

# **NIRSA Member Network**

## **National Student Leader**

### **Position Description**

The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association is a dynamic organization committed to be recognized internationally as the leader in recreation within higher education, dedicated to excellence in student and professional development, education, research and standards. NIRSA's commitment, creativity and strategic partnerships are consistently demonstrated through outstanding programs, facilities and services.

As such, the leaders of the Association are expected to be knowledgeable about current issues in campus recreation and matters of the Association, as well as to be forward thinking team members.

All corporate powers of the Association shall be exercised by or under the authority of the board of directors and the affairs of the Association shall be managed under the direction of the board of directors.

The Member Network is the primary vehicle for communication, constituent representation, networking and student/professional development. The National Student Leader will have the following duties and functions, but are not limited to:

- Serve as a Leader to the entire student membership and potential new student members.
- Establish and set in conjunction with the Student Leadership Team (SLT) student goals and initiatives.
- Maintain a working relationship and constant communication with the Regional Representatives and the Regional Student Leaders in an effort to create synergies among the regions.
- Work in conjunction with the Past President Representative, who will serve as the National Student Leader's primary mentor and resource.
- Identify and communicate with the Member Network Board of Directors (BOD) Liaison potential initiatives and/or issues to be addressed by the NIRSA Board of Directors. In addition, the NSL will submit reports for the Board of Directors' Midyear and End-of-year meetings regarding student accomplishments, issues and initiatives.
- Assist and support the State/Provincial Student Leaders.
- Chair and be responsible for the agenda and student report at the annual student meeting.
- Assist the NIRSA National Center Staff with student standing committee meetings and functions at the annual conference.

- Create and/or enhance a sustainable process to prepare incoming Network Regional Student Leaders and State/Provincial Student Leader for their new roles.
- Recommend student members for committee appointment.
- Submit an article for each issue of the NIRSA Know newsletter.
- Complete at least two (fall and winter/spring) student newsletters and send to the entire student membership.
- Maintain an operational handbook and refine/revise with assistance from the National Center.
- Submit a proposal for a student roundtable at the annual conference.
- Appoint a replacement for any Regional Student Leader position that becomes vacant during the time between NIRSA annual conferences. Such an appointment would be effective through the following NIRSA annual conference.
- Chair the Horace Moody Award Committee.
- Serve as a Liaison with the Student Professional Development Committee on the preconference workshop.
- Assist with the National Service Award Work team with identifying nominees for the Student National Service Award.

In order to fulfill these responsibilities, the National Student Leader is expected to represent student interests at the Annual Conference and Student Leadership Team Meeting. Additional travel may be deemed necessary if time, funding and interest are available to accomplish goals set by the Member Network and/or Student Leadership Team for optional events such as Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders (ERSL) Conference, Student Lead On Conference(s), and Regional and/or State/Provincial conferences. To accomplish the duties and functions of a National Student Leader, appropriate funding within the NIRSA annual operating budget will be available.

**Term of Office:**

The National Student Leader (NSL) is elected by the student membership for a period of one year beginning with the close of the Annual Conference.

**Qualifications:**

- Any NIRSA student member in good standing for twelve months prior to election is eligible to serve as the National Student Leader.

- Student must be in good academic standing as defined by their institution.
- Any student member may be nominated by another student member or may self nominate.
- An elected individual is required to continue to be a student and a NIRSA student member throughout the term of office.