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NEW SOCCER PARTICIPATION STATS

Soccer is popular in all 50 U.S. states and is played by children, Gen X, Gen Y, and baby-boomers. Some figures in a 2002 report include:

- Core players*
2000: 3.8 million
2002: 4.1 million
Increase: 8%
- Adults (age 18+)
2000: 3.9 million
2002: 5.1 million
Increase: 30%
- 25-34 year olds
2000: 777,000
2002: 1.534 million
Increase: 97%
- Ages 6-17**
2002: 6.1 million
- Soccer is the second most popular sport for children aged 6-17.
- At the state level, Utah's incidence of soccer participation is double the national average.
- Cincinnati has the highest rate of participation among the top 30 metropolitan areas.

*Those who play 52+ days per year
**Those who play 25+ days/year

Source-SGMA International's Soccer Participation Report - 2003;
www.SGMA.com.



NIRSA and Human Kinetics form Joint Venture

When NIRSA begins its exciting new publishing partnership with Human Kinetics on January 1, 2004, all of its products, publications, and rule books will be sold from a new NIRSA Education Center (NEC) website, and shipped directly from the Human Kinetics headquarters in Champaign, IL.

Please note: The last day to order NIRSA publications directly from the NIRSA National Center is Friday, November 14, 2003. Be sure to order all intramural officials' training materials early. No orders will be processed at the NNC, off the NIRSA website, or from Human Kinetics, between November 15, 2003 and January 1, 2004.

Our relationship with Human Kinetics, an internationally respected publisher that specializes in recreational sports, fitness, and wellness publications, will provide many new benefits to NIRSA members:

- More recreation publications will be written and researched by NIRSA members, for NIRSA members.

- Human Kinetics has a tremendous editing and design staff, plus on-site publishing facilities.
- Human Kinetics has offices worldwide.
- Additional online courses, videos, and software will be available.
- A toll-free number to the NEC will be available during the hours 7am-7pm CST.
- Human Kinetics will exhibit products at the NEC booth at the NIRSA Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition.
- Educational sessions may be held at the Annual Conference for authors to discuss and share research.

Please mark your calendars for November 14, 2003 and order your products and all intramural officials' training materials early.

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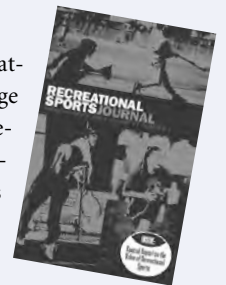
University Presidents to Receive Valuable Recreational Research Data

NIRSA continues to emphasize to college and university administrators the importance of campus recreation to student academic achievement and quality of life. The Spring/Summer 2003 *Recreational Sports Journal* features a special report on the value of campus recreational sports as reported by an independent research firm commissioned by the NIRSA board of directors in 2001.

The Association is mailing this decisive research to the President, Chancellor or chief administrator of every college and university Member-Institution. The study—based on the largest national survey of its kind with 2,673 interviews on 16 college campuses—reveals that students who participate in recreational sports and fitness activities are more likely to succeed at their

college work and are more satisfied with their overall college experience. This research research confirms that participation in recreational sports programs and activities in college is a key determinant of satisfaction, success, recruitment, and retention.

A copy of the *Recreational Sports Journal (RSJ)* with a personal letter from NIRSA President Sid Gonsoulin will be sent to your college or university president, chancellor, or chief administrator within the next few weeks.



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Further Details from the Special Research Report

The research study shows that while heavy participants in recreational sports are serious students concerned about the same academic standards and quality of education as other students, they are also happier than other students are. The report cites the top benefits as:

1. Improves emotional well-being
2. Reduces stress
3. Improves happiness
4. Improves self-confidence
5. Builds character
6. Makes students feel like part of the college community
7. Improves interaction with diverse sets of people
8. Is an important part of college social life
9. Teaches team-building skills
10. Is an important part of learning experience
11. Aids in time-management
12. Improves leadership skills

Honor Award Nominations due December 15, 2003

Send forms to Stan Campbell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 55 Campus Recreation Center, PO Box 880232, Lincoln, NE 68588-0232 or email: scampbell1@unl.edu.

For questions, please phone Campbell at (402) 472-3467. Find complete descriptions www.nirsa.org.



AWARD WINNERS

All 2003 award winners are on the web at nirsa.org.

national student representative



Start to Market Your Value

JEFF GONTAREK, LOYOLA COLLEGE (MARYLAND)

With the summer upon us, we (your student leadership team) have had the opportunity to step back and reflect on the advancements made over the last year. We have also begun preparations for the school year that is right around the corner.

Your leadership team of Patty Bohn, Jake Rosiek, Ruth Schroeder, Neely Cupit, Erik Unger, Molly Scott, and I will enable you to become better informed and to have a greater say in what happens in your NIRSA. Even though it is summer, we need to be prepared for the upcoming school year, take advantage of the opportunities to grow, be ready to market ourselves as undergraduate and graduate students, and be valuable members of our university teams. If we wait until the end of the school year, change may not take

place, but if we get involved now, we will have the time to promote change.

In saying that, we are completing preparations for Regional Student Lead-On's and Conferences for the 2003-2004 school year. Please look at the NIRSA website (nirsa.org) for dates. Also, please find the contact information for the regional student representatives so that you can send them your input to make it a better learning experience for you.

As always, remember to feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns that you may have. Thanks ... Jeff

Send questions or comments to: Jeffrey M. Gontarek, NIRSA National Student Representative, Intramural and Club Sports, Loyola College (Maryland) email: jgontarek@loyola.edu or call (410) 617-5454 (M-F 9am-2:30pm).

Horace Moody Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize six professional NIRSA members who have been instrumental in student development.

To be eligible for this award, candidates must meet the following criteria: (1) they must have been a NIRSA professional member in good standing for at least two years; (2) they must have not received this award within the last two years; and (3) they must be nominated by a current NIRSA student member.

The selection committee, composed of the national student representative as chair, and the six regional student representatives, will choose one professional member from each region.

Criteria to select the professional member includes: should have assisted in student development through various means; served on the student professional development committee; worked on the mentor program; worked with the Student Lead-On program; and, have encouraged students to attend NIRSA events. Winners will be announced at regional business meetings and recognized at the Annual Conference Honor Awards banquet. Send nomination forms by **December 31, 2003** to National Student Representative, Jeff Gontarek at his address above.

Student Member Nominations For Office

Nominations for candidates for national student representative and regional student representatives for all six NIRSA regions are due by **February 4, 2004**. Contact the NNC or NIRSA website (nirsa.org) for the nominating guidelines, then submit these by mail to

Committee Chair Tamra Garstka, Arizona State University, Recreational Sports, Box 871412, Tempe, AZ 85287 or email: idtls@asu.edu. For questions, please call Garstka at (480) 965-9879.

Due Dates for all Scholarship Applications are Online

Find complete details on all NIRSA scholarships at nirsa.org.

National Aquatic Institute

PRESENTED BY NIRSA • OCTOBER 8-10, 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA (MINNEAPOLIS)

About the Event

More than 70 participants attended the first institute and the second annual National Aquatic Institute is expected to be bigger and better. It features:

- Preconference AFO course
- An aquatic facilities tour
- Educational (both classroom and in-water) sessions
- A welcoming keynote session from NIRSA President Sid Gonsoulin
- Featured speaker Sean Kaufman from the Center for Disease Control
- A moderated point/counterpoint discussion on lightning policies

Educational Sessions will include:

- Training and leadership of lifeguards
- Certification programs
- Pool maintenance
- Safety issues/risk management
- Research/evaluation of programs

Accommodations

Lodging is at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, (615 Washington Ave., SE) directly across the street from the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center. To reserve a room, call (612) 379-8888 to request the NIRSA rate of \$80 plus tax (single/double).

Registration Fees

	Received:	Before 9/8/03	After 9/8/03
Professional Member from an Institutional Member		\$285	\$335
Student Member from Institutional Member		\$235	\$285
Additional member from the same institution		\$260	\$310
Professional/Student Member		\$335	\$385
Nonmember		\$440	\$490
Associate/Corporate Member		\$485	\$585
Nonmember associate/corporate		\$880	\$980
One-day registration (professional/student member)		\$200	\$250
IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs)		\$15	\$20
Preconference AFO (professional/student member)		\$225	\$275
Preconference AFO (nonmember)		\$250	\$300

Registration fees include: two days of educational sessions; a facilities tour with lunch; refreshment breaks; evening social; and the closing banquet. Bring a bathing suit for in-water sessions. For more information on the Institute's sponsorship opportunities, go to www.nirsa.net/education/aquatics.htm.

Preconference AFO Course: Tuesday/Wednesday October 7-8, 2003

8:00am-6:00pm (lunch included)

Minneapolis/St. Paul Facilities Tour: Thursday, October 9, 2003

This tour offers something for everyone: It will highlight pools built in the 1930s and the 1990s that serve both major metropolitan college campuses and small private campuses. Six different sites (eight pools) will be visited.

Optional Postconference activities: Saturday, October 11, 2003

Minnesota vs. Michigan football game (11:10am) / Mall of America tour

National Recreation Facilities Institute

PRESENTED BY NIRSA • OCTOBER 15-18, 2003 • NEWPORT BEACH, CA

Building Your Future

The building boom for recreational sports facilities continues to increase the demand for knowledgeable and qualified facility managers and directors. Since 2000, NIRSA member colleges have spent \$7.12 billion for new construction and renovation of indoor and outdoor recreational complexes, centers, and facilities. The National Recreation Facilities Institute provides in-depth information on planning, constructing, renovating, and operating recreational sports facilities. The institute's on-campus tours complement the educational sessions, the interactive opening session, and the networking opportunities with recreational sports managers/directors and architects from across the nation. Check nirsa.org for complete details.

Registration Fees

	Received:	Before 9/15/03	After 9/15/03
Professional/Student Member/Institutional Member		\$365	\$415
Additional member from the same institution		\$335	\$385
Professional/Student Member		\$435	\$485
Nonmember		\$535	\$585
One-day registration (professional/student member)		\$245	\$295
Associate/Corporate Member		\$825	\$925
Nonmember Associate/Corporate		\$1,220	\$1,320
IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs)		\$15	\$20

Registration fees include: education materials, tours, networking social, morning refreshments, and two lunches.

What You'll Get

- Access to a network of recreational sports facilities professionals
- Twenty concurrent sessions from the management and design tracks
- A day and a half of recreational facility tours at three different campuses
- Hors d'oeuvres at the networking social; morning refreshments; and two lunches

Tennis – The Sport of Kings ... Literally

Campus recreational tennis enthusiasts may not be aware of it, but they are carrying on the love of a sport that began more than 800 years ago. Tennis originated in France before the 12th century where the first courts were in courtyards immediately adjacent to a castle or in a monastery. At first, the players just used their hands and the game was called Jeu de Paume meaning “Game of the Palm.” Later players used gloves and eventually short bats to hit the ball. The game became very popular and by the 13th century, it is reported that there were as many as 1,800 courts in France.

The sport has had several names... “Real Tennis” in England, “Court Tennis” in the USA, and “Royal Tennis” in Australia. The oldest court in England (Hampton Court Palace built in 1530 by King Henry VIII) had a very different appearance from a modern tennis court. Surrounded by four high walls and covered by a sloping roof, the playing court’s surface was stone. The net drooped in



the center to 3-feet, but stood 5-foot high at either end. It was just a simple cord hung with tassels.*

Today, an estimated 16.4 million U.S. players enjoy tennis. USA Team Tennis makes it easy to run tennis programs where the emphasis is on fun and fitness

among friends. The United States Tennis Association can assist your campus in getting started and there are stipends available to hire a student to run the program. For more information, call Valerie McCutchan at the NNC or valerie@nirsa.org.

*(Source - *The Origins of Tennis*)



SPORT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championship

Plan now to have your men’s and women’s soccer sport club teams attend the 10th annual soccer championships at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), **November 20-22, 2003.**

There is a change in the number of teams invited to the Men’s Championship Division. This year, that division expands to 24 teams. Each region receives three (3) bids: The defending champion Weber State earns an automatic bid, and five additional teams receive wild card bids. With this new format, 16 teams will advance to the championship bracket, and eight (8) teams will advance to the consolation bracket.

The Women’s Championship Division remains at 16 teams with two (2) bids going to each region: One automatic bid goes to the defending champion (University of Michigan), and three (3) teams receive wild card bids.

Available on a first-come, first-served basis, the Men’s and Women’s Open Divisions will take 16 teams each. When each region formalizes its qualification/invitation process in August, the information will be posted on the NIRSA soccer website at www.nirsa.net/sc/

Questions? Contact your Regional Coordinator or the NNC Today

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<p>Region 6 Mary O’Mahoney University of Arizona (520) 626-3396 FAX (520) 621-9973 mco@u.arizona.edu</p>	<p>Director of Competition Howard Taylor Arizona State University (480) 965-8906 FAX (480) 965-2210 howard.taylor@asu.edu</p>	<p>Region 4 Randall Ford University of Texas at Austin (512) 475-7170 FAX (512) 471-4994 rford@mail.utexas.edu</p>	<p>Region 2 Lisa Hanson University of NC (Charlotte) (704) 687-2883 FAX (704) 687-3556 region2soccer@yahoo.com</p>
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[soccer/index.htm](#). Entries for the Open Division will be accepted after **September 2, 2003**. Beginning **October 27, 2003**, invitations will be extended for the Championship Division, and the entry deadline for all divisions is **October 31, 2003**. The entry fee, eligibility requirements, rules, lodging, and transportation information, can all be found on the soccer website. Contact your regional coordinator for more information.

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THE ULTIMATE RECYCLING PROJECT

Q: What do you do with a 14,500 seat indoor Athletic Department arena when a new arena is built to replace it?"

A: Turn it over to the recreational sports department, cover the floor with artificial turf, and make it in to an indoor soccer stadium.

That is just what the University of Maryland (College Park) did with its 47-year-old Cole Field House when its new 17,000-seat, \$20 million state-of-the-art basketball arena opened last fall.

"We took over management of the older facility," says Jay Gilchrist, director of Recreational Sports at UMD. "We were able to get the arena, seating, an office suite for our manager, a conference room, and all the men's/women's basketball facilities (locker rooms, lounges, weight rooms, training rooms, etc.). Additionally, we have taken a couple of large spaces - an auxiliary gym and the wrestling room - and are turning them into G.A. office spaces. Some of that space, however, will have to wait until funds are available for redevelopment."

The original arena floor had been sanded so many times it was not worth keeping; the boards were sold to sentimental fans and replaced with a new floor.

"We are also planning to play a smaller version of indoor soccer called Futsal - a game endorsed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) that doesn't need boards and inset goals, etc. We will also lay out as large of a 'field' as we can, and use it for

practice space for our sport clubs such as soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, ultimate, and rugby. We have difficulty during the winter months with the teams going outdoors, plus we have a real shortage of outdoor field space."

Due to environmental safety concerns, the facility's seating capacity has been reduced to 12,500 seats.

"We will be getting the artificial turf installed this summer. However, we will also be using the arena for many campus events - college graduations, career fair, summer programs, opening ceremonies for Special Olympics, concerts, etc. This multiuse goal has driven our selection of the artificial turf surface we are installing," reports Gilchrist.

It is safe to say that historically, Cole Field House has seen it all.

"This arena brings back great memories for me. I received all three of my education degrees - BS through PhD - in graduation ceremonies on that floor," says NIRSA Executive Director, Dr. Kent Blumenthal.

Famous for wild, often face-painted basketball fans, men's games drew crowds of more than 15,000 fans. From 1955-2002, Cole Field House not only witnessed some outstanding games such as the NCAA Final Four games, but the court was used for everything from commencements, wrestling, touring U.S. presidents, the first ping-pong tournament between the US and China in 1972, and Bob Hope performances.

Even Elvis played the Cole in 1974. Thank you... Thank you very much.

Futsal History

Futsal, a derivative of soccer, is played with five-man teams on a basketball style court with no walls and a low



bouncing ball instead of playing traditional indoor soccer with six-man squads with walls. Soccer superstars such as Pele, Zico and Ronaldo credit it with developing their skills. The international term FUTSAL was originally referred to as "Minisoccer" and is frequently referred to as "Five-A-Side."

Originating in Uruguay in 1930, it gained rapid popularity throughout South America, particularly in Brazil, which continues to be the hub of the Futsal world. Under the auspices of FIFA (the Fédération Internationale de Football Association), the game is played all over the world - in Europe, North and Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania.

The first international competition took place in 1965, and the first international U.S. match was in 1985 at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, Calif. Nearly 1,100 Boys and Girls Clubs of America play the sport, as well as members of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). For more information, contact the FIFA in Berkeley, CA at (510) 836-USFF (8733) or by email futsal@futsal.org.

Information with NIRSA Board Shared at Second Annual Neighborhood Summit

This past June, the second annual NIRSA Neighborhood Summit held during the Board of Director's summer Board meeting, provided a perfect opportunity for an expanded exchange of information. Members from nearby campuses met at a park near the NIRSA National Center to share ideas, network, and offer suggestions.

Members reported they appreciated being asked for their input, especially during the small group breakout sessions with a board member. Attendees included: Jennifer DeVries, Brent Harrison, Dennis Munroe and Marisa Hastie (University of Oregon in Eugene); Bruce Mace, (Willamette University in Salem); Richard Sedgwick (Western Oregon University in Monmouth); James Mellein, Thomas Kirch, Benjamin White, Bill Callender, Kristie Deschesne, and Lisa Hoogesteger (Oregon State University in Corvallis); Alex Accetta (Portland State University); NIRSA Past Executive Director Will Holsberry of Corvallis; and the 2003-2004 NIRSA Board of Directors.



Deadlines for Nomination of Awards, Scholarships, NIRSA Offices, and Bylaws Amendments

All information about awards, Bylaws, scholarship criteria, and nomination forms are available at nirsa.org and from the NNC.

SUBJECT	CONTACT	EMAIL	DUE BY
Amendments to NIRSA Bylaws	Ken Lovic	kenlovic@gsu.edu	August 15, 2003
Creative Excellence Awards	Kristine Stotler	ks12@swt.edu	September 1, 2003
President-Elect and Regional VPs	Tamra Garstka	idtls@asu.edu	September 19, 2003
National Service Award	Contact your Regional VP	nirsa.org	September 30, 2003
Outstanding Sports Facility	Joe Kaminski	jkaminsk@mail.unomaha.edu	October 15, 2003
NIRSA Honor Award	Stan Campbell	scampbell1@unl.edu	December 15, 2003
Horace Moody	Jeff Gontarek	jgontarek@loyola.edu	December 31, 2003
Regional Award of Merit	Contact your Regional VP	nirsa.org	December 31, 2003
NIRSA Foundation 2004 Annual Conference Scholarships for Students	Mark Fletcher	mef@virginia.edu	January 9, 2004
Foundation 2004 Executive Institute/SRSM Scholarship for Professionals (the Will Holsberry Endowment)	Mark Fletcher	mef@virginia.edu	January 9, 2004
William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award	Kim Clark	kdclark@uncg.edu	January 26, 2004
Nominations for Regional and National Student Representatives	Tamra Garstka	idtls@asu.edu	February 4, 2004

Nominations for NIRSA Leaders due by September 19, 2003

The offices available beginning in April 2004 include: president-elect; region II vice president; region IV vice president; and region VI vice president.

To nominate a professional member, follow these guidelines:

- 1) An individual must be an active professional member for at least two years;
- 2) Regional VP candidates may be nominated only by professional members from their respective region and must meet residency requirements;

- 3) Any professional member may nominate president-elect candidates;
- 4) Any person may nominate himself or herself for any office for which he/she is eligible. Submit nominations in writing to Tamara Garstka, the chair of nominations and elections committee, on or before **September 19, 2003**.

The committee will contact eligible candidates to request they submit the following:

- 1) NIRSA nomination form
- 2) Current résumé
- 3) A letter of support

Send all candidate materials to the chair by **September 19, 2003**. If selected as a finalist, candidates should submit a recent digital photo (3" x 5" or larger) no later than **October 27, 2003**. A copy of the qualifications and responsibilities for these positions are available on the NIRSA website or from the NNC. Send all materials by mail to Chair, Tamra Garstka, Arizona State University, Recreational Sports, Box 871412, Tempe, AZ 85287 or email: idtls@asu.edu. For questions, please call Garstka at (480) 965-9879.

Winners of the 2003 Creative Excellence Awards Wowed Judges with Imagination and Talent

NIRSA recognized the following recipients of the NIRSA Creative Excellence Awards at the 2003 Annual Conference in Cleveland, OH. Designed to bring recognition to the outstanding marketing efforts taking place on college and university campuses, the awards also serve as an educational tool for all NIRSA members. The winners had an opportunity to discuss the winning entries with the judges and the project coordinator.

1. Comprehensive Publications Programs

- First Place: Laura Wee, Indiana University
- Second Place: Cheryl Nordin, Central Michigan
- Third Place: Sharae Randall, Washington State University

2. Graphic Communications – Facility Publications

- Eunmai Moon, University of Illinois

3. Graphic Communications – Programming Publications

- First Place: Brooke Thompson, James Madison University
- Second Place: Laura Wee, Indiana University (Bloomington)
- Third Place: Lisa Nagy, University of Texas at Arlington

4. New Media - Web Page

- First Place: Sharae Randall, Washington State University

- Second Place: Laura Wee, Indiana University (Bloomington)
- Third Place: Lisa Nagy, University of Texas at Arlington

5. Student Work

- First Place: Laura Bryant, James Madison University
- Second Place: Kristy Bessner, University of Illinois
- Third Place: Nikie Downing, Indiana University (Bloomington)

The deadline for submitting materials for the Creative Excellence Awards for 2004 is September 1, 2003. Send to Kristine Stotler, Southwest Texas State University, Dept. of Campus Recreation, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: (512) 245-2392 or email her at ks12@swt.edu.

Finding a Job at the COC

"Mom! I got the job!" exclaimed an elated young woman into her cell phone near the registration area during the recent NIRSA Annual Conference in Cleveland.

As one of the 328 eager candidates looking for jobs as graduate assistantships or permanent positions in the college and university recreation market, her declaration sums up the overall success of the seamless 2003 Career Opportunities Center operation.

"Overall, candidates seemed very pleased at the ease of searching for a position in the COC," says Mary Martin, NIRSA membership operations coordinator. Held each year in conjunction with the conference, candidates know that this is their best way to find a position in the growing recreational sports field. Sponsored by the NIRSA Foundation, the COC repeatedly remains high on the list of valued events in NIRSA member surveys.

While BluefishJobs.com, NIRSA's online employment data bank, is a hub for employment opportunities in the recreational sports industry throughout the year, as the NIRSA Annual Conference nears, anticipation of both finding a job and filling vacant positions increases exponentially.

This year, using one of 24 computers in the center, some candidates conducted keyword searches on BluefishJobs.com to narrow the list of more than 300 job opportunities through 117 employers, while others



targeted the same listings in print. No matter the method used, candidates applied immediately for opportunities that interested them by simply submitting a message to the potential employer's mailbox. The employers then responded and arranged for one-on-one interviews with candidates. Personal interviews and presentations on various opportunities took place onsite over four fast-paced days.

Volunteers in the COC, many previous candidates and employers, extended friendly words of encouragement and provided an organized service to both job seekers and employers.

"The volunteers, who are all members of NIRSA, are the lifeblood of the COC. Without them it doesn't happen!" says Mark Ritter, 2002-2003 Career Opportunities Committee Chair.

"They made the job-seeking and interviewing process as smooth as possible, and an overall success for everyone," adds Martin.

Proposed NIRSA Bylaws Amendments

NIRSA members should submit any proposed bylaws changes no later than **August 15, 2003** to Ken Lovic, chair of the bylaws/operating code committee, Georgia State University, Recreational Services, Atlanta, GA 30303; (email: kenlovic@gsu.edu); use the NIRSA Autoresponder system (email: bylaws1@nirsa.org); or contact the NNC. For questions, please phone Lovic at (404) 463-1515. Copies of the current bylaws are on the NIRSA website at nirsa.org.

RSF Submission guidelines:

If you have an idea that would be great for publication in *Recreational Sports & Fitness*, go to nirsa.org to download submission guidelines and tips. Learn how you can be a contributor as an idea generator, interviewee, or writer.

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NIRSA's Mission Statement

The mission of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association is to provide for the education and development of professional and student members and to foster quality recreational programs, facilities and services for diverse populations. NIRSA demonstrates its commitment to excellence by utilizing resources that promote ethical and healthy lifestyle choices.



David Bowles at the University of Florida was promoted from senior associate director to director of recreational sports.

Yvette Kell, formerly the coordinator of aquatics and fitness at the University of Wisconsin (Whitewater), is now the assistant director for facilities and aquatics at the University of Nevada (Las Vegas).

Kathryn Locke, formerly the assistant director at Loyola College (Baltimore), is now the aquatic program manager at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville).

Kurt Schooley, former coordinator of intramural sports at Ohio University (Athens) is now the assistant director of sport programs at University of Kansas (Lawrence).

Christine Z. Thompson, formerly the associate director for aquatics and programs at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, is now the assistant director for aquatics at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

Michelle Zimmer, formerly the assistant director of campus recreation at Elon University in North Carolina, is now the special events coordinator in the City Department of Parks and Recreation in Tamarac, Florida.

New Associate Members

- Collegiate Golf Alliance
info@cgagolflinks.com
- ESPN, The Magazine
pete.bryden@espn3.com
- Qualite Sports Lighting Inc.
qsl@qualite.com

New Institutional Members

- Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, CT
- Ripon College in Ripon, WI

NIRSA Affirmative Action Plan

For information about the NIRSA Affirmative Action plan and the AAP committee, see www.nirsa.org.

calendar of events

2003

August 13, 2003

NIRSA Committees Midyear Reports deadline: nirsa.org

August 15, 2003

Proposed Bylaws Amendments deadline: Contact—Ken Lovic, kenlovic@gsu.edu

September 1, 2003

Creative Excellence Awards deadline: Contact—Kristine Stotler, ks12@swt.edu

September 8-9, 2003

NIRSA Foundation Midyear Meeting: Albuquerque, NM

September 10-13, 2003

NIRSA BOD Midyear Meeting: Albuquerque, NM

September 18-19, 2003

*Florida State Workshop: Orlando, FL

September 19, 2003

President-Elect and Regional Vice President nominations deadline: nirsa.org—Contact Tamra Garstka at idtIs@asu.edu

September 25-26, 2003

*Arizona State Workshop: Tucson, AZ

September 26, 2003

*North Carolina State Workshop: Elon, NC

September 26-27, 2003

*Pennsylvania State Workshop: Philadelphia, PA

September 30-October 2, 2003

*Region V Conference: Fort Collins, CO

September 30, 2003

National Service Award nomination deadline: nirsa.org

October 2-3, 2003

*Illinois State Workshop: Rock Island, IL

October 9, 2003

*Michigan State Workshop: Ionia, MI

October 8-10, 2003

*National Aquatic Institute: Minneapolis, MN
Presented by NIRSA

October 8-10, 2003

*Texas State Workshop: Corpus Christi, TX

October 15, 2003

Outstanding Sports Facilities Awards Deadline: Contact—Joe Kaminski, jkaminsk@mail.unomaha.edu

October 15-18, 2003

*National Recreation Facilities Institute: Newport Beach, CA, Presented by NIRSA

November 5-7, 2003

*Region I Conference: Atlantic City, NJ

November 6-7, 2003

*Ohio State Workshop: Dayton, OH

November 6-7, 2003

*Wisconsin State Workshop: Eau Claire, WI

November 9, 2003

*Region VI Student Lead-On & Golf Tournament: Emeryville, CA

November 10-11, 2003

*Region VI Conference & State Directors Meeting: Emeryville, CA

November 14, 2003

Last day to order NIRSA publications directly from NIRSA National Center and website

November 14, 2003

*Indiana State Workshop: Muncie, IN

November 20-22, 2003

Soccer Sport Club Championships: Tuscaloosa, AL

December 5-7, 2003

*Region II Conference: Athens, GA

December 15, 2003

Honor Award nomination deadline. Send to: Stan Campbell, scampbell1@unl.edu

December 31, 2003

Regional Award of Merit nomination deadline: nirsa.org

Horace Moody Award nomination deadline: nirsa.org—Contact Jeff Gontarek, jgontarek@loyola.edu

2004

January 1, 2004

NEC—NIRSA Educational Center opens. Publications now available through Human Kinetics

January 9, 2004

Foundation Scholarships due: contact Mark Fletcher, mef@virginia.edu

January 15-16, 2004

*Tennessee State Workshop: Johnson City, TN

January 26, 2004

William Wasson Student Academic & Leadership Award nomination deadline: nirsa.org, Contact—Kim Clark kdclark@uncg.edu

February 4, 2004

Student Candidate nominations: Contact—Tamra Gartstka idtIs@asu.edu

***POTENTIAL CRSS TESTING SITES:** Certified Recreational Sports Specialist (CRSS) exam applications are available through the NNC Education Department. Individuals must submit a complete exam application with the appropriate documentation, fee, and any written requests for special auxiliary aids needed during testing, to the NIRSA National Center a minimum of 30 days before the preferred testing date. Once applications are reviewed, applicants will be notified of their eligibility to take the examination.

Call For Recreational Sports Journal Articles

The NIRSA RSJ seeks articles on a wide variety of subjects—theoretical, practical, technical, historical, philosophical, creative, or controversial. Detailed guidelines and a list of potential subjects can be found on the NIRSA website at

nirsa.org/secure/journal/topics.htm. Mail manuscripts to: Dr. Lynn Jamieson, CRSS, chair, Department of Recreation and Park Administration - HPER 133, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405-480; FAX: (812) 855-3998 or email: lyjamies@indiana.edu. For inquiries, please phone her at (812) 855-4711.