

# Proposal for Merger of Commissions

Commission for Recreation and Athletics / Commission for Wellness



## Overview

ACPA's Commission for Wellness would like to merge with the Commission for Recreation and Athletics. The new Commission would be called the Recreation, Athletics, and Wellness Commission (RAWC).

Currently the Commission for Recreation and Athletics has 51 active members and 7 directorate members. The Commission for Wellness has 120 active members and 3 directorate members.

Below are proposed changes to operating documents: the Mission/Vision/Objectives, proposed plans for merging the directorate bodies, and how to absorb awards and conference programs for the 2018 conference.

## Mission, Vision and Objectives

### Mission and Purpose

ACPA's Recreation, Athletics, and Wellness Commission (RAWC) will provide ACPA members with opportunities for professional development about issues of importance in campus recreational sports, intercollegiate (varsity) athletics, and wellness in postsecondary education. In addition, acting within the ACPA governance structure and with ACPA International Office, CRA will assist in positioning ACPA to be an informed voice on campus recreation, athletics, and wellness issues as those issues intersect with student affairs and with the strategic objectives of ACPA as an association.

### RAWC Objectives

In congruence with ACPA's strategic goals (knowledge & competencies, professional & career development, membership & recruitment), RAWC will capitalize on the unique strengths of ACPA to achieve the following objectives and outcomes:

- To focus on student learning and development— create professional development opportunities that will assist professionals to:
  - Understand the impact of participation in recreational sports, athletics, and wellness activities on students; and to value the unique issues and

- concerns of students in association with their specific context of experience (recreation, athletics, or wellness) through the lens of student learning and development.
- Articulate specific areas of knowledge and competencies that serve as student learning outcomes as a result of experience in programs and services in recreation, athletics, and wellness.
  - Understand and use assessment methods appropriate in determining the manner and degree to which learning and development has occurred.
  - To focus on creation and dissemination of knowledge— contribute to existing ACPA publications/materials and develop additional professional development publications/materials and opportunities that:
    - Add to the existing body of knowledge on topics relevant to campus recreation, athletics, and wellness.
    - Convey the unique contributions of a student affairs perspective to the appropriate bodies of knowledge on campus recreation, athletics, and wellness.
    - Facilitate and encourage professional’s examination of the bodies of knowledge on campus recreation in support of informed and effective practice.
  - To focus on the development of professional competencies paired with career advancement— assist in the articulation of the knowledge and skills needed by student affairs professionals who serve in or address issues in campus recreation, athletics, and/or wellness:
    - As areas of skill and knowledge are defined, such definition will be utilized as a curricular foundation and rationale for programs, services, publications, and other forms of professional development offered by RAWC to ACPA members and student affairs professionals. This includes resources and programs for Alcohol and Other Drug facilitators.
    - Endorsements of specified knowledge and skills will be secured from relevant professional associations and relevant groups (NIRSA, NCAA, etc.)
    - Quality professional and career development opportunities will be provided, year-round, that appeal to scholars and practitioners at every career level, including professional preparation. These opportunities will also include networking, programs, and activities at the national conference as well as other events for all ACPA members to help sustain a holistic culture through the various dimensions of wellness.

Each year, the RAWC also creates an Action Plan, which includes annual goals and objectives with relation to ACPA’s strategic plan. The Action Plan is also in congruence

with planning for the ACPA annual conference and defined strategic issues in campus recreation and intercollegiate athletics.

## Directorate Body

### Directorate Merger

Currently there are three active members on the Commission for Wellness. The chair of the Commission for Wellness has no interest in forming a co-chair position in the new Commission, but would like to make sure the commission is blended smoothly before stepping down from her position. The other two individuals will be given opportunities to slide into one of the open positions that are currently on the directorate for the Commission for Recreation and Athletics, or they will be allowed co-chair an existing position that is similar to the role they are currently in.

Right now there are seven positions open on the Commission for Recreation and Athletics. Once the current directorate members on the Commission for Wellness have stated if they would like a position on the directorate, an email inviting all members of former Commission for Wellness will be invited to join the directorate. There was a call for nominations sent out on November 22, and the deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Directorate Position Information

Term: 3 years (except excluding commission chair, past chair, and chair elect)

Member of the CRA Directorate will not serve on any other Directorate during their three year term of office.

### Commission Position Roles and Responsibilities

#### Commission Chair

*Currently Held By: Randi Napientek (Term Ends 2019)*

- Regularly communicate with the Directorate Body and Commission membership regarding the work of the Commission and ACPA.
- Plan and conduct Commission meetings at specified intervals throughout the year and at the annual convention.
- Manage the Commission finances, annual preparation and submittal of proposed Commission budget, with input from Directorate.
- Submit progress reports and other reports to the Coordinator for Commissions, as required.

- Represent the Commission to ACPA, the Coordinator for Commissions, and to other outside organizations.
- Appoint members of the Commission and Directorate to projects and committees, in accordance with ACPA and Commission procedures per (V)(A)(2)(d)(iii).
- Ensure that the Commission follows all relevant ACPA guidelines.
- Attend all meetings for Commission Chairs at ACPA Conventions and Summer Leadership Meetings, or find a substitute from the Directorate, if necessary; preferable substitutes would be the Vice Chair for Conventions or the Chair-Elect.
- Serve the first year of the four-year term as Chair–Elect offering assistance to the Chair and serving as a voting member on the Directorate.
- Work with the Vice Chair of Membership & Outreach to identify and recruit a Faculty Liaison, as necessary.
- Serve as Past Chair for one year after their two-year term of service as Chair has expired, and serving as a voting member on the Directorate.

#### Vice Chair for Conventions

*Currently Held By: Catherine Thompson (Term ends 2020)*

- Chair the Commission Program Selection Committee.
- Serve as the Commission’s primary liaison with ACPA Convention Team and the Sponsored Programs Chair.
- Coordinate the solicitation, development and selection of Commission sponsored conference programs with assistance of the Program Selection Committee.
- Coordinate the publicity and promotion of the Commission-sponsored programs at the annual convention.

#### Vice Chair of Research and Assessment

**Currently Held By: VACANT**

- Chair the Commission Research Review Committee.
- Oversee the process to create and award research grants relevant to the Commission.
- Promote the exploration and identification of research in recreation and athletics from a student affairs perspective.

- Work with the Vice Chair of External Affairs on developing potential collaborations with other recreation and athletics organizations on joint publication and other professional development opportunities.

#### Vice Chair of Professional Development

*Currently Held By: James Archibald (Term Ends 2018)*

- Annually, identify potential strategic areas of emphasis and focus for Commission (Appendix A).
- Administer Commission endorsed webinars and other professional development opportunities outside of the ACPA Annual Convention.

#### Vice Chair of Membership & Outreach

*Currently Held By: VACANT*

- Coordinate and administer the Next Generation Scholarship process when funds are available.
- Organize recruitment activities and engage individuals inquiring about Commission involvement
- Coordinate the Convention Showcase event.
- Work with the Chair to identify and recruit a Faculty Liaison, as necessary.

#### Vice Chair of Awards and Elections

*Currently Held By: Steve Malvaso (Term Ends 2017) UP FOR ELECTION, STARTS IN 2018*

- Administer annual Commission elections.
- Publicize the election results.
- Administer annual awards.
- Communicate with ACPA-IO about awards to make sure people are recognized and to make sure elections are following ACPA guidelines.
- Communicate with VC of Web Development and VS of Communications to make sure results are updated on the website and in the newsletter.

#### Vice Chair of Administration

*Currently Held By: VACANT*

- Codify Commission policies and procedures.
- Record minutes of all conference calls and meetings of the Commission or Directorate and disseminate them to members.

- Keep a roll of directorate attendance at all ACPA, RAWC directorate, and RAWC committee meetings.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date membership roster of Commission members and Directorate Body.
- Maintain Commission documents and historical records in coordination with the Past Chair.

#### Vice Chair of Communications

*Currently Held By: Tony Calderala (Term ends in 2020)*

- Maintain Commission listserv.
- Publish the Commission newsletter periodically.
- Accurately report Commission business.
- Serve as a catalyst for meaningful exchange of ideas and resources.
- Present articles addressing relevant topics within recreation and athletics within higher education.
- Work with the Vice Chair of Conference Programs to Produce Commission brochure or informational flyer for annual convention.

#### Vice Chair of External Affairs

**Currently Held By: VACANT**

- Coordinate outreach efforts to other ACPA Constituencies (commissions, task forces, boards, etc.).
- Organize outreach efforts to other national organizations (e.g. NIRSA, NCAA, N4A, etc.).
- Work with the Vice Chair of Assessment and Research on developing potential collaborations with other recreation and athletics organizations on joint publication and other professional development opportunities.

#### Vice Chair of Web Development and Technology

**Currently Held By: VACANT**

- Maintain Commission website
- Organize technology needs for the Commission such as set up of Webinars, Go To Meetings, and Conference needs

#### Vice Chair of Social Media

*Currently Held By: Rachel Brunson (Term ends in 2020)*

- Coordinate all Social Media efforts (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, etc)
- Work with the Vice Chair of Communications to develop a Social media plan
- Post relevant topics in research and in the field on a regular basis to maintain a social media presence

### Chair-Elect

**Currently Held By: VACANT**

- Serve a one-year term prior to serving a two-year term as Commission Chair.
- Assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson should that position be vacated prior to the expiration of the regular term of office or should the Chairperson be unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.
- Orient new Directorate members to policies and Commission structure, as well as their role within the Commission.
- Assist the Chairperson with responsibilities as needed.
- Attend Summer Leadership Meeting (as substitute for Chair, if necessary)
- Assist with Convention responsibilities as needed.

### Past Chair

*Currently Held By: Larry Mrozek (Term Ends 2018)*

- Serve a one-year term after completing the two-year term as Commission Chair.
- Assist the Chairperson with responsibilities as necessary, particularly with reports and communication with ACPA International Office and other commissions
- Assist with Convention responsibilities as needed.
- Serve as the Commission historian, including retaining and organizing Commission documents, and presenting documents to the Vice Chair of Administration upon completion of term

## Awards

### **Awards Merger**

Currently both commissions have sent out nominations for awards for the year. The Vice Chair for Awards and Elections can take over and manage both award processes

for the 2017 year. We will combine awards to form a blended award structure. Below are the awards for both commissions as they are today as well as a proposed award structure moving forward.

## **The Commission for Recreation and Athletics Awards**

### Distinguished Scholar

The purpose of this award is to recognize a member of the CRA for their scholarly contributions to the advancement of intercollegiate athletics or campus recreation. Candidates must be a current member in good standing of ACPA and the CRA and register to attend the 2018 ACPA National Convention. Individuals may self-nominate for the award or be nominated by another member of the CRA. In addition to the online nomination form, a current resume or CV and brief summary of their work not to exceed 2 double-spaced pages should be submitted for review. The award recipient will be asked to provide an edited version of their work for publication in the CRA newsletter prior to the convention.

### Outstanding Contribution

The ACPA Commission for Recreation and Athletics is accepting nominees for the CRA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Recreation and Athletics. The purpose of this award is to honor a member of the community for their contributions and commitment to student learning and development in campus recreation and/or intercollegiate athletics. Nominees do not have to be members of ACPA or the CRA for consideration.

### Graduate Student/New Professional Travel Award

The purpose of this award is to assist a new professional with the cost of attending the 2018 ACPA National Convention in Houston while supporting them in the engagement of the activities of the CRA. The recipient of this grant will receive a \$150 stipend to help off-set the costs of their convention registration fees, hotel accommodations, or travel expenses. To be eligible for the grant, applicants must be a current member in good standing of ACPA and the CRA. Applicants must have no more than 4 years of post-collegiate professional experience in intercollegiate athletics or campus recreation excluding part-time employment or graduate assistantships.



## **The Commission for Wellness Awards**

### Outstanding Wellness Program for Students

This award recognizes an outstanding wellness program geared toward students. Wellness programs encompass many areas including, but not limited to, physical, emotional, spiritual, occupational, social, and intellectual dimensions. The recipient of this award will be an innovative program that has wide-reaching influence on student wellness on campus.

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### Outstanding Professional in Wellness

This award is presented annually to a college educator who has, through outstanding leadership, made significant contributions to the wellness field and to their institution. The professional has achieved innovative responses in meeting the varied and emerging needs of today's students and professionals.

### Annual Convention Scholarship

Beginning in 2009, the Commission for Wellness has taken part in offering financial support towards one convention scholarship to a NextGen participant to cover the NextGen registration costs for an undergraduate student leader who is interested in the field of student affairs. By offering this scholarship, the Commission for Wellness aims to assist undergraduate student leaders in learning more about student affairs, ACPA and how the Commission for Wellness actively works to incorporate wellness values into the overarching principles of ACPA. Scholarship candidates are required to fill out an application addressing what they hope to gain by participating in NextGen and also summarizing how they plan to engage in the mission of the Commission for Wellness as a student affairs professional.

## **Proposed Awards for the Commission for Recreation, Athletics, and Wellness**

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## **2018 Conference Programs**

### **Merger**

For the 2018 conference, since program offers have already gone out to the presenters, we ask that all offers still be honored, regardless of the numbers of sessions offered. We ask that the planning committee change all commission names to the Commission of Recreation, Athletics, and Wellness.

All ancillary space requests as well as receptions will be blended and go off of the request that the Commission for Recreation and Athletics Submitted. We also ask that the in Memory request made by the Commission for Wellness still be honored for the conference.

In addition, the Vice Chair for Conference Programs will work with individuals who had been setting up programs for the Commission for Wellness to make sure it is a seamless transition, and work together as a team to continue to plan great programming for the conference including wellness activities for all attendees.