

CALL FOR NATIONAL RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA) LEISURE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM (LRS) CO-CHAIR for 2013 - 2015

The Education Network (formerly known as SPRE) of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is pleased to announce the availability of the junior LRS Co-Chair Position for a 2-year term (beginning in October 2013 for the 2014 and 2015 Leisure Research Symposiums). This is a volunteer position appointed by the Education Network Leadership in collaboration with the current senior LRS Co-Chair (Jason Bocarro, Associate Professor at North Carolina State University) and current junior LRS Co-Chair (Jim Sibthorp, Associate Professor at University of Utah). The junior LRS Co-Chair will learn the LRS process during the 1st year and assume the role of senior LRS Co-Chair during the second year of the position. Details of this important position are provided below.

Responsibilities of LRS Co-Chairs:

- Organize and distribute the “Call for Abstracts” to the field through a variety of communication channels including Sprenet and other listserves
- Coordinate the submission and review process for all submitted abstracts
- Recruit and appoint review coordinators for topical/themed sessions for the LRS
- Oversee and coordinate the entire review process working with review coordinators
- Organize the George Butler Lecture
- Coordinate with NRPA Congress staff the development and organization of the final LRS program (i.e., scheduling of LRS paper presentation sessions, organization of the LRS Poster session, organization of the George Butler Lecture)
- Work with the ALS appointed members to judge the Best Student Abstract Award
- Work with the JLR Editor to recommend abstracts for full paper submissions to the JLR special issue

Qualifications of LRS Co-Chairs:

- Experience as a reviewer and/or review coordinator for the LRS
- Involvement as a presenter at the LRS in past year(s)
- Active research program in the field with a record of scholarship
- Research focus area that complements (rather than overlaps) the content/specialty area of the incoming senior LRS Co-Chair (will be Jim Sibthorp as of October, 2013)
- Institutional diversity (i.e., person works at a different college/university than the senior Co-Chair)
- Well-organized, detail oriented, and excellent time management skills
- Available throughout the year (including Summer) to meet program deadlines
- Attend the NRPA Conference each year during the 2-year term (2013, 2014, 2015)

If you are interested in the LRS Co-Chair position, please submit by email or fax your **current Curriculum Vita (CV) and a one page letter of application by Friday, May 3rd, 2013** to:

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