



Region III
September 2011

Notes from....

Sarah Hardin, Region III Representative
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Upcoming Region III Events

- > State Workshops – See Page 4!
- > Region III Flag Football Officials Clinic
Dayton Univ. 9/24 & 9/25
UDIntramurals@notes.udayton.edu
- > Ohio State University Regional Flag Football Tourney
11/11-11/13
- > NCCS Regional Flag Football Tourney SIU-Carbondale
11/18-11/20
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Are You On the List?

A few years ago, when I was working in a state which will remain nameless, one of the recreational sport professionals at the flagship institution in that state told me that she wasn't having her staff attend the state



Sarah Hardin & J. Michael Dunn
(A Very Long Time Ago)

conference because they *"really didn't have anything that they needed to learn from the rest of the state."*

Thinking back on this comment reminds me of a story, which appropriately enough, involves Mike Dunn. My first professional position was working for JMD at SIU-C as an IM Coordinator. Mike quickly recruited me to assist him in leading the Pro Rec Club for our students. At meetings, he would usually engage the students in a professional development activity. One activity involved making lists of professionals in the field who the students should meet and with whom students should interact. These professionals were people who had led the field through giving great presentations, encouraging students, developing NIRSA initiatives, etc.

At the time, the people on these

lists were not famous—just ordinary people caring about their profession. Twenty years later, the lists read like a "NIRSA Who's Who" - Tom Jones, Patti Holmes, Jim Nasiopolous, Dixie Bennett, Bob England, Jeff Vesseley, Tony Clements, Kathy Bayless, Larry Preo . . . just to name a few in Region III . . .

The point is: THESE are people who didn't say, *"I have nothing more to learn;"* They DID say, *"What can I teach? How can I contribute?"* So this begs the question: **Are you on the list?** How can you help our future leaders to move forward?

Workshop coordinators are always seeking presenters; students are always looking for mentors. I hope that each succeeding generation cares and can aspire to contribute the way the people on our lists did.

Welcome Back Fall 2011!



Sarah Andreski, Region III Student Leader

First, if you haven't already updated your profile on Habitat I encourage you to take a few moments to do so. Habitat is a great resource and allows you to connect with other students and professionals within the campus recreation field as well as post and respond to discussion boards, blogs, and view upcoming events!

The current Student Leadership Team worked very hard this summer to create as many opportunities for you, the students, and one of the ongoing projects that we have created is the Mentoring Blog located on the Habitat website with new posts each month. Check it out, I promise you won't be disappointed!

The State Workshops are quickly approaching! Make sure that you are checking your state's host site for updates and deadlines for presentation proposals and registration. I hope to see all of you at your state's workshop this year. Each Student State Leader will be presenting at each state workshop. I encourage you to attend the "Student Roundtable," where you can bring any of your questions, comments, or concerns about campus recreation, graduate assistantship applications, resume creation, or current trends in the field. I also encourage you to

Well it's that time of year again, fall semester! Hopefully you had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy some of the beautiful sunny days. As we start a new school year I want to remind you all of some important dates, deadlines, and opportunities available for you this year.



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attend *"How to Face the Challenges of Facebook In the Workforce and Workplace"* where we will be presenting on social media and how it can affect your future job placement!

Well, again WELCOME BACK! I look forward this exciting new school year and getting the opportunity to meet and serve you all!

A few words from your Student Leaders...



ILLINOIS

Hey everyone! My name is Jeremy Butler and I'm the new State Student Leader for Illinois. I'm currently a Graduate Assistant for Facilities at Illinois State University. I am very excited to serve as State Student Leader this year and we have a lot of great ideas in store. We have the 2011 IIRSA Conference coming up on October 5-7, 2011 at Illinois State University! I encourage you all to attend if you can.

It'll be an awesome learning experience, networking opportunity, and an overall great time! I hope to see you there! If you have questions or comments regarding IIRSA, the recreation field, or professional development opportunities feel free to contact me at jmbut12@ilstu.edu.



OHIO

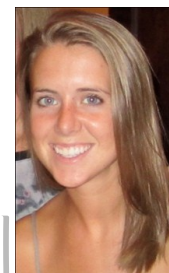
I'm Kelly Chaffee and I have been elected to be the Ohio Student Representative for this year. I have been working for the Department of Campus Recreation and Student Programming at Youngstown State University for the past five years. I have recently received a Graduate Assistantship within the department. At Youngstown State, we have been busy planning for this year's ORSA conference. It is a great experience and it is exciting to see everything come together! I look forward to being a part of this organization this year and in the future. I hope to see you at conferences to come!

Contact me at kellynchaffee@gmail.com



INDIANA

Hi—I'm Erin Zukis and IRSA is pushing forward this year to make positive changes and keep our state moving in the right direction! After a very productive executive board meeting at Butler University this past June, we have decided to focus on revamping our scholarship process, create an IRSA Facebook page, and create an IRSA twitter account so people can keep up-to-date with our state. With regards to the scholarship we hope to update the application form as well as create more concrete guidelines that outline the number of scholarships awarded, selection criteria for the winners, the allocation amount, and how the money can be utilized. In addition to these goals, we are always looking for more feedback and ways we can improve our state organization, so please bring us your ideas! Contact me at ezukis@indiana.edu



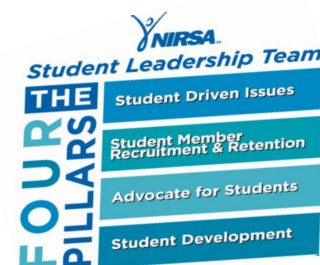
WISCONSIN

My name is Mallory Gohl and I am the Wisconsin Student Representative for NIRSA! I grew up in Wausau, WI and I am currently in the process of completing my 5th year at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse pursuing a degree in Recreation Management with a mathematics minor. The state of Wisconsin has been very busy with the return of students around Labor day! We are also preparing for our awesome WIRSA conference that will be held October 12-14 at Marquette University in Milwaukee. WIRSA has many exciting presentations planned for both professional staff and students. In addition, WIRSA has planned a wonderful evening at the Harley Davidson Museum! We hope to have a great turn out! Contact me at gohl.mall@uwlax.edu

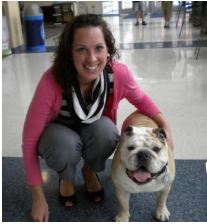


MICHIGAN

I am Jake Regal, a second-year Graduate Assistant of Intramurals at Grand Valley State University. I am getting my Master's of Science degree in Communications, which is the same one discipline that I got my Bachelor of Arts in. When I am not working or going to class, I officiate high school football and basketball in the Grand Rapids area. I am a huge fan of the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, and Lions (yes, I have always been a big fan of the Lions) and hope that the Tigers can close the deal this year. I look forward to serving as the Student Representative for the great state of Michigan! Let's make it a great year!



Meet Your State/Provincial Leaders



Becky Dahl, WIRSA President
Networking in Indiana with the Butler Bulldog!

WISCONSIN

Institution & Title: *UW-Madison, Assistant Program Director for IM & Club Sports*
Education: *BS Kinesiology- Exercise Management University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, MS Education - Recreation Management University of Arkansas*
Goal for State: *Generate increased communication between campuses, increase attendance and involvement by students at the state, regional and national level.*
Favorite Quote: *The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall.*
State News: *Wisconsin is looking forward to a great state workshop in October, we are hoping to increase our attendance by professionals and students.*



Sean Ries
ORSA President

OHIO

Institution & Title: *Cleveland State University (Centers LLC); Assoc. Director, Campus Recreation Services*
Education: *BS Sport Industry Ohio Univ.; MA Sport & Recreation Mgmt, Kent State Univ.*
Goal for State: *Increase communication across the state.*
Favorite Quote: *Treat people the way you want to be treated.*
State News: *Congrats to Jay Polkabra Byers, new Director of Campus Recreation & Programs Youngstown St. Univ. & Melissa Longina, new Director of Campus Recreation Dayton Univ. Thank you to Liz Davis, Ken Kaiser, Kurt Carmen, & Diane Jensen, retiring this fall from Ohio State University, for their outstanding service & contributions to Region III, NIRSA, & the profession.*



Josh Downing
IRSA President

INDIANA

Institution & Title: *Butler University, Associate Director of Recreation*
Education: *BS Sport Management Indiana Univ; MS Recreational Sports Admin. Indiana Univ.*
Goal for State: *Revamp & improve the scholarship process; we've accomplished the goal of raising more money, now want to improve the process of distributing scholarships.*
Favorite Quote: *The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, & loyalty. - Zig Ziglar*



Dave Trudelle
Ontario Provincial Director
Wins prize for longest professional title!

ONTARIO

Institution & Title: *Univ. of Guelph, Supervisor of IMs, Clubs, Martial Arts, Sport Classes & Camps.*
Education: *BS Commerce: Marketing Management, University of Guelph*
Goal for State: *Increase the exposure of Ontario schools to NIRSA & begin forming a functional executive team.*
Favorite Quote: *Golf is a series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.*



Christy Nolan
MIRSA President

MICHIGAN

Institution & Title: *Wayne State Univ. Associate Athletic Director/ Director of Campus Recreation*
Education: *BS Psychology Penn State Univ.; MPA Univ. of Michigan*
Goal for State: *Bridge the gap between students & professionals.*



Scott Vandermoon
Illinois State Director

ILLINOIS

Institution & Title: *DePaul Univ. (Centers, LLC) Asst. Dir. Student Employment & Development*
Education: *BA Religion & Speech Comm. Augustana College; MS Sport Mgmt Western IL Univ.*
Goal for State: *Finalize State Policy & Resource Manual, IIRSA website*
Favorite Quote: *It's not enough to do good. It must be done well. —St. Vincent de Paul*

Important Dates & Deadlines

Upcoming Workshops

IIRSA (Illinois): October 5-7, Illinois State University

Contact James Wayne, jwayne@ilstu.edu

WIRSA (Wisconsin): October 12-14, Marquette University

Contact Scott Anderegg, scott.anderegg@marquette.edu

MIRSA (Michigan): October 20-21, Davenport University

Contact Nick Davidson, ndavidson@davenport.edu

ORSA (Ohio): November 3-4, Youngstown State University

Contact Joy Polkabra Byers, jlbyers@ysu.edu

IRSA (Indiana): November 3-4, University of Southern Indiana

Contact Joe Gratz, jgratz@usi.edu

Lead On: January 26-28, 2012, The Ohio State University

Contact Alan Beck, b051584@siu.edu



NIRSA Awards & Application Deadlines

National Service Award: September 16th

BOD Nominations/Applications: September 23rd

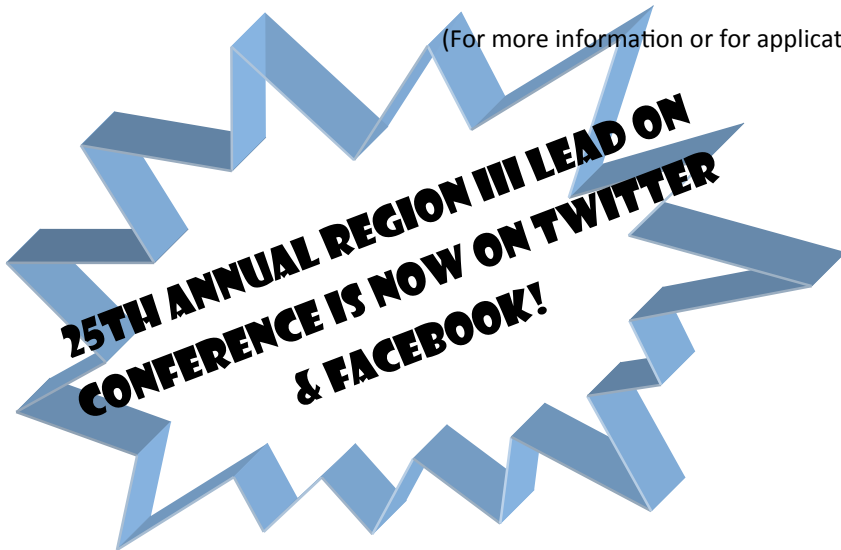
NCCS National Flag Football Championship Staff Applications: September 23rd

Regional and National Student Leader Positions: October 24th

Horace Moody Awards: December 15th

William N. Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Awards: December 15th

(For more information or for application/nomination materials, check out the NIRSA Website!)



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