



2009 Mid Year Report Senior Committee

2009 Officers

Sandy Dorey, Oakland County Parks - Chair
Becky Paquin, Oxford – Chair Elect

Active Members:

Sue Koivula – Northville	Gail Garber – MRPA Staff
Paige Gembarski –Ferndale	Mary Winegar, MRPA
Nancy Wojewski-Noel –Wayne	Lorraine Beloncis - Kenwood
Rachel Zageroli – Novi	Tracy McMahan - Wixom
Marie Verdeyer - OLSHA	Sally Banks - Bloomfield
Denny Troshak – West Bloomfield	Susan Doughty - Canton
Carol Rose – Chesterfield	Laurie Brown – Flat Rock
Claudia Brewer - Southfield	

2009 Committee Meeting Focus Areas:

- Margaret Whitehead Nominations
- The Grand Experience
- Judging 2009 – Photo Contest from Mackinac Trip
- Partnership with MASC
- Networking & Brainstorming on programs: baby boomers, marketing
- Meeting Format
- Annual Conference

2009 Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 pm in the Lansing area

Plans for the Remainder of the Year:

Continue to work on strategic plan – action steps
Determine Margaret Whitehead Awards
Network/Brainstorm on how to increase committee participation

2009 Senior Committee Strategic Plan Committee Goals

Strategic Priority #1: Professional Development

MRPA Goal: Creation of a comprehensive professional development agenda that addresses the needs of current and future professionals and non-professional staff.

- Committee met with Michigan Association of Senior Centers; they are not interested in combining efforts, but are willing to promote each others organization and programs

Ongoing Process

Strategic Priority #2: Advocacy

MRPA Goal: Engage MRPA more proactively in local, state, and federal level policy discussions.

- Committee advocates for the senior population. They network with each other when pertinent legislation is being reviewed

Ongoing Process

Strategic Priority #3: Resource Center

MRPA Goal: Provide state and local stakeholders with access to information and tools necessary to design, fund, operate, and advocate for strong public recreation and park facilities, programs, and services.

- Committee exchanges communication (flyers, newsletters, etc) at their meetings as well as through email
- Update committee chairs email distribution for members

Ongoing Process

Strategic Priority #4: Research

MRPA Goal: Provide timely information on issues and trends that affect the current and future strength of recreation and parks in Michigan.

- To submit annual MRPA PROfessional magazine article.
- To secure committee members to serve on other committees.
- To submit information for weekly eBlast.

Ongoing Process

Strategic Priority #5: Partnerships and Collaboration

MRPA Goal: Leverage MRPA resources through partnerships and collaboration with organizations that have common or complementary goals.

- To identify organizations that share common or complementary goals.

Ongoing Process