

As I conclude my term I sincerely thank each member of PTRS for giving me this opportunity to serve as President of PTRS a second time. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the membership.

As you know a leader is only as effective as those who provide guidance and feedback. Therefore, a special thank you goes out to those individuals who served on the PTRS Board of Directors (2013-2015), committee chairs, TRI co-chairs, the PRPS Board of Directors (2013-2015) especially President Kurt Baker, and the staff of the PRPS office during my term. Your involvement and assistance in rebranding and moving PTRS forward is greatly appreciated. I do believe we have paved the way for a stronger society that is highly regarded in the profession and state of Pennsylvania.

One more note of thanks before I close this message. I truly appreciate each PRPS/PTRS member who sent their vote my direction which resulted in my election as President-Elect of PRPS. I am humbled to have this opportunity to guide the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society into the future. I will be sure to keep PTRS and therapeutic recreation on my radar at all times as we advance the profession of recreation and leisure from community centers, county and state parks to retirement communities in our great state of Pennsylvania

I look forward to seeing you in Lancaster at the amazing 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Therapeutic Recreation Institute for the first time or to catch up.

Sincerely,  
Kirk  
PTRS President (2013-15)  
PRPS President-Elect (2015-2017)

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