



# National Recreation and Park Association

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## **NRPA ANNOUNCES 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEADERSHIP** *Streamlines Structure to Single Board Chair Leadership for Coming Year*

**ASHBURN, VA – Dec. 8, 2011** – The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is pleased to announce the 2012 Chairman of the Board of Directors, Robert C. Johnson, Jr., from Overland Park, KS. He has been involved in parks and recreation for over 20 years, and has served on the Board for the past six years.



“Bob is passionate about parks and recreation and has a clear vision of the impact we have on the livelihood of all Americans – especially when it comes to health and wellness,” says Barbara Tulipane, NRPA president and CEO. “With his leadership and the input of the many talented individuals that make up our Board of Directors, I am confident that NRPA will continue to be a catalyst for healthier more active and engaged communities.”

In addition, the NRPA Board of Directors is moving to a single board leader in the chair position. This eliminates the role of president on the board which will now be held with the organization’s CEO, Barbara Tulipane. NRPA’s goal with streamlining the board positions is to ensure a more responsive and member-oriented leadership approach.

Johnson’s many professional credits include serving as commissioner with the Blue Valley Recreation Commission in Kansas, twice as chair, and holding active membership in the Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA). He succeeds Janna S. Rankin who served as the 2011 Board Chair.

Members of the 2012 NRPA Board of Directors include:

- LEON T. ANDREWS, JR.  
Washington, DC
- ROBERT F. ASHCRAFT, Ph.D.  
Phoenix, AZ
- REBECCA BENNA, CPRP  
Dayton, OH
- RANDY BINA, CPRP  
Bismarck, ND
- LARRY BLACKSTAD  
Minnetonka, MN
- ERNEST W. BURKEEN, JR., CPRP  
Miami, FL
- PETER CAMIN  
Glenwood, IL
- STEPHEN W. COLEMAN  
Washington, DC
- ROBERT A. FARNSWORTH (Treasurer)  
Chattanooga, TN
- JOHN FIERRO  
Kansas City, MO
- ROBERT C. JOHNSON, JR. (Chair)  
Overland Park, KS
- BRIAN KNAPP  
Fairfax, VA
- LEWIS LEDFORD  
Raleigh, NC
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Charleston, SC
- JANICE M. PROCHASKA, Ph.D.  
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West Kingston, RI
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Alta, WY
- PAMELA SLOAN, CPRP  
Stockton, CA

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- DETRICK L. STANFORD, CPRP  
Jonesboro, GA
- SUSAN TRAUTMAN, CPRP  
St. Louis, MO
- STEVEN J. THOMPSON, CPRP  
(Chair Elect)  
Greendale, WI
- WILLIAM "JOE" TURNER  
Houston, TX

For more about the 2012 NRPA Board of Directors, go to the [December issue](#) of *Parks & Recreation*.

**The National Recreation and Park Association** is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 20,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit [www.NRPA.org](http://www.NRPA.org). For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit [www.parksandrec-magazine.org](http://www.parksandrec-magazine.org).

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