in the email.

***MUST BE RECEIVED IN MAIL by JANUARY 31, 2012:***

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Bowie, MD 20716  
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***Email Nominations will be accepted at [MRPA.Awards@Gmail.com](mailto:MRPA.Awards@Gmail.com)***

***We are sorry, but faxed nominations will not be accepted.***