The Recognition and Awards Committee invites your nominations to the 2020 Program! By focusing on excellence in recreation and parks, we recognize a broad range of achievements of heroes in our field as well as in public parks and recreation organizations of all kinds – from large, established departments to those that are small, or just starting out.

Return the completed form to prpsawards@gmail.com. Note that the Committee reserves the right to move any entry to a more appropriate category based upon the information provided.

Nominee Information
Name of Individual, Program Leader, Publication or Group____________________________________
Title of Individual, Program, Publication or Group__________________________________________
Agency_____________________________________________________________________________

Select Award Category:
☐ Outstanding Achievement Award in Honor of Fred M. Coombs*
☐ PRPS Distinguished Member Award in Honor of Robert D. Griffith*
☐ Outstanding New Professional Award*
☐ Community Champion Award*
☐ Excellence in Recreation and Parks**

Is the nominated individual or agency a member of PRPS?
☐ Yes (Active)
☐ Yes (Retired)
☐ No

Is the nominee a compensated professional in the parks and recreation field?
☐ Yes Number of years in full-time employment as a parks and recreation professional: ______
☐ No
☐ N/A (nominee is an agency or group)

Agency Information
Agency_____________________________________________________________________________
Director_____________________________________________________________________________
Municipality_____________________________________ County_________________________
Telephone____________________________________ Website_____________________________

Submitted by
Name, title of person submitting nomination________________________________________________________________________
Affiliation to Nominee______________________________________________________________________________
Email________________________________________ Telephone_______________________________________________
**Reason for Nomination**

Please provide a one paragraph summary stating the reason(s) for nomination. This summary will be used in the Awards Program. Further information, such as supporting details or photos may be attached (limit 5 pages). For large files, such as photos or videos that cannot be emailed, please email directly to prpsawards@gmail.com

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**Society Awards Nominations**

- **Outstanding Achievement Award**
- **Outstanding New Professional Award**
- **Distinguished Member Award**
- **Community Champion Award**

For Society Award Nominations, please provide a detailed narrative that describes the reason for the individual or group’s nomination based on the Awards Criteria described below. Be sure to highlight the nominee’s accomplishments, career experience, community involvement, and contribution to the recreation and parks profession. The nomination should provide examples of the nominee’s success in demonstrating the POWER principles, where applicable, and indicate the nominee’s involvement with PRPS (or leadership in the community project or initiative for Community Champion Award nominations). The narrative should include specific references to the requirements for the award as described in the Awards Criteria below. Additional material may be included within the guidelines detailed in *Reason For Nomination* above.
Program Awards Nominations
Excellence in Recreation and Parks Awards

For Program Award nominations, please provide specific information on how the nomination demonstrates the following POWER principles. The nomination be rated on a scale of 1-5 for each principle.

Positions public recreation and parks as an essential community service
Tell how the nominated program or publication advances the role and importance of public recreation and parks, shows the benefits of parks and recreation, and improves the quality of life in the community.

Outcome based
Describe the problem, issue, or opportunity and how the nominated program or publication provided a solution to it.

Wow factor
Explain how the nominated program or publication advances recreation and parks in the community through a major accomplishment, innovation, or a creative approach to managing and/or providing public recreation and parks. Describe how the nominated program or publication demonstrates creativity and innovation. This can range from start-up efforts made to establish recreation and parks, or a small but mighty effort to make something happen where recreation and parks are struggling, to the initiative of a well-established parks and recreation organization.

Effects change
Address how the nominated program or publication deals with an important issue in the field of recreation and parks such as environmental stewardship, connecting people to nature, active healthy living, or social equity. Describe how it demonstrates strategies, resources, and outreach methods to increase public awareness, or other means that produce results.

Resourcefulness
Present how the nominated program or publication used creative resources and outreach methods to generate support from a variety of sources, including partnerships in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, the use of private funds, lands, facilities, and expertise, or secured support from policy makers or elected officials.

When was this program or publication offered or produced? ______________________________________

Has this program or publication previously received a PRPS award?

☐ No    ☐ Yes (Please attach an explanation of how the nomination has changed)

All nominations must be received by January 17, 2020.
2020 Awards Criteria
nominations due January 17, 2020
Full list: https://prps.org/Awards

Outstanding Achievement Award in Honor of Fred M. Coombs
This award focuses on significant achievements that served to advance public recreation and parks and produced substantial enduring positive impacts on the quality of life in Pennsylvania through recreation and parks, including:

- Candidate’s work experience
- Awards and special recognitions
- Elected or appointed offices held
- Committee work
- Speeches, writing, research, and professional development
- Community involvement
- Demonstration of POWER principles

Requirements:
- Current or retired PRPS professional member; Minimum of 10 years compensated experience

Distinguished Member Award in Honor of Robert D. Griffith

- Service to PRPS
- Candidate’s work experience
- Service to related associations or groups
- Improvements to a recreation and parks or related curriculum at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Volunteer efforts within recreation and parks
- Initiation of new recreation programs
- Development of new methods of parks operation or maintenance
- Contributions to the expansion of the recreation and parks profession
- Advocacy or legislative contributions
- Enthusiasm for the profession
- Demonstration of POWER principles

Requirements:
- Current PRPS professional membership; Minimum of 10 years compensated experience

Outstanding New Professional Award

- Candidate’s work experience
- Contributions to the advancement of PRPS, affiliated organizations, or the recreation and parks profession
- Service to PRPS
- Service to the candidate’s employing agency
- Volunteer community service
- Demonstration of POWER principles

Requirements: Less than 11 years of full-time, compensated experience in the recreation and parks profession; Current PRPS professional membership

Community Champion Award (available to individuals or groups)

- Contributions to recreation and parks having a stimulating local, state, regional, or national effect
- Continuing interest in recreation, parks, and leisure
- Leadership in the conduct of some project or area of service related to recreation and parks
- Volunteer contributions in support of recreation and parks
- Donation of funding, materials, or human resources toward building or renovating a facility or program
- Ongoing major commitment of resources to the enhancement or maintenance of a facility or program

Excellence in Recreation and Parks

- Demonstration of the POWER principles

Requirements: Current PRPS membership (of sponsoring agency or person from agency submitting the award); The entry must have been offered or produced during the current PRPS membership year; The entry may not be a recipient of a previous PRPS award unless there have been substantial changes to the content or format.