

# Research Committee Update

## New Opportunity for “Peer Reviewed” Articles in IPRA Profile

In an on-going effort to provide a quality publication for the IPRA membership, I am pleased to announce a new feature in IPRA Profile. IPRA Profile, beginning in the next issue, will have a “peer-reviewed” web extra research article in each issue. Although we will continue with our regular article submission process to the Communications Committee, we will now make a “peer-reviewed process” available to the academics and scholars in the State via the Research Committee. The Research Committee and the Communications Committee chairpersons will work closely together to make the peer-reviewed process and the final publication process seamless for authors. **Articles that have been peer-reviewed and approved will be labeled with the above “IPRA Peer Reviewed” logo.**

A goal of IPRA is to increase the presence of our university partners, professors, and students. If we desire to engage more students in IPRA, we need to engage more faculty. To engage faculty, we need to create scholarly venues for publication and presentation of research and other scholarly projects. Thus, in January 2009, IPRA re-created the Research Committee. Dr. Nathan A. Schaumleffel from Indiana State University assumed leadership of the Research Committee on October 1st, 2009. At this time, the IPRA Research Committee is made up of practitioners and scholars representing Indiana State University, Ball State University, Indiana University, and Purdue University.

The committee currently has the following goals:

1. Host an IPRA Recreation Research Symposium (formatted after the NRPA Leisure Research Symposium) in conjunction with the IPRA Conference Committee. Time will be allotted for six 20 minute research presentations.
2. Host a Research Poster Presentation Session at the 2010 IPRA/ACA-IN Conference in conjunction with the IPRA Conference Committee.
3. Develop a Research Section of the IPRA web site. This web site will include all IPRA Profile web-extra peer-reviewed research articles; archive all IPRA Recreation Research Symposium presentations and posters; and all call for papers and presentations.
4. Publish at least one peer-reviewed web-extra research article in IPRA Profile in conjunction

with the IPRA Communications Committee.

**Goal #1** has been achieved with a very successful Recreation Research Symposium at the 2010 state conference!

**Goal #2** was suspended until the 2011 IPRA conference and **Goal #3** is in process.

**Goal #4**, to publish at least one peer-

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studies that focus on Indiana-based recreation research (i.e., scholarship of discovery); as well as research projects that are considered the scholarship of application/engagement (i.e., Indiana-based community engagement and service-learning projects). Faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and practitioners are encouraged to submit manuscripts.

When submitting an article, the author(s) accepts responsibility that it has not been published or accepted for publication elsewhere, unless otherwise stated in writing. Manuscripts should adhere to the guidelines of the Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) (6th Ed.). All articles must have a title page, executive summary, introduction, literature review, methodology, findings, discussion, conclusion, and references. In an effort to prepare Indiana scholars to submit research manuscripts to other national and international journals, authors submitting manuscripts for IPRA Profile should also follow the publication guidelines of the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration: <http://hotel.unlv.edu/recreation/journal/guidelines.html>

**Research papers are now being accepted for review for the Summer and Fall 2010 issues of Profile. The Research Column of IPRA Profile will follow the same manuscript submission and publication deadlines as announced by the Communications Committee Chairperson. Please, note the peer-review process along with revisions can take 60 days or more, so please submit manuscripts in plenty of time.**

Please, submit all research manuscripts electronically in Microsoft Word format to: Dr. Nathan A. Schaumleffel, CPRP  
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“Peer review (also known as refereeing) is the process of subjecting an author’s scholarly work, research, or ideas to the scrutiny of others who are experts in the same field. Peer review requires a community of experts in a given (and often narrowly defined) field, who are qualified and able to perform impartial review. Being “peer reviewed” is generally considered essential to academic quality, and used in most important scientific publications” (Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peer\\_reviewed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peer_reviewed)).

Beginning with the Summer 2010 issue of IPRA Profile, one “Peer Reviewed” article will be published as a “Web Extra” article. Research articles will have the 1st page of the manuscript published in IPRA Profile, and then the full text of the article will be published online in the Research Section of the IPRA web site.

Research will cover a variety of topics, however, preference will be given to research