



July 2009

Dear Region IV Members,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and enjoying your summer. I returned two weeks ago from the Summer Board Meeting and am happy to report that your association is thriving. The Governance transition team in particular, has been grinding out the details and logistics that will provide us with a seamless transition into our new governance model. The host committee for the Region IV Conference in New Orleans is hard at work and has created a website specific to the conference, with details for ease of registration. I will write to you again prior to the academic year beginning with greater detail relative to this years nomination and election process for the new Regional Director to the Network. Please keep your State Directors informed of any workshops or professional development opportunities that may benefit your regional colleagues.

Thank you again for this opportunity to represent and serve you.

Missie McGuire, Region IV Vice President

Region IV Business Meeting Highlights

Please refer to the Region IV Powerpoint presentation to get up to speed on regional news, regional award recipients and future professional development opportunities. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Regional Leaders:

- Vice President: Missie McGuire, Tulane University
- Regional Student Representative: Jayson Anderson, Stephen F. Austin State University

State Directors:

- Jeremy Battjes, Arkansas, University of Arkansas, jbattje@uark.edu
- Brad Wilson, Louisiana, Louisiana State University, bjwilson@lsu.edu
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State Student Representatives:

- Joe Sloan, Arkansas, University of Arkansas, jsloan@uark.edu
- Jonathan Johnston, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, jonathan.johnston@okstate.edu
- Mollie Romero, Missouri, Southeast Missouri State University, mkromero1s@semo.edu
- Graciela Sandoval, Texas, Texas State University-San Marcos, gs1132@txstate.edu
- **Louisiana, Kansas and New Mexico** Student Reps. TBD

Lead On 2010:

Student Coordinators: Ty Smathers, tysmathers@mavs.uta.edu, (817) 272-3277

Host Institution: University of Texas, Arlington

Advisor: Lexi Christoules, Assistant Director, Aquatics & Club Sports, lexi@uta.edu, (817) 272-2509

Dates: January 28-30, 2010

Upcoming Region IV Professional Development Opportunities

October 6-9 | Region V & Big 12 and Friends | University of Colorado | Diane Belz | belz@colorado.edu

October 13-16 | [Region IV Conference](#) | Tulane University | Chris Maitre | cmaitre@tulane.edu

January 28-30, 2010 | Lead-On 2010 | UT, Arlington | Ty Smathers | tysmathers@mavs.uta.edu | (817)272-32227

February 19-20 | Region IV ERSL | UT, San Antonio | Tony Daniels | tony.daniels@usta.edu

Save the Date: Region IV & Big 12 and Friends Conference, September 29-October 1, 2010, Texas Tech University, Pee Wee Roberson, peeweeroberson@ttu.edu

A Message from your Regional Student Representative

Hello NIRSA Colleagues, for those who do not know me, my name is Jayson Anderson and I am currently the Region IV Student Representative. I am also the Graduate Assistant for Facilities and Member Services at Stephen F. Austin State University. I am very excited for the opportunities that lay ahead.

I would like to challenge the students of Region IV to accomplish many things. First, I would like to see more student involvement in Region IV conferences, workshops, tournaments, and the like. There are many benefits for students who participate in these events. Also, I would like to see our student membership numbers increase. Our organization cannot thrive if we are not active in recruiting our co-

workers; so take a co-worker to a conference and get them excited about NIRSA. This leads to my final challenge. I would like to see a good turnout of students at the 2010 Student Lead On. This is a great place for student to network, learn, and to become passionate about campus recreation.

I am here to serve the students of Region IV, so if you need anything please contact me at andersonja@sfasu.edu or you can find me on Facebook!

Jayson Anderson

State News

Arkansas

Arkansas State University in Jonesboro is looking forward to opening the Wolf Center, an 85,000 square foot facility this coming spring, 2010. The facility is being built at a cost of 18 million and will include multipurpose gymnasiums, an indoor track, a free weight and cardiovascular training area, dance studios, classroom space and multipurpose activity space.

Louisiana

University of Louisiana Lafayette:

Hosting a "Ready to Ref" Clinic September 4-5, 2009. Contact John Wilson for further details at jwilson@louisiana.edu or (337)482-6158.

Louisiana State University:

Continuing to recover and make repairs to the SRSC after incurring substantial damages from Hurricane Gustav.

Tulane University:

Looks forward to hosting the Region IV Conference, October 13-16th, 2009. Please visit the [website](#) to make your reservation or consider presenting!

Texas

Baylor University:

Is increasing enrollment 10% to 16,000+ combined undergraduate and graduate students. Completed a feasibility study to expand their facility by 75,000 square feet (23k wet and 52k dry) to include: a 25m pool, 4 gymnasiums, 4 activity rooms, spinning studios and 7,000 sq. ft of additional weight room space.

SMU:

Welcomes new staff members: Tony Bates, Aquatic Coordinator, Ty McDonald, Assistant Pool Manager, Omar Hernandez, Assistant Facility Manager, Dolores Henry, Assistant Manager of Membership, and Chris Coleman, Assistant Manager of Intramurals and Sports Clubs.

Texas A&M University, Commerce:

New Staff Member: Bill Miller formerly from SIUE has been named Facilities Coordinator. Will open a new adventure base program this summer to include an 18 hole disc golf course, a high and low ropes course and a primitive camp ground.

Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi:

Opened a new 70,000 square foot facility in January 2009. Welcomes the following

new staff:

Chris Dillon, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator
LR Hetternan, Intramural Coordinator
Dennis Caplen, Facility Coordinator
Rick Reyes, Operations Manager
Ben Sanches, Operations Technicians

Texas A&M University, Kingsville:
Announces that construction is underway for a 12m student recreation center.
Expected completion is May 2010.

Texas A&M University, College Station:
Is pleased to welcome the following new staff:
Ashley McInnis, Intramural Coordinator
Jessica Howe, Graduate Assistant, Facilities
Cody Schroeder, Intern for Sport Clubs

Installed flat screen tvs throughout the Rec Center, developed an in-house television network to create a new revenue stream through advertising sales and tied in to a web based security camera system which is integrated throughout the division of Student Affairs.

Texas State University, San Marcos:
Completed a \$31m expansion and renovation project and celebrated a grand reopening this past April. Is pleased to welcome the following new staff:
DJ Preson, Intramural Sports
Jessica Kruckermeyer, Fitness
Greciela Sandoval, Marketing G.A

Texas Tech University:
Welcomes Brad Jackson, a Tech Alum as the new Coordinator of Intramural Sports.
Opened an 8.4m, outdoor leisure pool this past May.

Trinity University:
Announces that Jacob Tingle will step down from his position as Rec Sports Director and will assume a full-time faculty appointment at Trinity. Jacob will become the Director of Physical Education. Seth Asbury will be promoted to the position of Rec Sports Director for the university. Erica Schartenstein has been promoted to Aquatics Director and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator.

University of Houston:
Has reopened the search for the Director of Recreational Sports.

University of North Texas:
Welcomes new staff members: Korey Stamp, Facility Coordinator and Sheldon Tate, Intramural Coordinator.

University of Texas, Austin:
Welcomes new staff member, Christina Hardin as Assistant Facility Coordinator. Is in the midst of a feasibility study and review for renovating the Whitaker Fields and Tennis Complex, Clark Field and to construct an Outdoor Leadership Development

Center.

University of Texas, Arlington:

Promoted Lexi Christonles to Assistant Director of Aquatics and Sports Clubs and is pleased to welcome Lindsay Lookingbill as Membership Services Coordinator.

University of Texas, San Antonio:

Welcomes new staff member, Tony Daniels as Associate Director of Recreational Sports.

West Texas A&M:

Welcomes new staff members:

Bill Banks, Assistant Director Outdoor Pursuits

Kimberly Cornelson, Assistant Director Aquatics

Jennette Wingert, Assistant Director, Facilities

Elosia Reyna has been promoted to Associate Director of Recreational Sports

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