



It has been a good year for MRPA and we aim to continue the trend in 2016. MRPA is focused on growing our organization and helping members continue to impact lives and communities in a most positive fashion. Please get connected and stay involved with MRPA because YOU make us a strong, relevant and influential organization!

Under the leadership of President, Denise LeBlanc, Immediate Past President, Steve Balboni, VP Karyn Garofoli, Secretary Linda Brooks, Treasurer Russell Packett, Regional Reps Debbie Gendreau, Hillary Hallett and Pete Bingham, at large reps Tracy Willette, Kate Harris and Andy Kaherl, Parliamentarian Lucky D'Ascanio and Citizen Rep Mike Berry, MRPA continues to move forward. Here's a glance at some of the 2015 highlights.

- Created video with Bill Eckart for the William Eckart Young Professional Award
- 2015 conference with a full exhibit hall, attended by 80+ MRPA professionals
- Added the Outstanding Parks Professional of the Year Award
- Celebrated MRPA member years of service at the annual awards banquet
- Introduced the VIP Membership incentive program
- 2015 fall workshop – for 2nd year Bangor Savings Bank was our title sponsor & we had 3 room sponsors
- 2015 return of the Parks trac at fall workshop
- Moxie Outdoor Adventures became a PARNTER MEMBER of MRPA
- MRPA track replaces Hershey Track & Field/received \$1500 sponsorship from New Balance for 2016
- Board approved regional training funding – SMART & EMPRA held regional trainings
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- Successful Pitch Hit and Run
- 12th annual Bill Bonnyman/MRPA golf tournament
- Summer ticket consignment program- 52 communities/11,265 tickets sold
- Winter ticket consignment program is underway with new mountains
- 1st MRPA Sugarloaf ski day/Bangor P & R
- New MRPA Members: Hollis & Bethel
- New MRPA Commercial members in 2015: BSN Sports, Challenger Soccer, CourseStorm, Easy Day, Etiquette Solutions, Good Times Shuttle, Kamco, Kompan Playgrounds, Legends Awards & Custom Engraving, Maine Gaelic Sports Alliance, Maine Recreation and Design, Maine State Golf/Jr. Golf Maine, Michael Phelps Skill Center, Monty Rand Photography, Portland Pirates, St. Peter Grand Slam Tennis, Sunday River, Vacationland Bowling, Work Class Frisbee Show
- 1st time legislative in-state meetings with Collins, Pingree, King & Poliquin
- Board re-instated professional development/student scholarships for 2016
- New university/college membership category to begin in 2016
- Set up MRPA night at Pirates for 2016
- Held board retreat - reviewed and updated MRPA Operations Manual
- Past president lunch in Bath
- Offered CPSI course in South Portland to 25 people
- 5 MRPA members passed their CPRP test/ MRPA finished in 3rd in the NRPA certification challenge prize money was 2K
- Tennis ball recycling units purchased by MRPA communities
- MRPA night at RedClaws
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- Member Salary Survey, Fall 2015
- Why I love Summer video contest with entries posted on the MRPA web site
- MRPA purchased an online membership management tool, MemberZone