

RECOGNIZE A DESERVING COLLEAGUE, AGENCY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM/SPECIAL EVENT

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association recognizes and honors individuals, groups, programs, facilities and agencies each year who have rendered outstanding service to the field of parks and recreation, as well as to ARPA. The Awards Committee of APRA is responsible for seeking nominations for the various awards presented by the Association. The Committee studies the qualifications of each individual, group, facility, agency or program nominated using criteria established by the ARPA Board of Directors, and then selects the most deserving nominees. The selected nominees and their information will be presented to a committee comprised of previous Jim Spain Award winners for final selection. The awards will be presented during the annual Awards and Installation Banquet held during ARPA's annual conference. The Awards Committee will be accepting nominations for consideration in the following categories:

JIM SPAIN Professional of the Year Award

Any member of ARPA may nominate a candidate for this award. Eligible candidates include any member who is in good standing with ARPA and has been a member of ARPA for at least 10 years and has had a minimum of 10 years of full time professional service in the field of recreation, parks or conservation and has not received the award previously.

A maximum of one Jim Spain Professional of the Year Award will be awarded. Nominees should be qualified in at least one of the following categories of service:

Leadership and or active involvement: must have rendered outstanding service or accomplishment to the leisure service recreation, parks and/or conservation profession through leadership and/or active involvement. Must have successfully held positions of leadership in professional organizations. This should include any positions held on the national, regional, state or local level.

Writing, research, speeches and/or innovation programs: must have rendered outstanding service or accomplishment to the leisure service, recreation, parks and/or conservation profession as a speaker on programs-local, state, regional, national, etc.; through articles published in newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, etc.; through research which has helped further the profession, or through the innovation of a specific program on the local, state, regional or national basis in the area of leisure services, recreation, parks and /or conservation.

In bibliographic form, please list all pertinent accomplishments attributed to the nominee; name the organizations, position held and dates of service held by nominee; articles written should include the names and dates of the publications; presentations should be noted by topic, date and to whom the presentation was

made; programming activities should be noted by a program description, date and site of implementation.

MERIT IN RECREATION AWARD

Any member of ARPA may make a nomination for this award. Any ARPA member who has been employed full-time and a member of ARPA for at least 5 years in the field of recreation, athletics, leisure services or special event programming and/or leadership is eligible for this award.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who has shown outstanding leadership and innovation in the area of recreation, athletics, leisure or special event programming and /or instruction

MERIT IN PARKS AWARDS

Any member of ARPA who is in good standing may make a nomination for this award. Any ARPA member who has been employed full-time and a member of ARPA for at least 5 years in the field of parks planning, park operation or maintenance is eligible for this award.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who has shown outstanding leadership and innovation in the areas of park planning, operations or maintenance.

MERIT IN THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AWARD

Any member of ARPA may make a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include individuals who have been employed full-time and a member of APRA for at least 5 years in the field of therapeutic recreation.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who has shown outstanding leadership, service and innovation to participants or clients, or to the field of Therapeutic Recreation or state, regional, or national Therapeutic Recreation organizations.

OUTSTANDING NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Any member of APRA may make a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include individuals who have been employed full-time and a member of ARPA for 5 years or less in the field of parks and recreation.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who has been employed in the field 5 years or less and who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the profession of parks, recreation, and leisure services and who has been actively involved in ARPA.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Any member of ARPA may submit a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include political leaders, local, state or federal employees or leisure service employees from outside the state of Alabama who have significantly assisted APRA in some manner.

Qualifications: Nominations should be based on contributions to the leisure service, recreation, parks and/ or conservation field on the local, state or national level. These contributions must be perceived as having as lasting effect on the nominator's programs or the Alabama Parks and Recreation Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Any member of ARPA may submit a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include any person, business, civic club, organization or agency not officially associated on a professional basis in the recreation, park or leisure service field.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who have made contributions to the leisure service, recreation, parks and/or conservation profession at the local, state or national level. These contributions should be perceived by the nominator as having a lasting effect on the affiliate's program or the community.

CHESTER FREEMAN PARK BOARD SERVICE AWARD

Any member of ARPA may submit a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include any person who has served or is currently serving on a park and recreation board.

Qualifications: one award shall be given to an eligible candidate who has been instrumental in providing the leadership, political advocacy and fundraising needed to create top-level public park and recreation agencies.

RETIREE CERTIFICATE

Any member of ARPA may submit a nomination for this award. Eligible candidates include any retired leisure service, recreation, parks and/or conservation professional.

Qualifications: The nominee must have been a member of ARPA for a least 5 years and one who has made signification contribution to the profession on the local level, as well as the Association prior to their retirement.

OUTSTANDING FACILITY AWARD

The purpose of these awards is to recognize and honor public parks and recreation agencies within the state for outstanding and unique achievements in the design and development of park and recreation facilities. This award is for

either new construction or renovation of an existing facility. Only one entry per year, per agency will be allowed. Facilities being nominated must have been completed or renovated and opened to the public within the past 5 calendar years (Jan. 1, 2005-Dec. 1, 2009).

Categories for nomination include: Specific Use Facility, Multiple Use Facility, Aquatic Facility, Parks, Renovations, Rehabilitation, Conversion, Remodeling or Restoration. Awards will be given in each class of population. Agencies serving populations of 15,000 or less; and agencies serving populations of 15,001 or more.

Nominations for facility awards are very specific and require the submission of a great deal of material. For more information on this award please contact Gayle Milam at (256) 772-2557 or email: gayle.milam@madisonal.gov.

AGENCY OF THE YEAR

This award is to recognize exemplary agencies in the state whose primary functions is the delivery of recreation and park services for the public, private and corporate community. Agencies are eligible to receive this award once in a 5 year period.

Qualifications: Any agency (affiliate member) within the state of Alabama whose primary function is to provide parks and recreation programs or leisure related services and has made significant contributions to parks and recreation programs or the leisure services on the local, state, regional or national level. One award will be given in each class of population. Agencies serving populations of 15,000 or less and agencies serving populations of 15,001 or more.

There are special requirements to adhere to when nominating an agency. For more information on this award please contact Gayle Milam at (256) 772-2557 or email gayle.milam@madisonal.gov.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAM/SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Any individual or agency member in good standing with ARPA may submit a nomination for this award. This award is to honor programs/special events that demonstrate exceptional innovation in design, presentation and implementation in the park and recreation field. Innovative or unique programs/events from all areas of parks and recreation and leisure services are eligible for nomination.

Qualifications: The agency or agency's staff member(s) in charge of the nominated program must be current member(s) in good standing with APRA. The nominated program must be implemented between October 1, 2008-

September 30, 2009. One award will be given in each class of population. Agencies serving populations of 15,000 or less and agencies serving populations of 15,001 or more. There is a special checklist for this nomination. For additional information of this award please contact Gayle Milam at (256) 772-2557 or email gayle.milam@madisonal.gov.

2009 ARPA AWARDS PROGRAM



**ALABAMA RECREATION
& PARKS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATION INFORMATION

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**Submission Deadlines
5:00 pm on Friday
December 4, 2009**