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# Professional Service Experience Program

for the Maine Recreation and Park Association

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The Maine Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) in conjunction with the National Recreation & Park Association offers Certified Park and Recreation Professionals an opportunity to earn **Professional Service Experience (PSE) Credit**. Coupled with the traditional CEU or academic credit, PSE enables individuals to renew professional certification by utilizing their professional activities.

0.1-0.5 PSE may be applied to the 2.0 CEU required for certification renewal. Individuals must accumulate a **minimum** of 10 points in order to receive 0.1 PSE with a **maximum** of 50 points required to obtain up to 0.5 PSE within the two-year certification cycle. No value less than a total of 10 points or more than a total of 50 points will be allowed.

Points fall into two different categories: 1) Service and 2) Literary/Training Material Contribution. In order to receive the appropriate credit, supporting documentation must be furnished with the PSE application. The PSE Information Sheet contains a list of points available, the maximum points available within the two year period, as well as the required supporting documentation.

In order to obtain PSE credit, please complete the PSE form and submit it to MRPA Central Services. Please remember you may use **up to** 0.5 PSE as a partial offset to the 2.0 CEUs required to maintain your certification. The remaining must be in CEUs or CEU equivalents gained through attendance at CEU granting courses/workshops, through academic courses or other qualifying continuing education experiences. **(Example: 0.3 PSE + 1.7 CEU = 2.0 minimum requirement)**

If you have any questions about this program, please contact: Bill Eckart, Co-Chair MRPA Personnel Standards and Certification Committee, c/o Central Services, U.M.M., 9 O'Brien Avenue, Machias, ME 04654. E-mail: [weckart@maine.edu](mailto:weckart@maine.edu)

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**--- PSE Information ---**

**SERVICE**

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- A. Serve as an Officer, Chairperson, or Committee Member of NRPA or Maine Rec & Park Association**
- 1. Elected officer ..... 10 points per year
  - 2. Committee Chairperson ..... 5 points per year
  - 3. Committee Member ..... 2 points per year

Supporting Documentation: A description of the position held, its responsibilities and dates of services. (max=25 points)

**B. Serve as a Speaker, Presenter or Instructor at NRPA or MRPA conference, seminars or accredited universities and colleges at the following levels:**

- 1. Sole Presenter – Educational session/keynote presentation at NRPA National and Regional, or MRPA conference/seminars or universities/colleges ..... 5 points per hour (max=20 points)
- 2. Co-Presenter – Educational session/keynote presentation at NRPA National and Regional, or MRPA conference/seminars or universities/colleges ..... 3 points per hour (max=15 points)

Supporting Documentation: Session outline, length of session, date of session and professional’s role in session.

Note: The presented topic can only be presented once during the two-year time frame.

**C. Serve as a Legislative/Lobbying representative for MRPA or NRPA organizations in the following areas:**

- 1. Prepares legislation which include a bill or charted code, relevant to the parks and recreation profession..... 5 points per Legislation (max=15 points)

Supporting Documentation: Verification of involvement by a representative of legislative body.

**LITERARY/TRAINING MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION**

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**A. Serve as an Author of a published professional article, manual, book, video or computer software program:**

- 1. Author of published books/textbooks related to the parks and recreation profession ..... 20 points per book (max=20 points)
- 2. Authored/edited chapter(s) of published books/textbooks related to the parks and recreation profession..... 10 points per book (max=10 points)
- 3. Published Training Manuals used to educate parks and recreation professionals (must have distribution beyond own agency/organization) ..... 10 points per manual (max=10 points)
- 4. Refereed Journal Articles related to parks and recreation professionals..... 10 points per article (max=20 points)
- 5. Computer software package for utilization in the parks and recreation field ..... 10 points per package (max=10 points)
- 6. Unpublished masters and/or doctoral thesis related to the parks and recreation profession ..... 10 points (max=10 points)
- 7. Articles for NRPA or MRPA magazines ..... 5 points per article (max=10 points)
- 8. Training video for park and recreation professionals ..... 5 points per video (max=10 points)
- 9. Articles for MRPA professional newsletters, and research abstracts (must be of a training nature: description of event etc. does not qualify) ..... 2 points per article (max=20 points)

Supporting Documentation: Copy of material created for publishing.

Maximum total number of points available in two-year Anniversary period is 50 points which is equivalent to .5 CEUs.



