

IPRA

# Awards Program

Wednesday March 26, | 2025 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

*Nomination Electronic Deadline  
Noon, Friday, January 31, 2025*

**IOWA**   
PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

## Nomination Overview

Any current IPRA member may nominate candidates for each award. The nominees may be endorsed by other members of IPRA with the exception of Awards Committee members. Awards Committee members may not nominate, endorse, or write letters of support for nominees.

All nominations are to follow the specific criteria listed in this brochure. Nomination submissions are due no later than noon, Friday, January 31, 2025 to Kelly Johnson Rose, [kelly@iapra.org](mailto:kelly@iapra.org)

The nomination should be typewritten or legibly handwritten and include the appropriate information as stated for each award.

Nominations should include any supporting data, such as letters of support, copies of news releases, etc. Each nomination must include the nomination cover sheet as well as all applicable nomination criteria listed in this brochure. All materials can also be found at [www.iapra.org](http://www.iapra.org).

Please note that nominees for the T. Ray Frame Park Maintenance, Claude Ahrens Community Service, Part-time Team Member, and Administrative Assistant awards need not be members of IPRA; however, they must be affiliated with a department or staff member that is an IPRA member in good standing.

All nomination submissions are to be submitted by the deadline to the IPRA President & CEO as one, merged, PDF document. Color digital photos can be attached along with nomination materials. All materials (including up to two digital or scanned photos) must be submitted at the same time.

## Nomination Criteria

Please be sure to include items 1-6 under ALL AWARDS CRITERIA and also address pertinent information under the specific awards you are nominating. Electronic submission is required. Materials should be condensed into one PDF document with digital photos attached. **Nominations must be submitted by an Association member in good standing or be submitted by a department which has at least one Association member in good standing.**

### **ALL AWARDS CRITERIA**

1. One page statement for reason of nomination (single or double space with minimum font 12 point).
2. One page list or bullet point list of professional, volunteer, or community service involvement (single or double space with minimum font 12 point).
3. A maximum of two (2) digital photos.
4. A maximum of three (3) letters of support with a one page limit per letter.
5. Past non-recipients are encouraged to resubmit (update materials as necessary).

### **Need assistance with completing an application?**

Contact Kelly Johnson Rose, CPPR, President & CEO at 641-325-2164 or [kelly@iapra.org](mailto:kelly@iapra.org).

**\*\*This unique opportunity affords you an avenue to nominate those outstanding individuals or groups with whom you have been associated.\*\***

### **Slattery / Trueblood Professional** 2024 Recipient — Mark Brewick (West Des Moines)

The highest professional award in IPRA, the Slattery/Trueblood Professional encompasses many traits. To be considered for this award, the nominee should be a person who has given of themselves as they work with their clientele. Their everyday life should exemplify outstanding, dedicated, and unselfish service to the profession, community, and to IPRA.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Current IPRA membership.
- Must have been an IPRA member for a minimum of 10 years.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Current or past IPRA involvement. Please include as much engagement history as possible.
- Professional work experience and length of service which specifically bear on nominee's qualifications.
- National, state, and local professional parks and recreation organization affiliations.
- Education and/or training.
- Membership in other organizations, honors, awards or special accomplishments.
- Community service—professional and volunteer, related and non-related to parks and recreation.
- Contributions and dedication to the parks and recreation field.
- Outstanding personal characteristics: ability to work, direct and train others; ingenuity; versatility within all areas of the field.



### **Dr. Carole Hanson New Professional** 2024 Recipient — Isaac Jacobs (Bettendorf)

This award recognizes the professional who has exemplified commitment and outstanding service to the leisure services profession and to this Association. It is designated for the person who has joined the professional ranks within the past seven (7) years (2018 to today).

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Current IPRA membership.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Current or past IPRA involvement. Please include as much engagement history as possible.
- Professional work experience and length of service which specifically bear on nominee's qualifications.
- National, state and, local professional parks and recreation organization affiliations.
- Education and/or training.
- Membership in other organizations, honors, awards or special accomplishments.
- Community service—professional and volunteer, related and non-related to parks and recreation.
- Contributions and dedication to the parks and recreation field.
- Outstanding personal characteristics: ability to work, direct and train others; ingenuity; versatility within all areas of the field.



### **T. Ray Frame Park Maintenance** 2024 Recipient — Jason Manfull (Bettendorf)

The T. Ray Frame Park Maintenance award is given to the outstanding maintenance person with a parks and recreation department who has demonstrated a high level of skill in his/her work; goes beyond what would be considered adequate or expected in the position; shows a devotion on and off the job. This is a "blue collar" award designed for an individual in a non-supervisory or working supervisor position. The individual may be a full-time, part-time or seasonal employee.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- IPRA membership not required for recipient.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Professional work experience and length of service which specifically bear on nominee's qualifications.
- National, state, and local professional parks and recreation organization affiliations.
- Education and/or training.
- Membership in other organizations, honors, awards or special accomplishments.
- Community service—professional and volunteer, related and non-related to parks and recreation.
- Contributions as well as dedication to parks and recreation field.
- Outstanding personal characteristics: ability to work, direct and train others; ingenuity; versatility within all areas of the field.

### **Permanent Part-time Team Member**

*2024 Recipient — Susan Stoppelmoor (Dubuque)*

Permanent part-time or ongoing seasonal employees are an integral asset to local park and recreation agencies. These individuals perform necessary duties in providing top quality programs, special events, and other services which full-time staffers do not have the time or financial wherewithal.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- IPRA membership not required for recipient.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Must be a permanent part-time employee (less than 30 hours/week on a yearly basis or annual seasonal/program).
- Cannot be a park maintenance employee.
- Demonstrate via nomination a passion and enthusiasm for the profession, agency, and public.
- Demonstrate leadership in providing quality programming and/or services.
- Demonstrate leadership in developing fellow part-time and/or seasonal employees.

### **Administrative Assistant**

*2024 Recipient - Leslie Reab (Ankeny)*

Administrative and/or clerical staff are an integral asset to local park and recreation agencies. These individuals perform necessary duties in providing excellent administrative services so the department can provide top quality programs, special events, and superior customer service, in addition to other behind the scenes encouragement.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- IPRA membership not required for recipient.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Nominee must work year-round averaging no less than a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week.
- Demonstrates outstanding administrative support.
- Exhibits a passion and enthusiasm for the profession, agency, and public.
- Displays leadership in providing quality programming and/or services.
- Expresses exceptional customer service along with remarkable internal and external communications.

### **Claude Ahrens Community Service**

*2024 Recipient — Dennis Wilson (Mason City)*

Recognizes an individual(s) outside of our profession who has provided support and contributed to the strengthening of programs and resources within his/her community, area or state. In addition, selected nominee may be recognized during a local community presentation.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- IPRA membership not required for recipient.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Key individual(s) involved with contributions.
- Description of financial or in-kind contributions provided for community, county or state.
- Describe the impact/benefit of the person, group or club to the local parks and recreation agency.

### **2025 AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **CHAIR:**

Geoff Hubbard (Johnston - term expires end Conference 2025)

#### **MEMBERS:**

Vice Chair - Mark Brewick (Retired West Des Moines - term expires end Conference 2026)

Seth Staashelm, CPRP/CPSI (Marion - term expires Conference 2025)

Isaac Jacobs (Formally Bettendorf - term expires end Conference 2026)

Colby Vlieger, CPRP, IPRA Board of Directors

#### **Questions:**

Call: 641-325-2164 or E-mail: [kelly@iapra.org](mailto:kelly@iapra.org)

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