

## **President Elect:**

### **Laurie Braden**

**Louisiana State University**

#### **Biography/Summary Resume**

Laurie Braden is currently the Director of University Recreation at Louisiana State University. She is responsible for the overall leadership of University Recreation and leads a team of 19 full-time staff members, 6 graduate assistants and over 200 student employees. Prior to LSU, she was the Director of Campus Recreation at the University of Texas-Brownsville from 2007-2010 where she led the creation and growth of campus recreation from the ground up. Laurie also served as an Associate Director of programs and facilities at Central Michigan University from 1999-2007. She received her B.S. degree from the University of Florida in Recreation Administration in 1988 and her M.S from North Carolina State University in Recreation Resource Administration in 1991. She is a Certified Recreational Sports Specialist, has attended the NIRSA School of Recreational Sports Management and is a member of the NIRSA professional registry and a graduate of the NIRSA National School of Recreational Sports Management.

Laurie has been an active member of NIRSA for 22 years and has served on multiple committees, task forces and work teams as well as presenting on local, regional and national levels. A selection of her service includes: 2010 Nominations & Appointments Work Team, 2010-2011 National Conference Host Committee, 2005-2006 Finance & Budget Committee, 2001-2006 NIRSA State Treasurer, 2003 Annual Conference Program Committee, 2000-2001 Budget & Finance Committee, NIRSA 50th Anniversary Annual Conference Program Committee, 1998 Mission & Name Review Task Force and the 1994-1995 Certification Task Force. In addition to this work Laurie's presentation topics have included communication, conflict resolution, sexual harassment, career development and provision of inclusive services to underserved populations. She has assisted with planning and leading state, regional and national conferences.

She has been actively engaged on each of her campuses by fostering relationships with student life, residential life, health services and athletics. She recently helped endow a scholarship with the NIRSA Foundation that will assist in addressing the issues of social justice within recreational sports. Outside of her professional life Laurie enjoys running, working out, reading and playing tennis. From 2000-2009 she founded and led a 501 (c) 3 non-profit that raised funds to send girls to summer sports camps. Laurie has been a recipient of the NIRSA Foundation Will Holsberry Scholarship and the Michael J. Stevenson NIRSA Outstanding Service Award. Selected as a 2012 College of Health and Human Performance Alumni Hall of Fame recipient at the University of Florida.