PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Denise Anderson

As we kick off a new year, I’d like to take a few moments to point out some exciting new things that 2017 has in store for TALS members:

• The inaugural TALS Research Institute hosted by Indiana University. With an exciting line-up of presentations and panels scheduled, I would encourage those who haven’t registered yet to consider adding this to your “must-attend” list of opportunities for 2017. Included among the research presentations and panels will be a TALS Town Hall meeting focused on future directions for the Association where we want to hear your voices.

• New partnerships on the horizon including the development of an MOU with ANZALS (Australian and New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies). These partnerships will reflect the wide variety of members that TALS has now and hopes to attract in the future.

• A new matching challenge grant to support the Future Scholars Endowment Fund that will be announced in January! This will be the perfect opportunity to make the most of your dollars as we continue to support promising scholars.

• Continued growth of the resources available to members on the TALS website including archived teaching resources from some of the best teachers in our field.

With much to look forward to, I wish everyone a successful spring semester!

DENISE ANDERSON, President
The Academy of Leisure Sciences

From the Editor

We would like to hear from you! Please send me updates on your program, thoughts you have regarding anything posted in the newsletter, as well as information about upcoming events. The Academy of Leisure Sciences membership benefits from hearing about advances in the field. Contact me at:

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Nominate Prospective Fellows to The Academy of Leisure Sciences

Active fellows (i.e., Academy members who have paid their dues in the current calendar year) are cordially invited to make up to two nominations for prospective fellows in The Academy of Leisure Sciences. The following criteria (as per The Academy of Leisure Sciences Constitution) should be considered as you propose candidates for membership:

1. The individual should have demonstrated competence in professional activities over a considerable period of time (10–15 years). Included in this consideration of eligibility are such factors as (a) quality as well as quantity of contributions to the literature in the field; (b) recognition of leadership and extensive participation in professional associations or organizations; and (c) acknowledged outstanding performance as a teacher, leader, administrator, practitioner, or researcher in the field of leisure sciences.

2. A willingness to further the goals of The Academy of Leisure Sciences and participate actively (broadly defined) in its affairs.

Nominations for 2017 Fellows are due March 27. See the TALS website for details (https://www.theacademyofleisuresciences.org/).
RESEARCH INSTITUTE: A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND VALUE FOR DEVELOPING SCHOLARS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Is your university or college within driving distance of Indianapolis, and have you considered bringing your graduate and undergraduate students to the TALS Research Institute? This affordable conference ($100 registration fee for graduate students and $25 for undergraduates) promises to be intellectually stimulating with high-quality presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities. The details are at this link (including the full list of sessions/talks): http://www.tals-conference.com/details/

There are some sessions particularly appealing to graduate students, new faculty, and emerging scholars, including the following:

- The habits of productive scholars: Conversations with early career faculty members
- Implicit attitudes and reflexivity: Becoming a critical leisure scholar
- Bringing in the unexpected into arts-based research in sport and leisure studies
- Developing competent interviews: A qualitative research study
- Ethnography of an electronic discussion forum
- When mom wants tenure, can she be the best at everything (this could have broad relevance to anyone juggling family and career)
- Perspectives on leisure research from outside of the field

FUTURE SCHOLARS ARE INSPIRED TO FACILITATE SOCIAL CHANGE AND IMPACT THROUGH THEIR WORK

Future Scholars Julie Leeming (University of Waterloo) and Adam Goodwin (University of Windsor) were honored at the NRPA Conference in St. Louis last September. Julie and Adam are both inspired to facilitate social change and impact through their interests in tourism and sport events respectively. More on each honoree follows:

Julie Leeming is earning her master’s degree at the University of Waterloo under the mentorship of Dr. Brian Grimwood. Her research interests include the following:

- The complex social interaction that takes place between hosts and tourists
- Using tourism to achieve social change
- Potential methods of pro-poor tourism
- Benefits of international experience within tourism education

Adam Goodwin is earning his master’s degree at the University of Windsor under the mentorship of Dr. Marijke Taks. His research interests include the following:

- How to leverage sport and recreation events for social impact
- Specifically how to do this for traditionally marginalized populations
NEW FELLOWS INDUCTED AT NRPA CONFERENCE

TALS fellows are colleagues who have made significant contributions to the literature, provided leadership and extensive participation in professional organizations, and are outstanding as educators, leaders, administrators, practitioners, or researchers in the field of leisure sciences.

Fellows are nominated by and voted on by active fellows. In 2016, six fellows were named:

- Kathleen Andereck, School Director and Professor, Arizona State University
- Kelly Bricker, Professor and Department Chair, University of Utah
- Galit Nimrod, Associate Professor, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Diana Parry, Professor, University of Waterloo
- C. Scott Shafer, Professor and Department Head, Texas A&M
- Ramon Zabriskie, Professor, Brigham Young University

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Left to right: Kelly Bricker, Ramon Zabriskie, Diana Parry, C. Scott Shafer, Kathleen Andereck. Not pictured: Galit Nimrod

Bill Stewart gives a report at the TALS meeting in St. Louis

The TALS Social was a nice opportunity for colleagues to catch up.
MEMBERS HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE AND FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN TEACHING AT NRPA CONFERENCE

Distinguished Colleague Award:  
Robert J. Rossman, Professor and Dean Emeritus,  
Illinois State University

Innovation in Teaching Award:  
Tracy Mainieri, Assistant Professor  
Illinois State University

Excellence in Teaching Award:  
Mark Needham, Associate Professor  
Oregon State University

Excellence in Teaching Award:  
Corey Johnson, Professor  
University of Waterloo

Innovation in Teaching Award:  
Tracy Mainieri, Assistant Professor  
Illinois State University

The awards committee invites nominations for each of these awards by May 5, 2017. More information on the awards and nominations process is at this link: https://www.theacademyofleisure sciences.org/nomination. Forms and questions can be directed to Committee Chair Randy Swedburg at randy.swedburg@concordia.ca
NRPA EDUCATION NETWORK NEWS

NRPA is accepting proposals for the NRPA Research Sessions (NRS) January 15-February 17th, 2017. The NRPA Research Sessions (NRS) are a forum to elevate and exchange research related to the advancement and future direction of municipal parks and recreation, recreation based agencies, and state and national parks and public lands. Details and submission instructions can be found here: http://www.nrpa.org/nrs

Awards nominations are encouraged for several NRPA National Awards (Roosevelt Research Award, Distinguished Colleague Award, Young Professional Award). Nominations are due March 12th. More information is here: http://www.nrpa.org/our-work/awards/nationalawards/

CANADIAN THERAPEUTIC RECREATION ASSOCIATION WEBINAR SERIES

The CTRA 2016/2017 Webinar series is underway. Webinars provide an easily accessible opportunity to showcase evidence-based research and practice-based evidence for the professional and personal development of therapeutic recreation professionals. CTRA Members can join us for excellent learning opportunities specific to the field of TR. Join us for a webinar today! https://canadian-tr.org/professional-development/webinars/ CTRA is also accepting proposals for webinar speakers: https://canadian-tr.org/professional-development/webinar-call-for-presentations/