The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society heavily relies on its volunteer members to help deepen its capacity, deliver its program and grow its influence. Those who serve in elected positions are obligated to meet their official responsibilities. Volunteers who choose to serve on task forces, advisory teams and other committees likewise have an obligation to contribute and fulfill the expectations of their roles.

PRPS Member Code of Ethics
Membership in PRPS carries with it special responsibilities to the public at large and to the specific communities and agencies in which recreation and park services are offered. Members of PRPS accept and agree to abide by this Code of Ethics, and pledge to conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the following principles:

1. To adhere to the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all public and personal activities to inspire public confidence and trust.

2. To strive for personal and professional excellence and to encourage the professional development of associates and students.

3. To strive for the highest standards of professional competence, fairness, impartiality, efficiency, effectiveness, and fiscal responsibility.

4. To avoid any interest or activity which is in conflict with the performance of job responsibilities.

5. To promote the public interest, to support equal opportunities, and to avoid personal gain or profit from the performance of job duties and responsibilities.

PRPS Committees

Governing. The incoming President of the Board of Directors appoints chairpersons and members for two-year terms. Governing Committees report to the Board of Directors and include the standing Constitution and Bylaws, Nominations, Recognitions & Awards Committees, and others as needed.

Joint Governing and Operating. Chairpersons and members are appointed for two-year terms jointly by the President and the CEO; or serve as a function of their elective office. The Joint Governing and Operating Committees report to both the Board of Directors and the CEO, and include the Finance, Membership, and Governmental Affairs Committees.
Operating. The CEO annually appoints the leadership of Operating Committees, and by their agreement, other committee members to one-year terms. These include the Annual Conference, Therapeutic Recreation Institute, Conference Site Selection, Historical, Education & Training, Ticket Program, Partnerships, and Publicity & Marketing Committees; the Inclusion Task Force, Urban Alliance Leadership Team, PA Parks Maintenance Advisory Team, Good Advisory Team, Dig it! Blogging Team, Foundation Task Force, and others as needed.

Professional Service Experience (PSE) Program
The National Recreation and Park Association offers CPRPs and CPREs an opportunity to earn Professional Service Experience (PSE) Credits. Together with the traditional CEU credit, PSE points enable individuals to renew professional certifications by utilizing their professional activities. A committee chairperson earns 5 points per year, and a committee member earns 2 points per year. Further information about the program and the application may be found here.

Volunteer Responsibilities
Each committee has specific duties, tasks, goals and deliverables with deadlines; it is the responsibility of committee leaders to communicate such directives to their teammates, and to hold the committee accountable for its results.

All PRPS volunteer committee members accept and agree to be personally accountable to:

1. Devote the time necessary to prepare for and attend committee meetings.
2. Review all provided materials and work on assignments.
3. Seek out training opportunities to learn more about relevant committee issues.
4. Review and comply with the PRPS Member Code of Ethics.
5. Be progressive and positive in outlook, and cooperative in interactions.
6. Take part in discussions, be a good listener, and respect differing views and opinions.
7. Welcome suggestions and constructive criticism.
8. Vote according to convictions and support committee and Society decisions.
9. Assist in PRPS advocacy efforts, especially with those relating to committee tasks and issues.
10. Resign if unable to live up to these expectations and responsibilities.