

ORSA HISTORY



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“The tradition begins here.”

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1977-1979	State Director: Sally Myers, Miami University
1979-1981	President: Steve Kintigh, University of Dayton
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1983-1985	President: Greg Jordan, Bowling Green State University
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1993-1995	President: Larry Spencer, University of Toledo Vice President: Pat Kennedy, Case Western Reserve Secretary: Barb Hinkle, Xavier University Treasurer: Sally Myers, Miami University
1995-1997	President: Pat Kennedy, Case Western Reserve Vice President: Liz Davis, Ohio State University Secretary: Tamsen Burke, University of Toledo Treasurer: Sally Myers, Miami University
1997-1999	President: Beau Rugg, Ohio State University Vice President: Cathy Swick, Bowling Green State University Secretary: Laura Reiger, University of Toledo Treasurer: Doug Curry, Miami University
1999-2001	President: Jean Denney, Wright State University Vice President: Phillip Johnson, Miami University Secretary: Eric Corbitt, Wright State University Treasurer: Doug Curry, Miami University
2001-2003:	President: Phillip Johnson, Miami University Vice President: Kim Schmidt, University of Cincinnati Secretary: Sean Ries, Ashland University Treasurer: Doug Curry, Miami University
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OHIO RECREATION SPORTS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP HISTORY

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1976 University of Dayton

The tradition begins at Dayton....

The first Ohio Intramural Sports State Workshop was held in May of 1976 at the University of Dayton, Physical Activities Center, and was hosted by the NIRSA State Director, Patti Holmes, Billy Mayo, UD Director welcomed approximately 25 participants. Dr. Jim Peterson, US Military Academy and NIRSA Regional Vice-President, gave the keynote address. The one day program was highlighted by a tour of UD's Physical Activities Center and a commitment to begin a tradition of annual state workshops was agreed upon by all that attended. The conference program was very general in nature and consisted primarily of a variety of buzz sessions. Approximately 12 schools from Ohio were represented.

1977 Miami University

Miami hosts 2nd annual....

Miami University was the site of the second annual "Intramural and Recreational Sports Activities Workshop." Hosted by Sally Myers, the workshop was held on May 13, 1977 in Millett Hall. Dr. Robert Ethridge, Miami's Vice President for Student Affairs, greeted over 55 participants from more than seven states. Art Swanson, NIRSA Vice President and Director of LSU, gave the keynote address. Highlights of the conference included presentations by: Dr. Larry Preo, Marquette University on "Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Family Programming"; Mr. Rich Mull, Indiana University, "Recreational Sports- What is it?" and Central Michigan University's staff "Floor Hockey Demonstration." An evening steak cookout followed the day's activities. State Director: Patti Holmes, Region III Vice President: Lynn Heyliger.

1978 Ohio State University

OSU's "Intramural Interaction"....

Ohio State University was the site of the third annual state workshop entitled, "Intramural Interaction." Hosted by Dr. Bruce Maurer over 50 participants enjoyed a walking tour of the \$10 million dollar OSU Recreational-Intramural Sports Facility. All were welcomed by Fred Beekman, OSU Director, and Dr. Richard Armitage, VP for Student Services. Dr. Peter Graham, Vice President for NIRSA, delivered the keynote address. Other program highlights included Dr. George Haniford, Purdue, speaking on "Contemporary Program Philosophies"; "Facility Management" by Dr. Mary Daniels and Dave Griner, OSU Staff, and Rich Mull, Indiana University, speaking on "Participants Rights." State Director: Sally Myers, Region III Vice President: Bruce Anderson.

1979 Bowling Green State University

Bowling Green's new Rec Center is introduced....

Dr. Ben McQuire, past president of NIRSA and Sally Myers, Miami University, and Ellen Gould, University of Michigan, coordinated the fourth annual state workshop on May 3-4, 1979. Encouraging participants from both Ohio and Michigan, over 65 participants attended the conference at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Larry Preo, President of NIRSA, keynoted the workshop with his presentation entitled, "The Future is Ours." The theme, "New Directions in Recreational Sports," was explored by Dr. Jim Peterson, US Military Academy, in his presentation on "Physical Abilities of

Women as they relate to Women's Programming." Dr. Richard Eakin, Bowling Green's Vice Provost, presented a brief historical background of the development of the \$9.3 million dollar BGSU Student Recreation Center. Participants were treated to a tour of the outstanding facility, a western style steak cook-out concluded the day's activities. A t-shirt souvenir was provided by Miami University to commemorate the event. State Director: Sally Myers, Region III Vice President: Bruce Anderson.

1980 Kent State University

Student Leadership at Kent State University....

Dr. Steve Sherman, Recreation Director of Brooklyn College and Region III Vice President of NIRSA, kicked off the fifth annual state workshop at Kent State University. Hosted by Winona Vannoy, close to 60 participants concentrated their thoughts and ideas on the theme: "Student Leadership in Recreational Activities." The workshop, held on May 15-16, 1980, was expanded to a one and a half day program. Steve Kintigh, NIRSA State Director proposed an Ohio Recreational Sports Association. Two program highlights included individuals participating in a wheelchair basketball game and a tour of Kent State University. The workshop hosts provided participants with a t-shirt memento celebrating the 5th annual conference.

1981(Spring) Youngstown State University

Ohio Recreational Sports Association born....

Tim Miller, Director of Youngstown State University, hosted the sixth annual state workshop on March 12-13, 1981. Region III Vice President Patti Holmes gave the keynote address focusing her thoughts on "A Positive Mental Attitude." "Problem Solving" was the workshop theme and several outstanding YSU professors gave mini-workshops on variations of the theme. Two presentations were offered every hour. New topics that surfaced for the first time included wellness programming, all-nighters, and equipment care. The Ohio Recreational Sports Association was formed under the leadership of State Director Steve Kintigh.

1981 (Fall) University of Dayton

Back to Dayton: Mid-East Regional Workshop....

NIRSA State Director, Steve Kintigh, proposed a Mid-East Recreational Sports Workshop to include the Tri-State Area. The seventh annual state workshop was held November 19-20, 1981, at the Dayton Holidome. This workshop was one of the most successful workshops with over seventy participants. Mr. Tom Fericks, University of Dayton Vice President for University Relations, welcomed all participants and was followed by Dr. Ed Hammond, University of Louisville, who gave an excellent presentation on time management and conflict resolution. An inspirational talk by George Haniford, Purdue University, entitled, "The Good Old Days Now," closed the workshop on a very positive note. Musco Lighting sponsored a social for all who attended. The Region III Vice President was Patti Holmes.

1982 Hocking Technical College/Ohio University

Hocking Tech and Ohio University combine efforts....

Co-hosted by Hocking Technical College and Ohio University, the eighth annual Workshop took place on Hocking Tech's campus at the school's hotel on October 21-22, 1982. Mark Wileman, Director at Hocking Tech and Dick Woolison, Director at Ohio University, provided a workshop program for approximately fifty participants. Autumn tours of the Hocking Valley in Nelsonville, Ohio and Ohio University's recreational facilities were well received by the group. The staff at Bowling Green reminisced about their Karen Willard, a Graduate Assistant at Miami. Outdoor recreation programming was featured. The workshop was unique for two reasons: 1.) it was held in a Hocking Tech learning facility and 2.) it was the first time a technical college in Ohio hosted the workshop. State Director: Greg Jordan; Region III Vice President: Mary Daniels.

1983 Wittenberg University

Wittenberg opens its doors: 9th conference....

Dr. Tom Jones opened the ninth annual state workshop at Wittenberg University with a presentation on management styles, "Efficiently vs. Effectiveness." Tim Miller, newly appointed Recreation Director, hosted the conference, which was held November 3-4, 1983. Tours of the new Wittenberg Recreation Complex were made available to all. Testing for the NIRSA Recreational Sports Specialist Certification was held at the state workshop for the first time. Mary Daniels, NIRSA State Director, laid the groundwork for plans for the tenth annual state workshop and encouraged everyone to make efforts to contact those in the state who had not attended before to be a part of this historical workshop. Other presentations included a video of the National Flag Football Tournament, discussions on women's participation, and a film on an interesting and very different type of competition: the "Paul Bunyan Program" at Hocking Tech. Region III Vice President: Mary Daniels.

1984 University of Toledo

A perfect 10 at University of Toledo....

Pat Besner, Director at the University of Toledo, hosted the tenth annual state workshop on November 1-2, 1984 at the University of Toledo Continuing Education Center. Highlights included Dr. Larry Preo, Marquette University, on "To Be or Not To Be: Confronting Career Change." Dr. John Drowotzy of the University of Toledo gave a talk on "Legal Concerns with Facilities and Participants." The ORSA members decided to continue affiliation with NIRSA. A fun night of entertainment included shopping at Portside and a social at the Red Roof Inn. State Director: Tim Miller, Region III Vice President Tony Clements.

1985 Miami University

The tradition continues at Miami....

The eleventh annual state workshop was held at Miami University on October 23-24, 1985 at the Marcum Conference Center. It was hosted by Patti Holmes. This year's theme, "Keys to Professional Success" was appropriately demonstrated throughout the workshop as a diversified mixture of recreational sports professionals lectured, debated, and shared ideas on topics that provided insight into the recreational sports profession. Entertainment was provided by the Indiana Thump-Jumpers who performed amazing routines with jump ropes. State Director: Tim Miller, Region III Vice President: Tony Clements.

1986 Lorain County Community College

LCCC and Oberlin open their doors....

Jeff White, Director of Recreation at Oberlin College and Greg Sferra, Director of Recreation at Lorain County Community College put together a most interesting and entertaining state workshop. It was held November 6-7, 1986. An exciting session dealing with risk management was provided by Dr. Betty Van Der Smissen, Bowling Green State University. Other highlights included tours of Oberlin College and LCCC, Team Walleyball competition, individual racquetball tournament and a swap shop where participants traded t-shirts and other reward paraphernalia. The evening entertainment included a night at the races. State Director: Tim Miller, Region III Vice President: Tony Clements.

1987 Baldwin Wallace College

13th Annual hosted at Baldwin Wallace....

Tim Miller and his staff at Baldwin Wallace College put together a strong state workshop on November 5-6, 1987. NIRSA President-Elect, Tony Clements was the keynote speaker and delivered a humorous but sincere message dealing with our commitment to excellence. Other topics included motivating your staff, Rec Sports and Law, and computerized ID systems. Participants went on a tour of the Cleveland Browns Practice Facilities and also took part in a Hawaii Beach Party at the Harley Hotel indoor pool. State Director: Ken Kaiser, Region III Vice President: Mike Dunn.

1988 Bowling Green State University

ORSA Workshop XIV....

The fourteenth annual state workshop was held at Bowling Green State University on November 3-4, 1988. It was hosted by Cheryl Sokoll. The keynote delivered by speaker Ray Tucker was, "How Do You Motivate People". Patti Holmes spoke on "Enhancing Performance in the Workplace." Personal and professional use of time was the topic of a speech given by Julie Langfelder. One very interesting aspect of the workshop was a slide show of recreation centers around the world. Other activities included an IRSC problem solution session and a fitness challenge. Evening entertainment included curling and figure skating at BGSU's ice arena. State Director: Ken Kaiser, Region III Vice President: Mike Dunn.

1989 Ohio State University

Ohio State does it again....

Ken Kaiser, Liz Davis and their staff at Ohio State University are to be commended on their efforts in putting together the fifteenth annual state workshop that was held on November 2-3, 1989. Randolph Bobbitt, Management and Human Resources of Ohio State University, giving an inspiring speech on "Managerial Leadership." Other topics discussed included time management, concerns of smaller institutions, fitness and conditioning, and sport club issues. Evening entertainment included shopping at City Center Mall and the German Village and a social at the Ramada University Hotel. State Director: Greg Sferra, Region III Vice President: Tim Miller.

1990 Xavier University

Xavier Previews the National Conference....

Xavier University was the site of the November 8-9, 1990 ORSA State Workshop. Jim Ray and his staff put together an exciting and informative workshop with 34 individuals in attendance. "Strategically Placing Your Department Within the University" was the topic addressed by Gordon Barnhart, President of Corporate Change Systems. Other topics included fitness and conditioning, extramural activities in small colleges, and creating revenue through facility programming. A social in Terrace Suite provided the evening amusement. State Director: Greg Sferra, Region III Vice President: Tim Miller.

1991 University of Toledo

Networking in Toledo....

Pat Besner hosted the seventeenth annual state workshop at the University of Toledo, October 31-November 1, 1991. "Networking, Your Niche for the 90's" was the theme of the state workshop. Dr. William Rudd, Professor of Management at the University of Toledo, spoke on networking and its applications to the recreation field. The workshop provided numerous opportunities for networking and also included a tour of the new Student Recreation Center. Evening activities included a dinner catered by the Deli Staff at the center auditorium and an opportunity to utilize the new facility. State Director: Bill Sells, Region III Vice President: Dixie Bennett.

1992 Kent State University

The Tradition Lives On: Kent State, 1992....

Paul Milton, Interim Director at Kent State University, hosted the eighteenth annual state workshop at Kent State University. The theme, "Involvement and Assessment: Pathways to Excellence," provided the platform for professional development and collegiality. State Director: Bill Sells, Region III Vice President: Dixie Bennett.

1993 Case Western Reserve University

19th Annual Hosted by Case Western Reserve....

Pat Kennedy, Recreational Sports Director at Case Western Reserve University, served as workshop host in Cleveland, OH on November 11-12, 1993. The workshop theme was "Campus Wellness and Recreation Unlimited." Program topics included "NIRSA Natural High Programming," "Legal Liability of Sponsors," "Sports Club Buzz Session," "Your Magic Kingdom in the Pixie Dust Principle," "Emergency Action Plans," "Community College Event Ideas," "Aerobic Instructor Training," "Relations Between Full-Time Staff and Graduate Assistants" and several others. The Crawford Auto Museum site was selected for the Thursday workshop dinner and entertainment. Governor George Voinovich declared November 11, 1993 as Ohio Recreational Sports Association Day throughout the state of Ohio and US Senator Howard Metzenbaum proclaimed November 11th as Ohio Recreational Sports Day in Cleveland. Approximately 15 schools from Ohio were represented by 60 participants. State Director: Larry Spencer, Region III Vice President: Bill Sells.

1994 Bowling Green State University

20 Consecutive Workshops: Bowling Green Hosts 3rd

With a veteran host staff and a relatively "new" Field House, Greg Jordan and Richard Bowers welcomed the twentieth annual state workshop participants. The workshop theme was "20 Years of Excellence and Still Setting the Pace." The new Field House served as a supplemental workshop site to the BGSU Ice Arena and Student Recreation Center. Presentation topics ranged from "Motivating the Motivators, to "Diversity and Prejudice Reduction," "Employee Training and Motivation," "NIRSA Natural High," Excellence through Assessment," "Sport Club Issues" and various roundtables discussions. NIRSA Honor Award recipient and the first (1976) ORSA Workshop host, Patti Holmes delivered a well-received closing address on obtaining excellence from people. Approximately 17 schools from Ohio were represented by 77 participants. State Director: Larry Spencer, Region III Vice President: Bill Sells.

1995 Miami University

Miami Workshop Showcases Beautiful Recreation Sports Center....

The 21st annual state workshop was hosted by Miami University on November 2-3, 1995 at the Marcum Conference Center and the new \$22 million Recreational Sports Center. The theme of the workshop, "Attitude is Everything," was supported by a thematic workshop clipboard and workshop participants were divided into teams which created camaraderie and fun. Patti Holmes delivered an insightful keynote address accompanied by the presentation of each team's motto, cheer and handshake. The workshop set new attendance records with 17 schools represented by 117 participants. Sally Myers, Miami Recreational Sports Director and the entire Miami Recreational Sports staff served as workshop hosts. State Director: Pat Kennedy, Region III Vice President: Bryan Harris.

1996 Ohio University

OU- "Together we can make "PING" It Happen...."

The twenty-second annual state workshop was hosted by Ohio University on November 7-8, 1996 at the new Charles J. Ping Student Recreation Center. The theme of the workshop was "Together We Can Make It Happen!" Two post conference workshops, Steven Covey's "First Things First" Time Management and AFAA Aerobic Certification were also offered. This workshop set new attendance records with 125 participants representing 25 institutions, which included four correctional facilities. Bill Sells, Associate Director of Recreation. State Director: Pat Kennedy, Region III Vice President: Bryan Harris.

1997 Lorain County Community College

Leadership for the New Millennium....

Lorain County Community College graciously hosted the Ohio Recreational Sports Association's 23rd state workshop in their beautiful Spitzer Conference Center. The conference theme, "Leadership for the New Millennium," was supported by educational sessions addressing multi-cultural communications, computer web sites, non-credit programming, marketing, fitness assessments, professional preparations, and conducting contemporary job searches. Ample opportunities for informal professional development and education were at their peak as 80 participants were in attendance, representing 15 educational institutions and three correctional institutions. Of the eighty participants, thirty six were either graduate or undergraduate students. Greg Sferra, who organized the conference, but had already begun his responsibilities as the newly hired Campus Recreation Director at his alma mater (Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania), returned to conduct the conference as his last official duty for LCCC. State Director: Beau Rugg, Region III Vice President: Lori Lynn.

1998 Baldwin Wallace College

Baldwin Wallace College Hosts the 24th ORSA Workshop....

Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, OH hosted the ORSA 24th annual state workshop on November 5-6, 1998. The theme was "Pride and Excellence in Facilities and Programming." The conference started off with "welcomes" and a keynote speaker, Eddie Johnson of the Cleveland Browns (1981-1990, team captain, inspirational leader and outstanding linebacker). Buses departed after the luncheon for downtown Cleveland. The first stop was a tour of Jacobs Field, home of the Cleveland Indians. We looked at the site of the new Cleveland Browns Stadium under construction for a 1999 season. Next, conference attendees had a choice of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame or the Omni Max Theater. The day was capped off with dinner and business meetings at the Hard Rock Café and a social at the Cleveland Flats. Day two included workshop presentations and roundtable discussions followed by more facility tours. The first facility visited was the Cleveland Browns Berea Training Facility in Berea, OH. The conference ended with a tour of the Gund Arena, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland Rockers and the Lumberjacks Hockey Team. State Director: Beau Rugg, Regional III Vice President, Lori Lynn.

1999 Kent State University

ORSA Celebrate its 25th Anniversary at Kent State University....

Kent State University in Kent, OH hosted the 25th Annual ORSA state workshop on November 3-5, 1999 in their new Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The theme of the conference, "Our Vision Will Be a Reflection of Our Teamwork", truly described the 25-year history of ORSA. In addition to the great educational sessions and round tables, attendees participated in many activities including initiative games and wheelchair football. Most attendees took advantage of the new opportunity to tour the fantastic new facility. The highlight of the conference was the dinner and business meeting. Many long-time ORSA members took a few minutes to share their fond memories from involvement in the Association. The evening ended with Kent State's Director of Recreational Services, Paul Milton, receiving the 1999 ORSA Honor Award. State Director: Jean Denney, Region III Vice President: Leroy Hackley.

2000 Ohio State University

Ohio State hosts ORSA 2K....

The Ohio State University was the proud host of the 26th state workshop of the Ohio Recreational Sports Association on November 2 and 3, 2000. "See Your Future, Be Your Future, Make Your Future" was the theme for students and professionals who came to contribute, learn and make new

friends in Columbus, Ohio. NIRSA President Bill Sells greeted attendees as they arrived while NIRSA Honor Award Winners, Dr. Mary A. Daniels and J. Michael Dunn set the tone for the meetings with inspirational welcoming messages. Round table discussions on various topics preceded a beef and chicken buffet lunch. ORSA President Jean Denney conducted the after-lunch business meeting which concluded with Paul Milton presenting the ORSA Honor Award to Pat Besner. Phil Johnson was elected ORSA President, Kim Schmidt, VP, Sean Ries, Secretary. Doug Curry will remain as the Treasurer. After a few more professional presentations, ORSA members were transported to Fred Beekman Park for the formal dedication ceremony. Dinner was served family style at Buco di Bepo, and then ORSA was turned loose to explore various cultural aspects of Columbus. Friday morning began with a continental breakfast followed by a general session that introduced the audience to the plans for Ohio State's new recreation center. The conference concluded at Columbus Crew Stadium, where Crew General Manager Jim Smith offered a remarkable session on sports marketing. Host Ken Kaiser conducted a short wrap-up session in the locker room, box lunches were distributed and ORSA 2K became a fond memory. State Director: Jean Denney, Region III Vice President: Leroy Hackley.

2001 Miami University

Uniting Recreation Leaders at Miami and Hueston Woods Resort....

The staff at Miami University hosted the 27th ORSA state sorkshop at Hueston Woods Resort and Conference Center in Oxford, OH. "Uniting Recreation Leaders" was the theme for the October 25-26, 2001 event surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Hueston Woods State Park. The 96 participants were welcomed by ORSA President Phil Johnson and Miami's Gil Siegel. The opening session featured the energetic Paul Wesselmann of Stone Soup Seminars then continued with 16 total presentations and roundtables for professionals and students alike. Overlooking Acton Lake, participants enjoyed lunch during the ORSA business meeting. Region III VP Jan Wells of the University of Michigan and Region III Student Representative Larry Mellinger of Ohio University were in attendance. Afternoon activities included horseback riding around the park and disc golf on Miami's 18-hole disc golf course. The evening was spent having dinner at the new Student Athlete and Development Center on the campus of Miami followed by a tour of the facility. Larry Spencer presented Greg Sferra (previously of Loraine County Community College), who traveled from Slippery Rock University, with the 2001 ORSA Honor Award. Participants continued the evening in the Hawk's Nest at the First Run Bar and Restaurant. The two-day event concluded at noon the next day after a morning breakfast buffet and another rousing presentation by Paul Wesselmann. State Director: Phil Johnson, Region III Vice President: Jan Wells.

2002 Bowling Green State University

Creative Imaginings....

On October 24-25, 2002, the staff at Bowling Green State University hosted the 28th ORSA state workshop at the newly renovated \$38 million Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The theme was "Creative Imaginings: Unlock the Power of Your Mind". The 95 participants were welcomed by BGSU recreational sports staffers, Thad Long and Dr. Richard Bowers. They were especially pleased to welcome NIRSA's Executive Director (Kent Blumenthall), the Region III VP (Jan Wells), and the Region III Student Rep (Cara McFadden). Dr. Ed Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs, offered some welcoming remarks, then introduced the keynote speaker, BGSU president, Dr. Sidney Ribeau. Over the next day and half, 15 presentations and roundtable sessions were held on various topics, presented by students and professionals. During the lunch/business meeting, Kim Schmidt was elected President of ORSA, Sean Ries, Vice President, and Tiphonie Crane, Secretary. Recreation opportunities (including curling), facility tours, and leisure time in the afternoon was followed by dinner at the Ice Arena lounge. After dinner, Greg Jordan (Oakland University, MI), former ORSA member and BGSU recreational sports employee, was presented with the ORSA Honor Award by last year's

winner, Greg Sferra. Many participants then gathered for some fun at the Easy Street Café, located in downtown Bowling Green. On Friday, a continental breakfast was followed by some presentations, “What’s New” updates, Pat Kennedy’s report on the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference in Cleveland, and some roundtable sessions. A box lunch was then available for participants to grab and go. State Director: Phil Johnson, Region III Vice President: Jan Wells.

2003 Wright State University

Soaring Above At Wright State University...

The Wright State University Office of Campus Recreation played host to the 29th Annual Ohio Recreational Sports Association state workshop on November 6th and 7th. Ninety-eight attendees, including 25 students, from across the great state of Ohio converged at the Wright State Student Union to see old friends and share new ideas. The theme of this year’s conference, Soaring Above, was highlighted during the two-day event through a variety of presentations and through the words of keynote speaker, Dr. Bud Baker. His message regarding having a vision and taking risks challenged all who were in attendance. One particularly exciting aspect of this year’s conference was a new student educational tract. The ORSA Student Leadership team of Kristin Noble (OU), JR Rathjens (OSU) and J.T. Bukiewicz (WSU) coordinated the program that included presentations on the ORSA Mentor Program, Decision Making Tools for Today’s Student Leaders, Professional Ethics for Students, and an energized student roundtable. The student experience was highlighted by a student lounge, which fostered a great deal of interaction, fun, and dialog and included a showing of a new and dynamic ORSA student video. Through the leadership of Kendra Violet from the University of Cincinnati, the scholarship auction and raffle proved to be a huge success. Many items were donated by Ohio schools and area vendors, including a Schwinn Spinning bike from Life Fitness and a few autographed items from The Ohio State University. The memberships’ generosity resulted in close to \$1,500 being raised for ORSA student scholarships. State Director: Kim Schmidt, Region III Vice President: Stan Shingles.

2004 Case Western Reserve University

30 years of excellence...past, present, and future

The 30th annual Ohio Recreational Sports Association (ORSA) workshop was hosted by Case Western Reserve University on October 28 & 29, 2004 at the Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center. Celebrating ORSA’s rich history the workshop theme was “30 years of excellence... past, present, and future”. NIRSA President-Elect Greg Jordan (Oakland University) shared a Proclamation from the NIRSA Executive Committee recognizing ORSA’s 30th consecutive workshop and contributions to the recreational sports profession. The conference format focused on interactive presentations and round table discussions. The keynote speaker, Patti Holmes, shared her passion and enthusiasm for the field of campus recreation in her address. A highlight of the workshop was the Association’s 30th Anniversary photograph and a slide show which contained over 350 ORSA photos taken throughout the years. This workshop set new attendance records with 29 institutions represented by 125 participants. The 2005-07 ORSA officers elected at the business meeting were: President, Dave DeAngelo (Ohio State University); Vice President, Joy Polkabila Byers (Kent State University); Secretary, JR Rathjens (North Central State College/ OSU-Mansfield). Tara Siehl (Miami University) was chosen to serve as the first elected ORSA Student Representative in 2005-06. This year’s ORSA Honor Award winner was State Director for Ohio, Kim Schmidt, from The University of Cincinnati. Pat Kennedy and Mina Moore served as workshop hosts. State Director: Kim Schmidt, Region III Vice President: Stan Shingles.

Future Ohio Recreational Sports Association State Workshops

2005 Ohio University
2006 Ohio State University
2007 University of Akron
2008 University of Cincinnati
2009 Ashland University
2010 University of Toledo
2011 University of Dayton

NIRSA Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents from Ohio

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1982-1984	Region III VP	Mary Daniels, Ohio State University
1989-1991	Region III VP	Tim Miller, Baldwin Wallace University
1987	President	Mary Daniels, Ohio State University
1993-1995	Region III VP	Bill Sells, Ohio University
1995-1997	Region III VP	Bryan Harris, The Ohio State University
1996	President	Patricia Besner, University of Toledo
2000	President	Bill Sells, Ohio University

NIRSA Annual Conferences In Ohio

1985 Columbus, Ohio
1991 Cincinnati, Ohio
2003 Cleveland, Ohio

NIRSA Region III Summer Conferences in Ohio

1993 University of Toledo
1997 Wright State University
1999 Baldwin Wallace College

Ohio Recreational Sports Association Honor Award Winners

Presented annually to an Ohio recreational sports professional, "In recognition of their unselfish dedication, exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to the promotion, growth, and development of the recreational sports profession."

1990 Steve Kintigh, Texas Christian University
1991 Winona Vannoy, Kent State University
1992 Dr. Tim Miller, Baldwin Wallace College
1993 Ken Kaiser, Ohio State University
1994 Larry Spencer, University of Toledo
1995 Sally Myers, Miami University
1996 Patti Holmes, Holmes Training and Dev.
1997 Bill Sells, Ohio University
1998 Pat Kennedy, Case Western Reserve University
1999 Paul Milton, Kent State University
2000 Pat Besner, University of Toledo
2001 Greg Sferra, Slippery Rock University
2002 Greg Jordan, Oakland University
2003 Award not presented
2004 Kim Schmidt, University of Cincinnati

NIRSA Region III Student Lead-On Conferences Held in Ohio

1998 Ohio State University

2004 Ohio University

NIRSA Honor Award Winners From Ohio

1991 Mary Daniels, The Ohio State University

1992 Patti Holmes, Holmes Training and Development

1991 Mary A. Daniels, Ohio State University

1999 J. Michael Dunn, Ohio State University

NIRSA Region III Award of Merit Winners from Ohio

1991 Sally Myers, Miami University

1993 Pat Besner, University of Toledo

1995 Bill Sells, Ohio University

2002 Liz Davis, Ohio State University

NIRSA Region III Horace Moody Award Winners from Ohio

2001 J. Michael Dunn, Ohio State University

2002 Christopher Morris, Ohio University

ORSA Scholarship Winners

2000-01 Larry Mellinger, Ohio University, NIRSA Registration

2000-01 Patrick Madine, Ohio University, Lead-On Registration

2001-02 Kurt Schooley, Ohio University, NIRSA Registration

2001-02 JT Bukiewicz, Wright State University, Lead-On Registration

2002-03 Jill Sturts, Bowling Green State University, NIRSA Registration

2002-03 Michael Warren, Bowling Green State University, Lead-On Registration

2003-04 Kristin Hace, Ohio University, NIRSA Registration

2003-04 Keith Birkemeier, University of Cincinnati, Brian Mills, Ohio University, and Earl Cabellon, Bowling Green State University, Lead-On Registration

2004-05 Rebecca Cegledy, Ohio State University, NIRSA Registration

2004-05 Mike Hespen, University of Cincinnati; Tara Pendelton, University of Cincinnati; Michelle Williams, Ohio University

Will Holsberry Scholarship Winners

2001 Deanna D'Amore, Ashland University

2002 Daniel Golberg, Ohio State University and Kristin Noble, Ohio University

2003 Michele Speer, Ashland University and Earl Cabellon, Bowling Green State University

2004 Keith Birkemeier, University of Cincinnati and Janel Crabel, Ashland University