Restoring the Spirit of the Landscape

The Recreation Response to the Challenge of Change

Baton Rouge, 2012

The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

32nd Annual Conference
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Welcome from the Conference Planning Committee

Welcome to the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP). We hope you’ll enjoy the unique culture of Louisiana while you’re in Baton Rouge, and that you find the conference program and field workshops to be educational and informative. If you need anything at all during the conference, please contact any committee member or ask at the registration desk.

Jennifer Heisey, Co-chair and Host Committee Chair, NARRP Secretary, USFS Natural Resources Specialist
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Chad Schneckenburger, BLM Social and Cultural Resources Supervisor
NARRP 2013 Traverse City, MI

We are looking forward to seeing you May 19-24, 2013!

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Information for Attendees

**Bulletin Board**
There is a bulletin board for messages, general conference and transportation information located near the Registration Desk. Please check it periodically in case someone at the conference is trying to reach you.

**Registration Desk**
- Monday: 9:00am – 8:00pm
- Tuesday: 7:00am – 5:00pm
- Wednesday: 7:00am - 8:00am, 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Thursday: 7:00am – 5:00pm

**Hospitality Room**
Open from 8-11pm Monday through Thursday nights. Light beverages and snacks will be provided in suite 319. Open to all conference registrants. Come enjoy the company of old and new friends.

**Remember, we are in the Deep South!**
If you are coming from other parts of the United States, the temperatures in Louisiana in April may be much different than typical spring weather. Temperatures average in the 70s but can be in the 80s. This is a cooler time of the season for Louisiana as the temperatures will be in the 90s with high humidity in proceeding months. Enjoy and soak up the sun!

- Keep hydrated by drinking water.
- Remember to apply sunscreen.
- Wear sunglasses and clothing for warmer temperatures.

**Internet Access**
There is free wireless high speed internet in guest rooms. There is also free wireless in the front lobby.

**Transportation**
Shuttle transportation to and from the Baton Rouge Airport is complimentary for all guests staying at the Belle of Baton Rouge. Simply call the hotel at (225) 242-2600 once you have collected your baggage.

The Belle of Baton Rouge is located downtown within easy walking distance of many restaurants and cultural attractions. The hotel’s shuttle is also available to take guests to locations within a 5-mile radius of the hotel.

Thank you for attending the 32nd Annual National Recreation Resource Planning Conference: Restoring the Spirit of the Landscape: The Recreation Response to the Challenges of Change.

We appreciate your attendance and we hope you find the sessions both informative and enjoyable.

If you have any questions or concerns during the conference, please stop by the registration desk and ask for assistance.

More information about NARRP is available at www.NARRP.org.

Thank you and please enjoy what promises to be a great event!
**Breaks and Meals**

Breakfast is provided for guests every morning during your stay at the Belle’s Garden Atrium Buffet. Also see the local attractions section of the program for other breakfast options in downtown Baton Rouge. Refreshments will be provided during classroom session breaks.

Please join us for light hors d’oeuvres at the Monday evening opening reception located in the Atrium. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday (NARRP Business Meeting), Wednesday (Field Workshops), and Thursday (National Awards Program). NARRP’s dinner banquet and live auction will be held on Tuesday evening. It will include a crawfish boil and Louisiana cuisine for all to enjoy. Dress for this event is casual—a crawfish boil can be a little messy!

**Live Auction – Atrium**

Join us for a spirited live auction at 7:00 Tuesday evening. You won’t want to miss this popular conference tradition. A special attraction this year will be the sale of the original art commissioned for the conference (see cover) and created by Louisiana artist Kelly Guidry. Expect some surprises from our auctioneer – Rick Just. All proceeds fund NARRP’s student conference scholarships! Visa and Master Card credit cards are accepted as are checks.

**Silent Auction – Baton Rouge East and West**

We greatly appreciate the handcrafted, outdoor products, and other items generously donated by so many individuals and businesses. Stop by and bid often, and remember that all proceeds go to support student conference scholarships! You’ll find lots of great deals and feel good about supporting the important work of NARRP. This year we have many donations from local businesses and restaurants. In order to allow you time to take advantage of those local buys, the silent auction will close Tuesday evening at 7:00.

**Name Badges**

Your name badge should be worn at all times during the conference. In addition to being your introduction to new friends and contacts, it is your ticket to each session and social event. At the end of your stay with us, please drop your name badge holder at the Registration Desk; it will be reused for future events.

**Proceedings**

All concurrent, keynote and poster session presenters are invited to submit presentations (full paper, outline, PowerPoint, abstract, etc.) for sharing and archiving on the NARRP website. Formal proceedings (CD or hard copy) will not be prepared and distributed to attendees.

**Conference Evaluation**

We want your feedback! The Conference Planning Committee will follow-up with conference participants via email after the conference with access to an online survey. Your participation will assist with planning for next year’s conference in Traverse City, Michigan, which is already well underway.
Student Scholarships

2012 NARRP Student Scholarship Recipients

One of NARRP’s exciting programs is to financially support undergraduate and graduate students from the outdoor recreation and planning fields to attend our annual conference. NARRP believes that it is critical to the recreation resource planning profession that we promote the scholarship and advancement of students and young professionals. A scholarship of $500 was awarded to exceptional student planners to cover lodging, meals and travel. Conference registration fees, as well as a 1-year student membership in NARRP were also waived for scholarship recipients.

The student scholarship program is supported by 100% of the proceeds from the silent and live auction items contributed by sponsors and conference attendees. We hope you will generously participate in this year’s auctions.

Matt Hall  
University of Florida

Megan Donoghue  
University of Florida

Michael Ferguson  
West Virginia University

Tori L. Chuprinke  
West Virginia University

Jason Haissman  
Texas A&M University

Kyunghoe Lee  
Texas A&M University

Charlyne T. Smith  
North Carolina State University

Michael J. Bradley  
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

NARRP believes that promoting and fostering outdoor recreation and natural resource planning is tantamount to helping develop the recreation planners of the future. As such, NARRP helps cultivate tomorrow’s leaders with scholarship programs that encourage and support opportunities and allow recipients to cultivate relationships with today’s leaders.
Sponsors and Partners

Our sponsors and partners make the annual NARRP conference possible. We thank them for their support.

Office of the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor,
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
www.crt.state.la.us/ltgovernor

Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.visitbatrouge.com

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of
East Baton Rouge
www.brec.org

Louisiana State Parks
www.crt.state.la.us/parks

The Active Network
www.activenetwork.com

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission
www.experiencemississippiriver.com

Izone imaging company
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Louisiana State Parks
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Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.visitbatonrouge.com

Handmade at Homestead
www.handmadeathomestead.com

Tsunami
www.servingsushi.com
Welcome from Active Network, Outdoors

Active Network, Outdoors is delighted to be a sponsor for the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners. On behalf of the entire Active Network, Outdoors team, we thank you for your dedication in conserving, sustaining and providing access and recreational opportunities to our nation’s treasured parks and lands.

As your partner, we are committed to provide the best technology and innovations to our customers and an unsurpassed customer experience for the public. We are passionate about the outdoors and our role helping to encourage and enable everyone to experience what we love about America’s parks and recreation areas.

Enjoy your conference and if you have any feedback or would like to connect with us, about Active Network, Outdoors, or ReserveAmerica, please feel free to contact Gary or me at any time.

Warm Regards,

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About Active Network, Outdoors and our Partnership with Parks and Recreation Organizations

Since 1984, Active Network, Outdoors (and our brands including ReserveAmerica) have devoted thousands upon thousands of software development hours and unparalleled technology investments to develop and maintain the highest quality campground reservations, recreation management, events and online solutions to help our customers meet their missions.

Those investments and our hundreds of dedicated employees – from software developers, testers, call center agents, technical support, managers, and many more – ensure that we can successfully process millions of reservations in a stable and secure environment and efficiently field calls and customer service requests during seasonal peaks.

Our team is also committed to build awareness about America’s parks and recreational opportunities, engage campers, encourage participation in the outdoors, and drive visitation to parks and lands. We continually strive to innovate and improve all aspects of our services and solutions including best-in-class customer service, developing revenue-generating programs, delivering marketing outreach services and leveraging mobile and the latest technologies.

We are energized by the many accomplishments we have achieved in partnership with our parks and recreation customers over the years and eager to continue the successful partnership to conserve, sustain, provide access and encourage visitation to our parks.

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The History of the Atchafalaya Basin, the Floodway System and the Floods of 2011 | Ascension        |
| 3 to 3:30 pm | Break                                                                                           | Baton Rouge      |
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A Year of Changes for State Parks                                                             | Ascension        |
| 6 to 9 pm  | Opening reception with light hors d’oeuvres, poster session, meet the candidates for NARRP Board. Tout Les Soir Cajun Band to perform. | Atrium           |
Plenary, Ascension

Keynote Speaker Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne

Welcome and introduction of keynote speaker, NARRP President Sergio Capozzi

In Louisiana, the Lieutenant Governor oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism which includes tourism, state parks, state museums, state library, cultural development, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana Byways, Audubon Golf Trail, and State volunteer and retirement programs. Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne, recently elected for a second term, promotes outdoor recreation and other initiatives of interest to NARRP conference participants. The Lieutenant Governor is well respected for his extensive knowledge of Louisiana history and has created a series of entertaining presentations on the state’s history, culture, demography, music and politics.
The History of the Atchafalaya Basin, the Floodway System and the Floods of 2011

Introduction by Debra Credeur, Director, Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Office of Lt. Governor

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For his work with the Friends of the Atchafalaya and the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area in reviving the month-long Experience Atchafalaya Days events in 2009, Charles was named the Volunteer Conservationist of the Year for 2009 by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.
Plenary, Ascension

A year of Challenges for State Parks; Optimism for the Future

Scott Babcock, Moderator, Strategic Planning Manager Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Stuart Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana State Parks

Becky Kelley, Director, Georgia State Parks

Joe Elton, Director, Virginia State Parks, and Past President of the National Association of State Park Directors

It has been a challenging year for state park agencies nationwide. Get a national perspective on how park systems are proactively meeting today’s challenges, as well as additional insight from state park leaders on how four specific states are positioning themselves for the future.
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   - Ecosystem Restoration | Iberville A    |
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| 6 to 9 pm    | Culture of Louisiana crawfish boil and live auction. Tout Les Soir Cajun Band to perform. | Atrium         |
There are disasters somewhere every year. In 2011, it seemed like they were everywhere. This panel session will give an overview of the impact of disasters on recreation lands and facilities and present the management response to those challenges.

This session, moderated by Director of the Division of Missouri State Parks Bill Bryan, will feature panelists Duane Lula, America’s Byways Resource Center; Doug Eiken, Executive Director, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers; Brent Leisure, Director, Texas State Parks.
**Concurrent Session 1a, Iberville A**

**Using GIS to Inform Land Use Planning**

*Sid Stevenson, PhD, Principal, Recreation Resources Research Services*

The State of Kansas has hosted a full statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) inventory of its parks, facilities and trails since 2007. The value of a spatially accurate inventory is obvious for Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) planning but additional benefits are emerging and include benchmarking/level of service comparisons by a number of variables including city size and demographic profiles; exploration of activity deserts; and grouping of facilities into experience categories – addressing the goals of America’s Great Outdoors (AGO). Kansas is using online spatial editing to facilitate data entry by agencies without GIS specialists. Pros and cons of various aspects of the process will be addressed.

**Concurrent session 1b, Iberville B**

**Community Parks – Implementation strategy, planning & design of large municipal parks**

*O. Reed Richard, Assistant Director of Planning & Engineering, The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; Ted Jack, Assistant Superintendent, The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge*

An overview of the implementation program of 12 Community Parks throughout Baton Rouge including public input during the planning process of the parks. An overview of an array of program elements within some of these parks: Multi-use trails and walking paths, hiking trails, spray pads, skate parks, tennis facilities, golf courses, disc golf courses, dog parks, outdoor gathering and performance areas, fishing, canoe and kayak activities and new state-of-the-art playgrounds.

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Managing New Impacts from Energy Development

Kate Schwarzler, Principal and Landscape Architect, Otak

Our western landscapes are a legacy for future generations, and the protection of their scenic values is important. The growing demand for land uses, such as communication sites, linear rights-of-way, recreation, private development, as well as energy and mineral development, have put increasing pressure on scenic values. If not carefully planned and designed, these activities have the potential to greatly modify the character of the landscape and could impact the user experience of our parks, trails, recreation areas, and scenic byways. This session will provide an overview of different methods for documenting the visual environment, evaluating the visual quality of the landscape, understanding how proposed changes may alter scenic qualities, and strategies to mitigate potential impacts.


Several case studies from Wyoming will be presented that deal with sustaining recreation opportunities where landscapes are changing as a result of renewable energy development. Specifically, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) faces two challenges: 1) implementing the New Energy for America Plan; and 2) protecting the integrity of our National Scenic and Historic Trails, other significant trails, and open spaces from the impacts of these wind energy developments. This session will provide an insight on what BLM-Wyoming is doing to sustain recreation opportunities and introduce BLM’s best management practices for wind development and National Scenic and Historic Trails.

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NARRP President Sergio Capozzi will lead the annual membership meeting of the organization. The meeting will include the announcement of newly elected officers.
Concurrent session 2a, Iberville A

Using Online Tools for Public Engagement in the Planning Process

Chris Sinnard, Vice President, Pragmatic Research Inc.

One of the biggest challenges in outdoor recreation planning is finding a way to collect and share detailed outdoor recreation resource data among planners, various agencies and the public. Today, that job is made easier by free and low-cost online tools that allow you to collect, archive, share and map data such as trails, parks, lakes, sports fields, picnic areas and other outdoor recreation resources.

Learn how to use online tools to create a shared data/mapping system that will be accessible to planners, local communities, state and federal agencies, and the public. Such a system, which can be easily updated by designated park and recreation professionals, can encourage collaboration, identify overlapping and unmet needs, spot potential conflicts and track changing trends.

Eric VanDeGenachte, Special Projects Manager, Georgia State Parks

Recreation managers can take advantage of a variety of Google-based tools at little or no cost to provide quick, responsive, accurate communications, mapping, decision-making and data collection – particularly for large or dispersed park systems. This presentation will demonstrate a couple of the ways Georgia State Parks has employed various Google tools to facilitate its operations.
Concurrent session 2b, Iberville B

Collaborative Approaches to Recreation Planning

Heather Bergman, President, Peak Facilitation Group

Steve Armstead, Environmental Planner, City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks Department

Doug Thompson, Senior Mediator, The Keystone Center

Paul Jahnige (invited), Greenways and Trails Program Director, Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

The goal of this panel session is to share two experiences in collaborative recreation planning, one in the West (Colorado) and one in the East (Massachusetts). Both efforts engaged citizen stakeholders in a collaborative process to help establish priorities and allocate uses in popular urban/wilderness-urban interface recreational areas. These efforts were initiated, progressed, and ended in fundamentally different ways, providing lessons, options, and approaches for engaging the public as stakeholders in recreation planning. As planning departments continue to engage the public in a variety of ways in planning efforts, these two divergent case studies offer substantial opportunity to learn about the spectrum of approaches available for public involvement as well as the advantages and disadvantages they entail.

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Concurrent session 2c, Iberville C

Recreation Sustainability

Laurie Thorpe, Team Leader, USDA Forest Service

Rachel Franchina, Recreation Specialist, USDA Forest Service

Robert C. Burns, Assistant Professor, West Virginia University

An overview of the FS Framework for Sustainable Recreation, case studies and a systems approach to building a sustainable recreation program.
Concurrent session 2d, Livingston

Two Approaches to SCORP

Diane Kripas, Division Chief, Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Suzette Simms, LWCF Grant Administrator, Louisiana Office of State Parks

Cleve Hardman, Director of Outdoor Recreation, Louisiana Office of State Parks

Whitney JH Cooper, LEED AP Planner, City-Parish Office of Community Development

How do you get your own agency, stakeholders, state agencies and local governments to care about a state outdoor recreation plan? What are lessons learned when developing and implementing state plans during the most challenging of economic times? Hear perspectives from two states. Both Pennsylvania and Louisiana’s plans were adopted in 2009 and go through 2013. They are well into their plans’ implementation. Find out what’s working, what isn’t. Hear different approaches to research, developing the plan in-house vs. hiring a consultant, engaging stakeholders, and getting your agency leadership to support it. The Pennsylvania SCORP was named best in the nation last year by the National Park Service (NPS) and NARRP. Find out how a traditional planning process was transformed into a state and national award winning initiative – it became more than a “SCORP”—it is the “Keystone to Healthy Living.”

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Growing Sustainable Large-Scale Partnerships

Terry Eastin, Executive Director, Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

The Mississippi River Trail has established bi-regional Partnerships with the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service to use the trail system to connect 59 national park units and national wildlife refuges along the Mississippi River.

This newly emerging collaborative is an informal network of local, state and federal refuge, park and trail managers, alongside non-profit organizations that are committed to connecting people to the Mississippi River through recreation, river access and active transportation; through history, culture and lore; through education and stewardship; and by co-creation and co-delivery of resource-based messaging and programs. The Mississippi River Connections Collaborative is based on a bi-regional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by four regional directors of the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Concurrent session 3b, Iberville B

Online Interactive Mapping

Rex Turner, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Maine Bureau of Public Lands

Come explore how Maine Trail Finder, an online interactive mapping site, is helping the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands address its SCORP implementation strategy to “Improve awareness of existing outdoor recreation opportunities.” The growth and development of this site has been fueled by public-private partnerships at numerous levels and represents collaboration for the benefit of Maine communities. Get insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with better connecting trails and trail users via online tools.

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Concurrent session 3c, Iberville C

Recreation Planning for the Mississippi Gulf Outlet Ecosystem Restoration

Andrew Perez, Outdoor Recreation Planner, US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District

The session will present two recreation feature designs at two different sites in or near the ecosystem project area. The recommended recreational features are ancillary to the ecosystem restoration project, work harmoniously with the measures of the restoration project and are proposed on fee title lands for cost-sharing.

All of the recreation features recommended were first identified through United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) meetings with community groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from St. Bernard and Orleans Parishes. Additionally, the report refers to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which presents findings from focus group meetings regarding locally preferred outdoor recreation activities. A third source, University of Wisconsin (UW), prepared a recreation needs report for St. Bernard and part of Orleans Parishes. All three of these resources are used in identifying the recommended recreation features, including development of the benefits of each recreation development. All three sites offer American Disability Act (ADA) accessible features, including parking, bathrooms, access to boardwalks, ramps, and picnic shelters.

The presentation will focus on meetings that gave vital inputs to the planning process. Additionally, the Corps requires all recreation features have a benefit-to-cost ratio above 1.0. I will touch on that requirement as well as on other Corps policy requirements for recreation development at Corps ecosystem projects. And I will show the final designs for each site and how they are developed to enhance use of the newly restored wetland.

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Wednesday, April 18

Location
Garden Atrium Buffet
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Field Workshops
8 am to 5:30 pm  Understanding the Mississippi River Flood Control System  Hotel Entrance
8 am to 5:30 pm  Historic Preservation: Adaptation of a Flood-prone Community  Hotel Entrance
8 am to 5:30 pm  Levee Flood Control Plan: Effects on a Community  Hotel Entrance
8 am to 4 pm  Mississippi River Levee System: Recreational Impacts  Hotel Entrance

Breakfast buffet
Registration

Evening Dinner on your own
Understanding the Mississippi River Flood Control System

See firsthand the complexities of controlling the Mississippi River, visiting the Morganza Spillway that was instrumental in controlling flooding in June 2011, a Native American ceremonial center overlooking the Old River, and the US Army Corps of Engineers Old River Lock and Dam where three rivers meet. See how recreation facilities are integrated into flood control planning.

Start the day off by visiting the Morganza Spillway, hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This flood control structure along the Mississippi River was completed in 1953 but has only been opened twice, in 1973 and recently in 2011.

Lunch will be at the Red River Grill in Marksville. This local restaurant has claimed its place among the noteworthy southern culinary establishments and is a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

After lunch explore the Marksville State Historic Site. This historic site is located on a bluff overlooking the Old River and is considered to be of unique national significance as a Prehistoric Native American ceremonial center. The main portion of the site is surrounded by a semi-circular earthwork, which is 3,300 feet long and ranges from 3 to 7 feet in height. Six mounds of various sizes and shapes are located within the main enclosure, and others are built outside of it.

Complete the day where three rivers meet at the US Army Corps of Engineers Old River Lock and Dam.

Louisiana’s Old River is a distinctive river with remarkable history that connects the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers. This area of 3,000 acres provides opportunities for fishing, crawfishing, boating, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, dog training, camping and wildlife watching. The lock area contains two boat launching sites and a primitive campground, managed entirely by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Old River Control area contains a boat launch on the Mississippi River at Knox Landing.

Schedule
8:00 AM Depart the Belle of Baton Rouge
9:30 AM Arrive at the Morganza Spillway Dam
10:30 AM Depart the Morganza Spillway Dam
11:30 AM Arrive at the Red River Grill for Lunch
1:30 PM Depart the Red River Grill
1:45 PM Arrive at the Marksville State Historic Site
2:45 PM Depart the Marksville State Historic Site
3:30 PM Arrive at the Old River Lock & Dam
4:30 PM Depart the Old River Lock & Dam
5:30 PM Arrive at the Belle of Baton Rouge

Special considerations: The field workshop will include walking. Comfortable shoes, sun block, camera, water and extra personal snacks are advised. Lunch at the Red River Grill is included.

Capacity: Min 25 and Max 55
Historic Perspective: Adaptation of a Flood-Prone Community

The slow migration of trade and commerce to higher ground due to repeated flooding transformed this once-booming, riverboat town in beautiful Plantation Country on the Mississippi River. Get a “backstage” tour of plantations where the planners were sticklers for detail and historic accuracy. This field workshop is hosted by Louisiana State Parks.

Step off the bus into Port Hudson, where some of the Civil War’s bloodiest and most severe fighting took place over a 48 day period until the Confederates surrendered to the Union. The siege of Port Hudson was crucial to the Confederates as they needed another series of river batteries below the mouth of the Red River. The Red River was the primary route for the shipment of supplies from Texas to the heartland of the Confederacy. The Union outnumbered the Confederates and eventually nearly exhausted their ammunition and was reduced to eating mules, horses, and rats. When word reached that Vicksburg had surrendered, the Confederates’ situation was hopeless and nothing could be gained by continuing the defense of Port Hudson. The siege became the longest in American military history.

Next experience the Oakley Plantation where John James Audubon was inspired to paint 32 of his famous bird pictures during his four month stay at the plantation. "The rich magnolias covered with fragrant blossoms, the holly, the beech, the tall yellow poplar, the hilly ground and even the red clay, all excited my admiration."

After enjoying the inspirational Oakley Plantation explore one of the most intact, documented examples of a domestic plantation complex in the South at Rosedown Plantation. It encompasses 374 acres in St. Francisville and embodies the lifestyle of the antebellum South's wealthiest planters in a way very few other surviving properties can. The plantation's landscape is a laboratory for the study and interpretation of the cultural traditions of slavery, the lifestyle of the gentry and scientific experiments in agriculture and horticulture. What distinguishes the landscape of Rosedown are its pleasure gardens, notable for their size, sophistication and refined plant collections (28 acres of gardens).

Continue exploring the details of southern architecture throughout the St. Francisville Historic District, down to Bayou Sara. St. Francisville's history is closely related to the town of Bayou Sara, located at the conjunction of Bayou Sara Creek and the Mississippi River. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Bayou Sara grew into one of the most flourishing ports between Natchez and New Orleans. Due to frequent flooding, market places were established up on the bluff, where St. Francisville was eventually built. A high concentration of buildings dating from the early 19th century to the early 20th century line these streets, reflecting the history of the region.

| 8:00 AM Depart the Belle of Baton Rouge | 3:00 PM Arrive at St. Francisville Historic District – open time for participants to explore the area |
| 8:30 AM Arrive at the Port Hudson State Historic Site | 4:00 PM Depart St. Francisville |
| 9:30 AM Depart the Port Hudson State Historic Site | 5:30 PM Arrive at the Belle of Baton Rouge |
| 10:00 AM Arrive at the Oakley Plantation | Special considerations: The field workshop will include walking. Comfortable shoes, sun block, camera, water and extra personal snacks are advised. Lunch at Rosedown Plantation is included. |
| 11:00 AM Depart the Oakley Plantation | |
| 11:30 AM Arrive at the Rosedown Plantation for Lunch | |
| 12:30 PM Tour the Rosedown Plantation | |
| 1:30 PM Depart the Rosedown Plantation | |
| 1:45 PM Drive-by Tour: St. Francisville, Bayou Sara, Levee Mat Yard, and Mississippi River | |
Levee Flood Control Plan: Effects on a Community

See the areas in the Atchafalaya Basin (within the levees) that were compromised during flooding and how it affected communities. You’ll visit the Atchafalaya Welcome Center, a state of the art interpretive and information center, designed in the style of an Acadian cottage. In the afternoon, you’ll enjoy an Atchafalaya Basin Swamp Tour by boat and learn how nature, culture and recreation are entwined in this region.

Learn about the nation’s largest river swamp, the Atchafalaya Basin, containing almost one million acres of the nation’s most significant bottomland hardwoods, swamps, bayous and backwater lakes (595,000 acres) by beginning your tour on land with a warm welcome from the Atchafalaya Welcome Center. This beautifully designed 8,900-square-foot Acadian-style cottage and museum is part rest area, part information center, and part classroom. There are three main exhibit areas in the center that portray the Basin throughout the year: high water, low water and mid-water seasons.

Drive through nearby historic Breaux Bridge, the Crawfish Capitol of the World, an image and industry built on the Atchafalaya Basin’s most bountiful resource. Begin a harvest-demonstration at a local crawfish pond and learn about the cycle of this important agricultural product in predictable conditions, as well as during non-predictable conditions such as drought or flooding. Continue the tour in the crawfish preparation area at Crawfish Town USA, a world-renowned restaurant in the heart of Cajun Country and host for lunch.

Experience a boat trip into the interior of one of America’s greatest river swamps at McGee’s Landing in Henderson. Hear what it is like to live on a house boat or stilt house and live off the land while floating through moss-draped trees and past graceful lingering alligators.

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Mississippi River Levee System: Recreational Impacts

Bicycle the Mississippi River levee for a birds-eye view of the area in Baton Rouge most prone to flooding, wrapping up with a walking tour of the riverfront-Downtown. The bike tour will consist of an 8 mile loop beginning and ending at the Belle of Baton Rouge. The attendees will learn about the best practices Baton Rouge has incorporated in utilizing the levee top along the Mississippi River as a recreational tool. There will be a chance to ride through some of the Louisiana State University campus with a stop at the Mike the Tiger Habitat and the LSU Indian Mounds which predate the great pyramids of Egypt.

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This presentation will report recent trends in selected outdoor recreation activity participation up through calendar year 2011. These indicator activity trends will enable evaluation of continuation of or deviation from trends observed in the first decade of the 21st Century. Similarly, presenters will report on recent trends in time and activities by youth age 6 to 19 in order to evaluate continuation of or deviation from trends observed throughout the five years of running the National Kids Survey (2007 to 2011). Also reported will be projections of resource availability for recreation, of US county populations, and of recreation activity participation. National projections of recreation activity participation have very recently been completed for reporting through the Forest Service’s 2010 decennial Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA) national assessment. The presenters will offer their observations about and interpretations of these trends and projections.
Concurrent session 4a, Iberville A

Two Approaches to River Corridor Planning and implementation

Tom Bicak, Director of Canyon County Parks, Idaho

The Boise River Trails System Plan was adopted in 2009 by the nine cities along the 63 mile stretch from Lucky Peak Reservoir to the Boise River confluence with the Snake River, and by Ada and Canyon Counties. This plan, when fully implemented, will connect the counties and cities with a water trail, non-motorized pathways and bike routes tying together riverside destinations between and within communities. It will connect residential areas with employment and recreation centers and add safe routes to schools while providing opportunities for people to enjoy Boise River wildlife, riparian habitat and water based recreation.

The Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail will be a 206-mile motorized or non-motorized water route connecting destinations between Three Island Crossing State Park, Idaho and Farewell Bend State Park, Oregon. The two year planning process will result in a management plan for and a guide to a water trail for people to explore, respect and enjoy. It is the goal of this planning coalition to promote the water trail as a valuable, sensitive resource for recreation, water safety, education and stewardship. The plan will identify access opportunities for boaters in the form of portages, launches, campsites and services. The Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail will promote respect for private property along the Snake River to minimize disruption and disturbance while providing a way to pursue an active outdoor lifestyle. This water trail encourages partnerships between governmental agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals. The Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail Coalition will assist communities in making their connection to the water trail economically beneficial.

Matt Bingham and Jason Kinnell, Veritas Economics

The 80-mile Clinton River flows through Oakland and Macomb Counties and drains into Lake St. Clair in southeast Michigan. It provides valuable services to commercial interests and households such as recreation and aesthetics. Veritas is developing the socioeconomic components of an integrated assessment that evaluates ecologically and economically sound approaches to managing the Clinton River. The assessment is evaluating the impact of flow regulation policies on water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities in and along the river, property values, income and taxes. The goal of the assessment is to develop a more comprehensive and holistic approach to flow management.
"Imagine Your Parks," a 10 Year Strategic Plan for the Park System of Baton Rouge

O. Reed Richard, Assistant Director of Planning & Engineering, The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

Ted Jack, Assistant Superintendent, The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

Overview of the Strategic Plan document by reviewing aspects of the plan that address improvements to existing park facilities, construction of new facilities, protection and preservation of the natural environment, and ensure that the parks department positions its resources to successfully implement the plan and understand the fiscal requirements which will be the driving force of the overall effort.

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Concurrent session 4c, Iberville C

Social Carrying Capacity/Visitor Use Management

Research Session Chair: Gerard Kyle, PhD, Texas A&M University

Stress and coping within water-based recreation contexts. Jee In Yoon, Gerard Kyle, (Texas A&M University) and James D. Absher (USDA Forest Service).


Overview of session by Session Chair; Q&A time.

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Concurrent session 4d, Livingston

Reframing SCORPs, Part 2

Glenn Haas, PhD

NASORLO President Domenic Bravo

Picking up where we left off last year, the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO) and NARRP have been working hard since the 2011 Breckenridge Conference to identify ways the SCORP process and plans could be improved and made more beneficial to local, State, and Federal agencies. The plan is to present a dozen SCORP-related ideas that have been taking shape this year. Then we would like to hear from you. Your input about these and perhaps other ideas is important. Domenic Bravo, President of NASORLO, and Glenn Haas, Vice President of NARRP, will host and introduce our progress to date, which would then be followed by a facilitated open discussion to ensure we hear from everyone. From this session, the plan is to develop a joint position paper for submittal to the Secretary of the Interior, National Park Service, and the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.

We expect a well-attended session with State Park Directors, State Liaison Officers, NPS Stateside program people, federal agency officials, SCORP planners, and academics. Hope you can join us.

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National Awards Program and Luncheon. 11:45 am-1:15 pm

Plenary, Ascension

Will Shafroth, Counselor to the Interior Secretary for America's Great Outdoors (Invited)

Scott Babcock, Master of Ceremonies, Colorado Parks an Wildlife

NARRP will be presenting awards for Excellence in Planning and Distinguished Service as well as the National Recreation Resource Leadership Award.

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Concurrent session 5a, Iberville A

Two Approaches to Reducing Obesity through Recreation

Eric VanDeGenachte, Special Projects Manager, Georgia State Parks

“Tons of Fun” is Georgia’s new statewide fitness and weight-loss initiative focused on physical activity in the parks. The program seeks to draw closer the connection between the driving mantra of the healthcare sector calling for increased physical activity and the infrastructure and programming that is already available at parks across the country. With support from the Governor’s office, private industry, non-profit organizations and state agencies, the Tons of Fun program promises to have a significant impact on Georgia obesity challenge which places the state among the worst in the nation.

Teresa Penbrooke, Founder, GP RED

Obesity rates are rising, budgets are being slashed, many community recreation and parks programs are in peril, and public health studies indicate that movement is decreasing on a daily basis. We have an obligation as public providers and guardians of public tax dollars to address these issues. This session will highlight creative concepts and innovative and effective methodologies to make decisions and articulate solutions for leadership, programs, facilities, trails, parks, transportation options, public health, and services in ways that help address all of these challenges.
Concurrent session 5b, Iberville B

Sustainability in Decision Making
Anne Ferguson and Phil Hendricks, AECOM
USDA Forest Service staff member

Participants in this session will learn new, innovative, and repeatable ways to ensure that sustainability is included in decision-making, from project formulation and development, to alternatives analysis and funding, by reviewing the tools developed for the South Shore Corridor: An Approach to Sustainable Recreation project for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the United States Forest Service (USFS). The presenters will discuss the applicability of these tools to other recreation management projects.
Concurrent session 5c, Iberville C

Using Social and Demographic Information for Park and Recreation Planning

Research Session Chair Robert C. Burns, PhD, West Virginia University


Assessing environmental attitudes, communication, and commitment for managing impacts at a proposed state climbing park. Chris Jones (US Fish and Wildlife Service) and Michael A. Schuett (Texas A&M University).

Using Community Needs Assessment Information to Create a Greenprint for City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Resources. John M. Baas and Joan Chaplick (Moore, Iacofano, and Goltsman).

Homing in on the concept of ‘need’ in USDA Forest Service Wilderness areas. Robert C. Burns (West Virginia University) and James D. Absher (USDA Forest Service).
Concurrent session 5d, Livingston

Initiating and Engaging Federal Agencies in Your SCORP

Joel Lynch, Chief, State and Local Assistance Programs Division, National Park Service

TBA (Will include high level panelists from state and federal agencies.)

Statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation planning is a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) mandated form of regional/landscape planning which emphasizes coordination among local, state and federal agencies. This state-level form of collaborative planning is increasingly recognized as a key means to help coordinate and align outdoor recreation goals among the federal and states agencies to improve outdoor recreation opportunities and regional level conservation.

The session will begin with comments from a panel of high-level state and federal recreation resource professionals. Time will be allocated for each to offer their views on the strategies and tactics necessary to meaningfully engage federal resource agencies in this state-led planning effort. The panel comments will be followed by audience discussion. The results of this session will be submitted to the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.

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Plenary, Ascension

National Outdoor Recreation Update

Glenn Haas, PhD, moderator

Bob Ratcliffe, Chairman, Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR)

Joel Lynch, Chief, State and Local Assistance Programs Division, National Park Service, and FICOR Representative

Curt Pianalto, Associate Director of America’s Byways Resource Center

Deidre St. Louis, USDA Forest Service Washington Office Recreation Staff

This distinguished panel will highlight and respond to questions about significant outdoor recreation activity taking place at the national level. Topics will include the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative, the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation, Transportation Bill and the Interagency Visitor Use Management Council. There will be time for audience discussion and Q&A.
2012 NARRP Board Candidates

Vice President for Development

Dr. Glenn E. Haas
Aukerman, Haas and Associates

Dr. Glenn E. Haas is a former parks and recreation professor in the College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and partner in the land use planning firm of Aukerman, Haas, and Associates. He has competency in protected areas planning and policy, sustainable ecotourism development and management, collaborative partnerships, administrative decision making, non-profit board governance, and visitor capacity analysis. He also has extensive teaching and public speaking experience in his 30 years at Colorado State University.

Glenn has twice served on the national board of the National Society for Park Resources (1986-1990, 2003-2006) and six years on the national board of the National Parks Conservation Association (1992-1998), including three years as the vice-chair. He was the Chairman of the Department of Recreation Resources and Tourism at Colorado State University from 1987-1997. He is currently serving as the Vice President for Development on the Board for the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners, having served as the President in 2007-09.

While serving on the NARRP Board, Glenn was been very engaged on a number of fronts: securing the association’s IRS status as a 501(c) 3; launching the President’s Leadership fundraising campaign; drafting NARRP’s two position papers submitted to the Secretary of the Interior; lead in drafting the association’s professional recreation resource planning principles; active in organizing the annual conference programs in Austin, Portland, and Breckenridge; and representing the association in the President’s American’s Great Outdoors Initiative.

Skills to the Board
Time and energy, 15+ years of national Board governance experience, 30+ years in the parks and recreation profession, professional recreation resource planner, national network and reputation, enthusiasm, commitment to NARRP, and financial resources to help cover some Board expenses.

Why serve on the NARRP Board
The association has made major advances in the past ten years. It has moved from a childhood to adolescent stage of maturity, and is on the edge of adulthood. Its potential to serve the recreation resource profession is great, as is the need to step forward. These are exciting and fulfilling times that I would like to be a part of on the Board.
Secretary

Scott R. Babcock, AICP
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Scott has been a proud member of NARRP for over six years and is privileged to have served on the Board since January 2010. Scott is a true supporter and believer in NARRP’s mission and would like to assist in the organization’s continued efforts to advance the recreation resource planning profession, and help more people appreciate and understand the importance of all that we do.

Brief Resume
Scott is a professionally-certified planner with 13 years of relevant experience in outdoor recreation and natural resource planning and management. Scott has worked as a planner in both the private and public sectors, and is currently the Strategic Planning Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (formerly Colorado State Parks). While at Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Scott has managed and overseen development of short- and long-range Division plans, park management plans, and the 2008 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Scott also guides development and implementation of Division Strategic Plan and Annual Report, leads public outreach for Division and park planning efforts, and performs a variety of special projects and research for Colorado Parks and Wildlife Senior Leadership, as needed.

Recent honors are listed below:

- Selected as member of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Merger Transition Team.
- Recipient of the 2010 Director’s Award for Special Achievement by an Individual
- 2010 NPS/NARRP Excellence in SCORP Planning Award.

In the past, Scott has also served as president of his local neighborhood board (representing over 3,200 households), At-large Board member for the East Colfax Partnership, as well as an At-large Board member of Colorado Wild (now Rocky Mountain Wild).

Scott holds a Bachelors of Arts (Double Major) from the University of Colorado, Boulder in Biology and Environmental Studies. He also holds Master’s degree in Resource Economics and Policy from Duke University’s Nicholas School of the Environment.

Skills to the Board
I believe that my professional experience, knowledge of the planning profession, and recent contributions as an At-large Board member of NARRP makes me well suited for another term on the NARRP board. In the past, I have shown my commitment by investing significant time and energy in co-chairing and helping to ensure the success of the 2011 NARRP conference in Breckenridge, CO. I have also volunteered on a variety of NARRP efforts (e.g. Reframing SCORP’s briefing paper, SCORP webinar, performed outreach to local congressional members) and currently serve as Chair of the NARRP Awards Committee. I bring a unique and well rounded perspective that is grounded in sound planning principles, and believe that effective planning is fundamental to the outdoor recreation profession. I am a committed team player, I follow-through on tasks, and would like to assist the Board as we continue to move NARRP and the outdoor recreation planning profession forward.
At-large Board Members

Jean K. Akers, RLA, AICP
Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation

As park planner for the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department in Vancouver, Washington, Jean oversees the park acquisition and planning program for the City’s park and trail system and Clark County’s urban and regional parks, trails and open spaces. The Parks Planning section works with numerous state, city, and county agencies, organizations and citizen groups to facilitate the overall planning, policy development and acquisition of viable neighborhood, community and regional open spaces to improve the quality of life for inhabitants while protecting the integrity of the natural environment that supports our human habitat.

A registered landscape architect, certified planner and consulting arborist, Jean Akers has been working across these professional disciplines to create and foster ecological landscape design and planning for over thirty years. She has developed specialized design experience in creative stormwater management, integrating rainwater resources into the landscape through planning, site design and land management techniques. For five years prior to the implementation of NPDES Phase II, she assisted design professionals and municipalities in proactive technologies for integrating stormwater treatments into the landscape. Since 1976, Jean’s work has taught community leaders, college and graduate students, and fellow professionals in planning and design to effectively integrate human uses by applying ecologically-sensitive design.

Jean currently serves as a Core Group member of The Intertwine Alliance, a coalition of local and regional government agencies, NGOs, and business partners in the Portland-Vancouver region. The Alliance is leveraging resources to connect people to the parks, trails and open spaces in the urban area. As a metropolitan greenspace coalition representative, she has traveled to Washington, DC to encourage the National Park Service and others to connect the America’s Great Outdoor Urban Park initiative’s implementation through local partner involvement.

NARRP Board Skills & Service
Jean has served as an At-large NARRP Board member for the last two years contributing to the GIS chapter of NARRP’s planning book, assisting with conference planning and activities, and representing the perspectives of local and regional park planning agencies. Jean Akers began her involvement in community planning and the design of public spaces in 1975 as a member of the Oak Park Community Design Commission. Over the years, she has served on local commissions and boards in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Washington and Oregon. With a commitment to ongoing service and the energy to contribute to the growth and effectiveness of NARRP, Jean would like to continue her work on the NARRP Board as an At-large member.
At-large Board Members

Peter Biermeier  
Wisconsin State Parks  

Peter Biermeier is currently the Chief of Recreation, Planning and Development for Wisconsin State Parks. He has held this position for the last 12 years. In this position he is responsible for overseeing a broad program of property planning and facility and recreational development at more than 100 properties in Wisconsin. Mr. Biermeier has led a large integrated program of planning, creating recreational opportunities in a very broad spectrum, protecting valuable natural resources, enhancing program revenues, and visioning long term for the future of the Wisconsin State Park System.

Previous to his current position, Mr. Biermeier was President of two recreational planning and development firms that operated in Wisconsin, Florida and Arizona. In these positions he learned directly the effects of properly forecasting and meeting vacationers’ needs while preserving and protecting resources. His leadership included planning and development of three large rural recreational developments that included lodging, golf, marinas, and extensive trail systems.

Mr. Biermeier began his career as a Planner and Community Development Director, first for the City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and thereafter with Ayres and Associates, a comprehensive planning and engineering firm in Wisconsin. While in those positions, Mr. Biermeier led the planning team for a Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Eau Claire, a large 600-acre commercial/residential/regional park development, and a new regional airport.

Education  
Bachelors Degree from Univ. Wisconsin, Eau Claire – Urban Planning

Two years in MBA program – Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison

Certificate in Project Management – Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison

Certificate in Recreational Development – Florida Intl. University

Skills to the Board  
My interest lies in assisting the NARRP Board, as well as the recreation planners it serves, in a strong search to determine what our vocation will look like, who it will serve, and how we will deliver our product in the next five to ten years. Clearly, the downsizing of government, the expansion of social media with its broad and near instant coverage, a compressed time for planning, lower funding levels, increased special interests, and an explosion of adventure recreation, will lead to a spiral up in pressure for planning teams. Conversely, new methodologies and technologies can assist in performing herculean planning tasks, reducing costs and time. As planners, how do we explore what this all means for us as a professional trade? I have more than 30 years in recreational planning and development, most of it as a practitioner working directly with customers, stakeholders, and professional planners. My strengths are in visioning and leadership wrapped with a planner’s skillset. I look forward to working with this Board to strengthen NARRP’s leadership of recreational planners nationwide.
At-large Board Members

Destry Jarvis
Outdoor Recreation & Park Services, LLC

I have spent the past 40 years working professionally in the parks, recreation, historic preservation, and youth service fields, in senior positions for both non-profit associations, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and as a for-profit consultant. For the past ten years I have operated as a paid consultant. I conduct high level consulting in policy and management of units of the national park system, cooperative land use planning, federal and state land acquisition, public lands natural and cultural resources management, tourism marketing and policy, historic preservation, and recreation programs, carrying capacity determination, eco-tourism, appropriate development in public spaces, and concessions assessments.

Prior to 2002, my professional positions included Executive Director, National Recreation and Park Association; Vice President, National Association of Service and Conservation Corps; Assistant Director, National Park Service; Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior; Executive Vice President, Student Conservation Association; and Vice President, National Parks Conservation Association.

Skills to the Board
I have served on numerous Boards in the past, including, as most relevant to NARRP, American Hiking Society; Appalachian Trail Conservancy (Vice Chair); Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics (Government Affairs Chair); and currently serve as Co-Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the Board of the City Parks Alliance.

I have recently been appointed by the Obama Administration to the federal advisory committee for the 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps, and have been asked to serve as a member of the federal Partnership for America’s Great Outdoors.

Why serve on the NARRP Board
I would bring deep knowledge and experience with federal recreation and land management policy to a professional society that appears to want to engage more fully in this area.
At-large Board Members

Wayne Sames
Retired from Minnesota DNR

I retired in 2011 after almost 35 years with the State of Minnesota, most of those years with the Department of Natural Resources. I worked on various natural resource issues and programs, including development of the state Wild and Scenic Rivers, and canoe and boating route programs; the first comprehensive state forest resources management plan; and solid and hazardous waste management issues. Most of my professional career, over twenty two years, was as manager of state and federal grant programs, primarily for local and regional parks and natural areas. Among my responsibilities was management of the federal apportionment of Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars. In that capacity, I served on the state planning committees for several versions of the SCORP and was the overall coordinator of the 2008-2012 SCORP. I also served for many years as Minnesota's Alternate State Liaison Officer for the LWCF program and participated in several NASORLO conferences and board meetings. For many years I was the DNR's representative on the State Scenic Byways Commission, which solicited, reviewed and recommended projects for funding for federal scenic byways program funding.

Skills to the Board

In regard to service to NARRP, I have been a member since 1994. I served as Secretary for several years, as Vice President and President in 1995-1997 and participated as a member of several annual conference planning committees. I was recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

Other volunteer experience includes past service on my city park and recreation commission, youth soccer coach, president of the School of Environmental Studies Education Foundation board, and nine years as secretary on a local watershed management organization board. During the last year I have volunteered with Wilderness Inquiry, a local non-profit, helping with canoe outings for youth and adult groups. I have recently been asked by a consortium of Minnesota county and city park organizations to serve as one of their representatives on a statewide advisory group dealing with the new State of Minnesota Legacy park and trail funding, and have also been asked to join a new group being organized to advise the DNR on issues related to river protection and management.

Why serve on the NARRP Board

I am running for a position on the NARRP board because of my long-time interest in development of the organization and my desire to contribute ideas and information based on my experience and knowledge. NARRP has come a long way since my earlier involvement and I would like to be part of that continuing improvement. I think I can offer some historical perspective that may be useful, but also look forward to working on new ideas and initiatives.
At-large Board Members

Chad Schneckenburger
Bureau of Land Management

Mr. Schneckenburger is an Outdoor Recreation Planner with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the White River Field Office in Meeker, Colorado. He has expertise in natural resource recreation planning and policy, wilderness management, visual resources, travel management and transportation planning, and sustainable tourism. He also has extensive experience working in private sector recreation consulting, as well as international teaching experience and holds a Masters in Recreation Resource Planning from Colorado State University.

Chad has been involved with NARRP as a member for five years and has had the fortune of attending, and speaking at, two of the association’s conferences – Breckenridge and Austin. After attending these conferences, he has seen clearly the effectiveness of NARRP in bringing professionals within our field together in a way that promotes and fosters a sense of community and an exchange of knowledge like no other recreation organization can. Chad has also volunteered on the 2012 NARRP Conference committee and has served as a peer reviewer for Chapter 10 of NARRP’s Best Practices in Recreation Resource Planning: A Resource Guide for Planners. Additionally, Chad has been involved with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), speaking at their 2008 Congress in Baltimore, MD; and with the Colorado Park and Recreation Association (CPRA), speaking at their 2008 Conference in Vail, CO. Mr. Schneckenburger has also made himself available to the NARRP – BLM Liaison, Mr. Frank Jenks, to ensure a close connection with the BLM.

Skills to the Board
Having worked in the private sector, internationally, as well as for a Federal agency, I have a diverse set of experiences to draw upon. I am a complete team player and am ready to roll my sleeves up and give the necessary commitment to ensure we are successful in our mission. I also bring a holistic, visionary outlook to the field of recreation that is consistent with NARRPs ever evolving role. Overall I have 10+ years in the park and recreation field, an extensive network of colleagues, vast and diverse recreation experience, and strong understanding of foundational policy. Furthermore, I like to have fun and do things with a smile. I promise I will be infectious with this attitude and bring a positive outlook to everything that we do.

Why serve on the NARRP Board
I have seen the hard work and dedication that friends and NARRP Board members, such as Glenn Haas and Sergio Capozzi, have given to the organization over the years. It is precisely because of this devotion to the organization by the Board, and other dedicated members, that NARRP has become such a well-respected and effective advocate for our field. As such, I feel like it is my time to begin giving back to my chosen career field, and to an organization that has become a very important component in my life. I feel strongly about the value that recreation has for our society, the ways in which it has helped to shape our country, and the manner in which it can improve all our lives. It is this passion for recreation, and all its benefits, that would make me an ideal addition to your board.
At-large Board Members

Steve Dice  
Retired from Eric MetroParks

Steve Dice is a retired Park and Recreation Resource Administrator. With over 35 years of experience in resource based parks and recreation at the local, county, special district and state levels, Steve brings a varied accumulation of knowledge and experience to the table. Published articles as well as presentations at state and national professional conferences are evidence of Steve’s recognition in the profession.

Steve serves as the co-chair of the 2013 NARRP Conference Committee and is the NARRP liaison to the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials. Steve has served on the professional certification committee of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, is past president of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, past co-chair of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association statewide conference in Cleveland, past chair of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Park Section statewide conference in Cleveland, and served on the Board of the National Society for Park Resources. Steve also served on the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association finance committee. He is currently vice president of the Sandusky Rotary and vice president of the Sandusky State Theater Board of Directors. Steve is a past member of the Board of Directors of Leadership Erie County.

NARRP is the strongest and most effective national association advocating park and recreation resource planning and associated endeavors such as parks and recreation resource research and management. The continued growth and success of NARRP is vital to the future of the PRR profession. Steve wishes to contribute what he can to the NARRP Board and the PRR profession.

2012 Election Schedule

- Online ballots available March 26.
- Ballots also available at the 2012 NARRP Conference in Baton Rouge.
- Elections will close April 17 and the results announced at the NARRP Business lunch.
Area Restaurants

Belle of Baton Rouge Restaurants

Shucks on the Levee
- Lunch and Dinner Daily
- Featuring a seafood menu along with steaks and desserts
- Host of beers, wines and cocktails
- Located on the 2nd Floor of the Belle

Bar 102
- Lunch and Dinner Daily
- Happy Hour Sunday-Thursday 4-7pm
- Featuring locally brewed beers, appetizers, sandwiches, and much more
- Located on the 1st floor of the Belle

Garden Atrium Buffet
- Open Daily
- Buffets: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Late Night, Sunday Brunch
- Located in the Belle atrium

The Butler’s Pantry
- Open Daily
- For a quick bite to eat featuring sandwiches and soups
- Located on the 1st deck of the Belle Casino
Select Restaurants within a 15 minute walk

**Boudreaux & Thibodeaux’s**
- Happy Hour Food and Signature Drinks Tues.-Sat.
- www.bandtlive.com
- 214 Third Street 225-636-2442

**Capital City Grill**
- Lunch, Dinner and Cocktails Daily (Happy Hour M-F 3pm-7pm)
- Selection of fresh seafood, hand-cut steaks, home-made soups, and desserts
- 100 Lafayette Street, 225-381-8140
- http://capitalcitygrill.net/

**Aztecas**
- Lunch (M-F) and Dinner
- Mexican cuisine, desserts, and margaritas
- 453 Lafayette Street, Suite C
- www.aztecascuisine.com 225-223-6164

**Tsunami**
- Lunch & Dinner Tuesday-Saturday
- Outdoor seating available & happy hour specials
- Sushi, nigiri, sashimi, Japanese tempura and teriyaki dishes
- 100 Lafayette Street (located on the 6th floor of the Shaw Center)
- www.servingsushi.com 225-346-5100

**Poor Boy Lloyd’s**
- Breakfast & Lunch Monday-Friday; Dinner Friday & Saturday
- Serving food over 40 years – plate lunches, po-boys, and salads
- 201 Florida Street (corner of Florida & Lafayette)
- www.poorboylloyds.com 225-387-2271

**Frostop**
- Lunch & Dinner (Mon-Sat. 10am-8pm)
- Serving since the 1950’s homemade rootbeer, burgers, po-boys, and salads
- 402 Government Street (corner of Government & St. Ferdinand)
- www.frostoprestaurant.com 225-344-1179 (call lunch orders in before 11am)
Select Restaurants within a 15 minute walk

Schlittz & Giggles
- Lunch & Dinner
- NY style pizza, paninis, salads
- 301 Third Street
- www.schlittz.com 225-218-4271

Lucy’s Retired Surfer’s Bar & Restaurant
- Open Daily for Lunch & Dinner; Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4pm-7pm
- Cali-Mex cuisine, local dishes, and specialty drinks
- 151 Third Street
- www.lucysretiredsurfers.com/batonrouge 225-361-0372

Zoila Bistro
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Mon-Friday (opens at 6:30am)
- Italian bistro and wine bar
- Located inside II City Plaza on 400 Convention Street
- www.zoliabistro.com 225-490-2312

P.J.’s Coffee Shop
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily
- www.pjcoffee.com
- 100 Lafayette Street (corner of Lafayette & Convention Street) 225-381-0055

Stroubes Chophouse
- Lunch & Dinner (Mon-Fri.); Sat. dinner only
- Upscale down south seafood and steak menu
- http://stroubes.com
- 107 Third Street 225-448-2830

Little Village
- Lunch & Dinner
- Authentic Italian Cuisine
- www.littlevillagebr.com
- 447 Third Street 225-218-6685

Pastime Lounge
- Lunch & Dinner Mon-Sat.
- 65+ years serving pizza, calzones, seafood po-boys, burgers, sandwiches, and salads
- www.pastimerestaurant.com
- 252 South Boulevard (near the Belle) 225-343-5490
What’s On Tap from Louisiana?

Tin Roof Brewery
- Handcrafted in Baton Rouge
- Downtown Retailers: Boudreaux & Thibodeaux’s, Capital City Grill, Pastime, Tsunami, Lucy’s
- www.tinroofbeer.com

Abita
- Brewed in Abita Springs, LA (30 miles north of New Orleans)
- Downtown Retailers: Pastime, Little Village, Aztecas, Schlitz & Giggles, Poor Boy Lloyd’s, Tsunami, Stroube’s, Capital City Grill, Boudreaux & Thibodeaux’s, Lucy’s
- www.abita.com

Bayou Tech Brewing Co.
- Brewed in Arnaudville, LA
- www.bayoutechbrewing.com

Parish Brewing
- Brewed in Broussard, LA
- www.parishbeer.com

Heiner Brau
- Brewed in Covington, LA
- www.heinerbrau.com

NOLA Brewing Co.
- Brewed in New Orleans, LA
- www.nolabrewing.com
Local Activities

Come and experience the wonder of Baton Rouge, Louisiana’s capital city: rich in Louisiana culture, entertainment and heritage. Located about 80 miles west of New Orleans and known affectionately as the Red Stick. Baton Rouge, Louisiana is home to the renowned action of Louisiana State University (LSU) and Southern University (SU) athletics, legendary Louisiana Cajun cuisine, a booming film and television industry, fascinating plantation tours, Mardi Gras thrills, family-friendly festivals and a variety of attractions, events the whole family can enjoy. Experience the magic of a timeless destination. Let us give you the grand tour of one of the most historic, vibrant and always unforgettable cities in the South – Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is an excellent source of information and can help arrange activities. For more detailed information and reservations or if you just have some general questions, they can be reached at 1 800 LA ROUGE or www.visitbatonrouge.com

There is an endless variety of things to do and see in southern Louisiana. This section includes some suggestions if you would like some pre- and post-conference adventures, or wish to be on your own on the field workshop day of April 18th.

Other pre/post trips for consideration:

- New Orleans
- Lafayette, LA – Cajun Country
- Madisonville, Mandeville, LA – Ride the rails to trail with bike rentals and explore the north shore of Lake Ponchatrain. http://www.kickstand.bz/

Just hang around in Baton Rouge!

Enjoy the day…

- Stroll the State Capitol Grounds or walk around the eclectic Spanish Town neighborhood and enjoy the period homes. Or enjoy a panoramic view of downtown Baton Rouge from the tallest point in Baton Rouge – the State Capitol. While you are in the State Capitol check the exhibit on Huey Long and the speculations of who shot him. Was it a conspiracy? You make up your own mind. No admission fee
- Check out the Louisiana State Museum and travel the waters of the Mississippi River to get an overview of how this great river has shaped our history. Take a trip to a Louisiana Juke Joint and enjoy all of the great music that has come out of Louisiana. No admission fee. www.lsm.crt.state.la.us/museum
- The USS KIDD is awaiting your arrival. Travel back in time to the days of WWII and step aboard a Fletcher Class Destroyer. Admission charged. www.usskidd.com
- Stroll over to the Old State Capitol and check out the Sarah Morgan exhibit. She is our resident caretaker of the building as well as a spirit from the past. Admission charged. www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org/
- Stargazing is a wonderful activity. Stroll over to the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum and enjoy one of the many shows that the planetarium has to offer. Admission charged. www.lasm.org
- Magnolia Mound Plantation is a perfect example of the influence of the West Indies and French Heritage. Only 1 ½ mile for the Belle of Baton Rouge. Admission charged. www.magnoliamound.org
Transportation

- Belle of Baton Rouge provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the Baton Rouge Airport as well as within a 5 mile radius of their hotel.
- Yellow cab: www.brtaxi.com
- Complimentary trolley shuttle 5 days a week from the hours of 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. Board the trolley at the Belle of Baton Rouge and enjoy the sites of downtown Baton Rouge.
- Avis, Enterprise and Budget all have rental counters at the Baton Rouge Metro Airport

Just a short Drive Away!

- LSU Rural Life Museum is a must for the lover of 19th century antiquities as well as exploring the architecture of Rural Louisiana. 20 minutes from the Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel.
- Take a trip to Denham Springs, LA and try out the Tikki Zip Line. What a way to enjoy the beauty of Louisiana’s nature. http://www.tikizipline.com
- Explore a French Creole cottage only 1 mile from the Belle of Baton Rouge. This circa 1791 home is a fine example of the West Indies and French architectural influence.
- McGee’s Landing Swamp tour takes you out into the Atchafalaya Basin. This is a short 45 minute drive from Baton Rouge www.mcgeeslanding.com
- Cajun Pride Swamp tour takes you into the Bayou’s that surround Lake Ponchatrain. This is a short 45 minute drive from Baton Rouge. www.CajunPrideTours.com

Gift Shops

Want to take away a little bit of Louisiana? Try the following downtown establishments:

- Louisiana Old State Capitol Gift Shop
- Louisiana State Museum
- Louisiana Art and Science Museum
- USS KIDD
- Fleur Du Jour Florist and Gift Shop
- Main Street Market
- Capitol City Grocery in Historic Spanish Town Neighborhood
Facility Directory

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1 Shucks on the Levee™
2 VIP Lounge
3 Belle of Baton Rouge Casino
4 Pilot House
5 Iberville A
6 Iberville B
7 Iberville C
8 West Baton Rouge Room
9 East Baton Rouge Room
10 Ascension Room
11 Livingston Room
12 Atrium Cafe/Bar 102
13 Atrium
14 Hotel Lobby
15 Sunrise Sunset
16 Famous Theatre Nightclub
17 Bellman's Closet
18 Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel