

Hooray for them!

For all of its plot twists, comedy and calamity, our professional pathways may at times resemble a riotous Muppet caper—only with fewer frogs and dogs and bears and chickens and things!

Our personal and professional dreams may tug us through out-of-the-waypoints, rough-and-tumble passages, monotonous slogs, and untimely detours before we eventually emerge to know without a doubt that the journey is worth the effort.

And so here we are—together again for the first time!

I was very pleased to be named Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society in September, and I am very excited to be joining you in the professional adventures that together are both our choices—and our challenges.

You know that what you do matters greatly to your clients and their wellbeing. But when we do it together we advance ourselves and our profession—which in turn increases our impact in our communities and their livability. We are much more effective together than we are individually.

The Society exists to help empower its members to achieve professional excellence—and all that it means for the people we serve.

So I encourage you to get involved with your peers, learn and grow, and engage and empower others in turn. We may never achieve stardom or become rich and famous. But we can—and we will when we work together—become more effective professionals with a more profound impact in the journey.

I look forward to partnering with you in this quest! Thank you for who you are—and what we, together, can do!

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