



2021
Missouri Park & Recreation Association
**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

We are excited that you are considering becoming a member of the Missouri Park & Recreation Association. Our membership structure encourages engagement with as many parks and recreation professionals as possible throughout the state. It allows for direct contact with volunteer leaders and enhanced diversity in our association's work. It focuses on member ROI - there are benefits available for every member!

APPLICATION CONTENT

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EXPERIENCE ALL THE BENEFITS FROM A MPRA MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MPRA members have the opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills as well as network with other members at numerous events throughout the year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MPRA has education opportunities throughout each year that cover all positions within parks and recreation such as maintenance or marketing workshops, the Leadership Development Institute, Executive Forum, lunch and learns as well as education sessions for specific sections of interest. Many events also provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) enabling MPRA members to remain at the forefront of their profession.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MPRA hosts an annual conference for all members to attend. The conference is a great learning and networking opportunity filled with a weeks worth of high quality education sessions, expansive expo, awards ceremonies, socials, and of course fun. Members who want to participate in the expo also have the benefit of registering two weeks before non-members which allows them access to premier spaces in the expo hall as well as a discount.

ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY

Only MPRA members have access to the online membership database which allows members to easily search for and communicate with other members. Members can search the database by name, city, sections of interest, and more.

MEMBER ONLY RESOURCES

Additional online resources that are available especially for MPRA members are: access to industry survey results, Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax resources, electronic publications and e-newsletters, board meeting minutes, by-laws, manual of procedures, and Member Forums which allow members to ask questions, have conversations, and communicate easily on any topic.

ZOOM RECORDINGS

Members also have access to past MPRA meetings recorded via Zoom. Members can watch recordings, view chats and notes from MPRA Zoom meetings addressing many hot topics within MPRA groups.

CERTIFICATIONS

MPRA supports industry certifications by providing CEUs that apply to your Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). We also host annual Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) and Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) courses in conjunction with NRPA.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSISTANCE

The MPRA office is eager to assist you. Our goal is to be a valuable resource in advocating, communicating, and educating on behalf of our entire membership. MPRA can help you connect with other agencies, vendors, organizations, and individuals who have the answers, skills, or materials you need to make your job easier.

DISCOUNTS

MPRA members receive discounted prices on educational workshops, annual conference, job postings, and many events throughout the year.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many leadership opportunities are available to MPRA members. The MPRA members and the leadership roles they fulfill help make the Association a success each year. These roles include the Board of Directors, Regional Committees, Section Leadership, and various committees.

MAGAZINE

Not only does an MPRA membership get you a subscription to the quarterly MPRA publication, a membership gets you the opportunity to be featured in the magazine. Whether it is a employment or retirement announcement or a feature article on achievements in your city, the magazine is here to share your stories with the MPRA membership. Advertising discounts are also offered to our members who want to get their ads in front of the entire membership.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial assistance is available for members to attend educational events such as the annual conference. The scholarships are available to Individual Professional members and/or any full time employee/board/commission member of Agency or Organizational members of MPRA.

CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENTS

Members also have the opportunity to apply for reimbursements for certifications that they have obtained during the year such as AFO, CPSI, CPRP, and CPRE. This way members can obtain certifications at essentially no cost to them with the help of MPRA reimbursements.

AWARDS

Outstanding leaders and members are recognized for their contributions at the annual MPRA Conference and Expo. MPRA also administers the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame.

SECTIONS OF INTEREST

Members can participate and be informed in specific sections of interest of the Association. Affiliation with these sections give members a more personalized membership so they are up to date on events or news within their section of interest. Members can also assist in selecting specific educational sessions for the interest areas. Up to three section affiliations are included with your membership. Sections of interest are as follows:

AQUATICS: Professionals with interests in maintaining safe practices and conditions in an aquatic environment, including recreational, instructional, therapeutic, and fitness/competitive aquatic activities within the parks and recreation community.

PARK RESOURCES: Members who have involvement or interests in the management, appearance, health, safety of landscapes and features, or outdoor recreation within parks which are designed to be used by members of the public.

SPORTS: Individuals and groups interested in providing the highest quality experiences possible in recreational, instructional, therapeutic, and competitive sports.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: New professionals or students seeking a supportive environment to launch their careers in parks and recreation.

REGION AFFILIATION

Missouri MPRA members are currently separated into four regions which are the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast regions. The regional structure allows MPRA to offer customized educational opportunities in your corner of the state.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

MPRA is the recognized voice of parks, recreation, and leisure services in Missouri. Our goal is to represent the needs of our professionals in the Missouri General Assembly and work with policy-makers as a source of information and advice.

TICKET CONSIGNMENT PROGRAM

MPRA partners with theme parks around the state to offer a ticket sales program that allows member agencies to offer a service to their communities that cannot be found anywhere else. Along with the ability to offer their community discounted theme parks tickets, the agency earns a commission on each sale as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

MPRA staff keep members up to date and informed by sending important emails, social media updates, a monthly newsletter, and other communications. The staff's goal is to ensure each MPRA member is aware of all opportunities available and that they are continually informed of all relevant events, meetings, learning sessions, or any other occasion that benefits their professional career or helps advocate the mission of MPRA.

Missouri Park & Recreation Association CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A **Corporate Membership** shall consist of for-profit corporations, partnerships, and firms that support and encourage the purposes of the Association. Corporate Members shall possess all the benefits of an MPRA membership including the right to vote and to hold office. Note: This membership type includes up to five (5) employees of the same corporation who qualify as Individual Professional Members.*

**Individual Professional Membership shall consist of any full-time employee holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and/or a professional certification as defined in the Manual of Procedures.*

BUSINESS INFO

→ **ONCE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO MPRA, A SPREADSHEET WILL BE SENT TO THE PRIMARY CONTACT TO REGISTER OR RENEW INDIVIDUAL STAFF MEMBERS.**

Business _____

Primary Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

☐ **APPLYING FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION AFFILIATIONS

→ **CHOOSE UP TO THREE SECTIONS PER MEMBER WHEN FILLING OUT SPREADSHEET**

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**AQUATICS
PARK RESOURCES**

**SPORTS
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBER FEE

\$ 500.00

DONATION TO MPRA*

\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$ _____

* Many charitable donations are tax deductible. Make sure to check with your tax professional!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Renewals Only: I will renew online. MPRA encourages you to renew your membership online at **mopark.org**.
Please remember that each corporation has one username and password for the entire business.

☐ New Members: I want to pay online. Please submit this form and MPRA will provide you with login information.

☐ I will mail a check to the address below.

☐ Please send me an invoice.

☐ I will call MPRA with my credit card information.
(Due to information safety, MPRA can no longer accept digitally emailed or faxed credit card information.)

CONTACT MPRA

Mail application and payment to:
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To renew or apply online, please visit mopark.org.

If paying by credit card or if you have any further questions, call 573-636-3828.