



Professional Development

Association members have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and network with other members at numerous events throughout the year. Some of these events include:

- Annual Conference and Expo
- Round Table Events
- Multiple National Certification Classes
- Opportunities to gain support from APRA for special events and educational workshops
- Member Networking Events

Publications and Newsletters

The Arizona Parks and Recreation magazine is published four times a year including an annual membership directory. In addition, we email a bi-weekly electronic newsletter. Your membership not only allows you to receive these publications, but it gives you the opportunity to be published in them as well. The magazine reports on industry news, offers and updates on state agency achievements, legislative issues and special events.

Leadership Opportunities

You will have numerous opportunities to develop leadership abilities and build credentials in the parks, recreation and leisure services field. Leadership opportunities are available through a variety of categories as a member of APRA board of directors, regional representatives, chair/board positions and committees.

Certifications

APRA provides opportunities for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through the many educational workshops and conferences it offers members each year. The Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and Certified Parks and Recreation Executive (CPRE) are now available through the National Recreation and Parks Association. These are more than just letters after your name- it's an investment in your career that demonstrates your practical knowledge showing that you have the current real-world skills necessary in today's changing park and recreation environment.

APRA offers many certification classes statewide including; Certified Playground Safety Course (CPSI), Aquatic Facility Operator Course (AFO), Certified Pool Operator Course (CPO) and Certified Youth Sports Administrator (CYSA).

Scholarships

Assistance is often available through scholarship funds through the Arizona Parks and Recreation Fellowship (APRF) for educational funding. Other opportunities are posted as they come available.

Awards and Honors

Outstanding leaders and members are recognized for their contributions at the annual APRA Conference and Expo.

Professional Staff Assistance

The APRA office is happy to assist you and respond to your questions. Our goal is to be a valuable resource in advocating, communicating and educating on behalf of our entire membership. APRA can help you connect with other agencies, vendors, organizations and individuals who have the answers, skills or materials you need to make your job easier and fun.

Discounts

All members receive a discount on educational opportunities and conference. We are always working with partners to offer discounts on tickets and events.

Advocacy

APRA is involved in many areas so that we may pass along what's happening in the legislative world to our members.

Knowledge Center

View and share documents from agencies all over the country. Keep up-to-date on best practices and trends in the field with the resources provided.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you have additional questions, please send an email to admin@azpra.org.

Sincerely,

APRA Board of Directors and Staff