

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1

The name of the Association shall be “The Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals”, hereinafter called “the Association”.

ARTICLE II – MISSION

Section 1

The Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals is a member driven organization committed to the recreation profession by representing and supporting current and future recreation professionals.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Types of Membership

a) Professional Members

Any individual employed in the recreation field or in a related field within Saskatchewan and has graduated from a recognized post-secondary institution with a Diploma or higher in the area of Recreation. This also includes individuals who have received the Honorary Life Award.

b) Associate Members

Any individual working and/or enrolled in post-secondary in the recreation field within Saskatchewan who ascribes to the goals of the Association but is not eligible for Professional membership.

c) Alumni Members

Any individual who has been a Professional and/or Associate member with the Association, but no longer works in the field and would like to maintain contact with the Association and field.

Section 2 – Rights of Members

a) Professional members shall have the right to be elected to the Board of Directors (according to Article V) and shall be allowed voting privileges at all general meetings on all matters. Professional members have the opportunity to take advantage of all Association benefits.

b) Associate members shall be allowed voting privileges on all matters at all general meetings except bylaw amendments and financial motions. An Associate member may chair or sit on any task group and participate in and take advantage of all Association benefits except education assistance. Associate members are not eligible to hold a position on the Board of Directors.

c) Alumni members shall be entitled to all benefits of membership except voting privileges, education assistance and the right to run for office.

Section 3 – Membership in the Association

a) Approval of membership is done by the Board of Directors.

b) The membership year of the Association shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

c) A member in good standing whose status changes shall be responsible for informing the Association of the change and, upon approval of the Board of Directors, will be re-classified accordingly.

Section 4 – Withdrawal from Membership

- a) Any member may withdraw from the Association at any time.
- b) The Board of Directors may withdraw membership of a member who is in contravention of the Association's Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE IV – FEES

Section 1

The annual fee for each class of membership shall be prescribed annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Composition of the Board

- a) The Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- b) The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 7 Directors.
- c) The Chair and Vice-Chair position of the Board will be elected by the Board of Directors, from the elected Directors, immediately following the Annual General Meeting, at a special Board meeting.

Section 2 – Term of Office

- a) The term of office for Directors shall be for a period of 2 years with staggered terms.
- b) No Director shall serve more than 3 consecutive terms.
- c) After serving 3 consecutive terms, an individual would be eligible to run for the Board of Directors after a 2-year absence.
- d) Should a Director be unable to complete their term, for whatever reason, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by appointment.

Section 3 – Duties and Powers of the Board

- a) The Board shall carry on the business of the Association.
- b) The Board may enact or accept motions, not contrary to law, to regulate the conduct of the affairs of the Association.
- c) The Board's sources of strategic and operational authority are the members of the Association.

Section 4 – Election

- a) Any Professional member of the Association in good standing may run for a Director position and must be nominated by a fellow Association member in good standing or by the Nominations Committee.
- b) All nominations for positions on the Board of Directors must be received in writing at the Association's Provincial office, duly moved, at least 30 calendar days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The nominated Directors receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to office. In the case of a tie, the decision will be made by random draw.
- d) Should there be a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board may fill the position through appointment.

Section 5 – Meetings of the Board

- a) The Board of Directors shall meet at least 4 times each year at a time and place as directed by the Chair. The Chair shall call additional meetings upon the written request of any 3 members of the Board.

Section 6 – Quorum of the Board

A quorum of the Board of Directors is 4 Board members.

Section 7 – Remuneration

The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for approved expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the Association upon presentation of the proper statements.

Section 8 – Directors Retiring from Office

Directors retiring from office shall be deemed to hold office until the conclusion of the meeting at which they retire.

Section 9 – Committees of the Board

The Board of Directors may establish standing committees or temporary, ad-hoc committees to assist in performing the work of S.A.R.P., and may delegate authority to these committees.

Standing Committees of the Association shall include:

- a) Governance Committee;
- b) Nominations Committee;
- c) Finance Committee; and
- d) Advocacy and Research Committee

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1

All meetings of the Association shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, unless otherwise specified.

Section 2 – Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting will be held within 120 days of the Association’s fiscal year end.
- b) A notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- c) The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be arranged by the Board and set forth in the official program for such meeting.
- d) Voting shall be by show of official voting paddles, except when requested by at least 3 members, at such time a silent vote will be held.
- e) The membership shall appoint the auditor at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 3 – Notice of Special General Meeting

- a) A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the Chair when they consider it necessary and shall call a Special General Meeting when requested to do so in writing by at least 10 members.
- b) Such a meeting cannot be held sooner than 30 days from such time as notice has been given in writing to the membership.

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Section 4 – Proxy

There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the Association, the Board of Directors, or any Committee.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND ARTICLES

Section 1

Amendments to these bylaws and articles may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association, or any 2 Professional members in good standing of the Association.

Section 2

A proposed amendment must be submitted in Resolution form to the Chair of the Governance Committee in writing 45 days prior to a General Meeting. The Chair of the Governance Committee must give written acknowledgement of receipt of such proposed amendment within 5 days of its receipt. The Chair of the Governance Committee, in turn, must notify all members of such proposed amendments at least 30 days prior to a General Meeting.

Section 3

An amendment to these bylaws and articles shall only be made after the procedure described in Article VI has been carried out and upon an affirmative vote of 2/3 of those Professional members voting at a Special General Meeting or General Meeting.

Section 4

Amendments take effect immediately.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

Section 1

Upon dissolution, the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals shall transfer its assets to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association to be used for the advancement of the recreation profession.