

Do you know a SSPRPA member that is reaching a milestone?

Have they been in the park and recreation field for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years? Are they retiring? SSPRPA would like to recognize our members in their milestone year. If you know someone please send us their information and they will be recognized during the SSPRPA Awards Program. Milestone should be achieved April 2, 2014 - April 1, 2015.

Name: _____

Years of Service: 5 10 15 20 25 (circle)

If more than 25, how many years served? _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email : _____

Park Board Member Years of Service Recognition

We would like to honor the South Suburban Park Board Members that have served their agencies consecutively for 5, 10, 15, 20 and/or 25 years or more.

Name: _____

Years of Service: 5 10 15 20 25 (circle)

If more than 25, how many years served? _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Contact for Agency: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Will this Certificate of Appreciation be given at the Community Leader Banquet In November 2015?

YES

NO

If "no" SSPRPA will mail the Certificate of Appreciation to the Agency Contact

The Quest for Excellence

The South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association has created an Awards and Recognition Program for park and recreation professionals and legislators. It is the intention of SSPRPA to recognize the individual who demonstrates the "vision" to achieve excellence in leisure programming and service.

Do you know a fellow professional who deserves recognition? Someone whose contributions have made a significant impact in the field of Parks and Recreation? Someone who has shown excellence in promoting parks and recreation within the SSPRPA? Someone who has exhibited outstanding leadership service and professional commitment? SSPRPA offers several opportunities to recognize excellence in our profession.

The SSPRPA Awards and Recognition Program honors outstanding individuals for their professional contributions as well as their commitment to SSPRPA.

All SSPRPA members are invited to nominate candidates for one or more of the awards described in this application.

Nomination forms and narratives are due to the SSPRPA Awards Chairperson by **Friday, March 13, 2015**.

The SSPRPA has created a fair and equitable way to choose a deserving candidate per award. The judges of these awards are comprised of seven (7) members including the Awards Committee Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Legislative Initiative Chairperson and four additional current SSPRPA members selected by the Awards Committee.

Awards and Milestone Certificates will be presented at the SSPRPA Awards Ceremony on April 9, 2015 starting at 11:00am at the Lemont Park District.

New this year, the Excellence in Leadership Award and Park Board Member Years of Service Awards will be presented at the *Community Leader Banquet* in November 2015 (*location TBD*).



2015 Awards Recognition

Professional of the Year

Young Professional of the Year

Member of the Year

Park Board Member Years of Service

Member Milestones

2014 Award Recipients

Professional of the Year

**Young Professional of the
Year**

Kevin Miller

Member of the Year

Bob Russo

**Excellence in Leadership
Representative** Renee Kosel

This booklet is available on the SSPRPA website and has been e-mailed to every SSPRPA member.

Professional of the Year Award

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who has created awareness of the importance of park and recreation among their communities and must have made a significant impact within a SSPRPA agency from the previous year.

Candidates for the Professional of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served for five (5) or more years full time as a park and recreation professional
- Holds a certification that maintains continuing education credits or units is preferred
- Must have made a notable contribution to SSPRPA by serving in the capacity of a current or former committee chairman or by serving on the Executive Board

Candidates for the Professional of the Year must meet a **minimum of five** of the following criteria:

- Dedication and experience in developing quality parks, facilities and recreation services for the agency they serve
- Must have been an active participant on a SSPRPA committee
- Accomplishments achieved as a professional benefit the agency they serve
- Professional involvement in Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) and/or National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) committees
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Recognizable achievements and service of the Park and Recreation field within the candidate's local community. Additional professional certifications that benefit the local agency

Member of the Year Award

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exemplary skills in providing recreation services for the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association.

Candidates for the Member of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served a minimum of one (1) year of employment in a park and recreation agency
- Must have contributed to the overall success of SSPRPA
- Major contribution during the previous year to SSPRPA

Member of the Year Award (cont'd)

Candidates for the Member of the Year must meet a **minimum of three** of the following criteria:

- Motivated to achieve goals
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Positive attitude
- Dedicated to the park and recreation field as a role model to others
- Team player

Young Professional Award

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates potential in making significant contributions to the park and recreation profession.

Candidates for the Young Professional of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served a minimum of one (1) year but less than five (5) years full time as a park and recreation professional
- Must have participated on SSPRPA committee

Candidates for the Young Professional Award must meet a **minimum of five** of the following criteria:

- Must have volunteered for SSPRPA event (s)
- Must demonstrate a commitment and promotion of the park and recreation movement within the candidates local community
- Must have achieved notable success within the candidate's agency
- Must hold a certification that maintains continuing education credits or units
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Additional professional certifications that enhance and/or benefit the local agency
- Professional involvement in Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) and/or National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) committees

GO GREEN!

Submit your nomination/s online by Friday, March 13 for the SSPRPA Awards at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D5XM2P>

***Please note that the Excellence in Leadership Award will have a separate nomination form distributed in Summer/Fall 2015 and will be awarded at the Community Leader Banquet in November 2015.**



Award Nomination Form

Please duplicate and use a separate form for each nomination. Please complete the nominating form, attach a one page narrative and submit to the SSPRPA Awards Chairperson by **Friday, March 13, 2015**. The narrative must include content that corresponds to the individual award criteria.

South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association **Professional of the Year**

South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association **Member of the Year**

South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association **Young Professional of the Year**

Please type or print clearly

Nominee: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Narrative attached

Return all nomination forms and narratives to:

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