

The Past President's committee shall have representation as a professional committee of the MRPA representing all former presidents who served the Michigan Recreation and Park Association in the past. The chairperson serves as the direct liaison to the MRPA board and the office.

**Mission:** The Michigan Recreation and Park Association Past President's Committee is a professional committee committed to providing assistance, administration, and promotion of the association to its members. The Past President's committee shall discuss issues that pertain to the association for the betterment of MRPA.

1. **Committee** – The Past President's committee shall consist of a minimum of 10 members.
  - A. The chairperson shall serve a two-year term and be the representative to the board and the association.
  - B. Each committee member is encouraged to attend and be involved with strategic planning for the future of the association.
2. **Officers** – Chairperson, Chair-Elect, and Secretary.
  - A. The Chairperson is an elected member of the committee and oversees the functions of the committee; sets the agenda; and represents the committee at association functions and meetings as needed. Term is two years. Initial chairperson to be a Presidential appointment in Fall of 2007.
  - B. The Vice-Chairperson is an elected member of the committee. The Vice-Chair assumes the responsibility of the chairperson in their absence. Term is two years
  - C. The Secretary is an elected member of the committee. Responsible for taking meeting minutes and its distribution; also to disseminate information to committee members as directed by the chairperson. Term is two years.
3. **Elections** – Elections for officers are to take place in the fall of even numbered years. Term of office begins at the close of the MRPA annual conference following an election year.
4. **Sub-Committees** – The chairperson, with the approval of the Past President's Committee, may establish and delegate authority to any sub-committee deemed necessary to carry on the administration of the MRPA Past President's Committee functions.
5. **Meetings** – The chairperson shall conduct a minimum of two meetings per calendar year. The chairperson may call special committee meetings at any time provided committee members are given at least one (1) week notice.
6. **Quorum** – A minimum of six Past President's constitutes a quorum.

7. **Amendments to the Bylaws** – Any amendments to the bylaws shall be the sole responsibility of the Past President's Committee via a simple majority rule. The committee must review an amendment for a period of 30 days prior to any action; and eventually must be reviewed and approved by the MRPA board.
  
8. **Filling a vacancy of an officer on the committee:**  
In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairperson, the Chair-Elect shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. The Chair-Elect shall also complete the term of Chairperson for which originally elected/appointed. The Chair-Elect position shall remain vacant until the next election.  
  
In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chair-Elect due to causes other than assuming the office of Chairperson, the Secretary shall assume the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
  
In the event of a vacancy of the Secretary, the Chairperson shall appoint a member of the committee with committee approval to complete the remainder of the term.
  
9. **Removing an officer from the committee:**  
All officers are to comply with association protocol and creed of ethics at all times. If deemed necessary due to an extreme case/situation, the committee may intervene along with the current board president to discuss disciplinary action (if any).

**Current Past Presidents:**

2007	Bruce Ross, Van Buren Township
2006	Stu Alderman, Troy
2005	Dan Stencil, Oakland County
2004	Tim Schreiner, Grand Traverse County
2003	Ron Davis, Oxford Township
2002	Traci Sincock, Northville
2001	Andy Lang, Farmington Hills
2000	Ron Olson, Ann Arbor
1999	Ann Conklin, Independence Twp
1998	Art Serafinski, Ypsilanti Twp
1997	Marilyn Troshak, Novi
1996	Vic Chiasson, Eastern Michigan University
1995	Jef Farland, Southfield,
1994	Roger Coles, Central Michigan University
1993	William Rhodes, East Grand Rapids
1992	Ric Scott, Muskegon
1991	Ernest W. Burkeen Jr, Huron Clinton
1990	Hurley Coleman Jr, Wayne County, Retired
1989	Ann Conklin, Independence Twp.
1998	Larry Fitch, Trenton, Retired
1987	Ralph Richard, Oakland County, Retired
1986	Tim Doyle, Ind. Twp, Retired
1985	Rob Flynn, Mt. Pleasant

1984	Tom Chappelle, Sterling Hts, Retired
1983	Bob Tooley, Berkley, Retired
1982	Doug Gaynor, Farmington Hills,
1981	Don Sparpana, Wyoming, Retired
1980	* Bill Upina, Lansing DNR
1979	Jim Perry, Royal Oak, Retired
1978	* Jim Bristor, Michigan State University, Retired
1977	* Gary Lamm, Lansing
1976	Donald E. Moffatt, Midland
1975	Jon Kipke, Oakland County, Retired
1974	Don Smith, Muskegon
1973	* Jim Beers, Lansing DNR
1972	* Bud Abbott, Ypsilanti
1971	* Mel Bailey, Westland
1970	Jim Bruce, Flint, Retired
1969	R. Eric Reickel, Trenton, Retired
1968	* Jesse Rutherford, Ypsilanti
1967	* Don Martin, Southfield
1966	* Joe Seavey, East Detroit
1965	* John Lindell, Royal Oak
1964	* Chuck Oxley, Ann Arbor
1963	W. Gillette and *C. Oxley, Ann Arbor
1962	* John Dufour, Dearborn
1961	* Herb Kipke, Lansing
1960	Harry Burns, Grand Rapids, Retired
1959	* Herb Woolweaver, Plymouth
1958	* Ross Kressler, Midland
1957	* Ben Yack, Wyandotte
1956	* Mel Elliott, Saginaw
1955	* David Brown, Ferndale
1954	* Chase Hammond, Muskegon
1953	* Ed McGowan, Detroit
1952	* Harold Manchester, Dearborn
1951	* Stu Richter, Pontiac
1950	* Harold Myron, Highland Park
1948-49	* Jim Reid, Midland
1945-47	* Lawrence Moser, Kalamazoo
1944	* Henry Schubert, Dearborn
1943	* Jim Reid, Midland
1941-42	* Arch Flannery, Battle Creek
1935-40	* Hubert Johnson, Detroit

\* Deceased

Retired, as noted



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