

**PENNSYLVANIA RECREATION & PARK SOCIETY, INC.
NOMINEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
2015 GENERAL ELECTION**

Please use this format to report your qualifications for the PRPS office for which you have been nominated. Be thorough but brief in your response. ***You must include a half-page "platform" statement on your views and positions related to the office you are seeking. Please provide a photograph of yourself to be included with your information.***

Office being sought: President-Elect

Name: J. Ryan McCleaster

Title: Assistant Director of Recreation & Leisure Services

Agency: Township of Upper St. Clair

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Education and Training:

Bachelor Degree in Education from **Bowling Green State University** and a Master Degree in Instructional Leadership with a Sport Management Concentration from **Robert Morris University**.

Experience: (include relevant volunteer work)

Ryan has enjoyed an extensive professional career in the recreation, fitness, and athletics industry over the past 20 years. He has worked in the Department of Athletics for Robert Morris University & University of Pittsburgh along with serving as the Director of Operations & Corporate Relations for the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center of the Washington Hospital and the Athletic Director for the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. Currently, he is in his seventh year with the Township of Upper St. Clair as Assistant Director of Recreation & Leisure Services and fifth year as an Associate Faculty for Sport & Recreation Management with Ashford University.

Honors, Certification:

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

- Certified Park and Recreation Professional

Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS)

- Presidential Citation (2013)
- LEAD Program (2010)

Professional accomplishments, organizations: (Membership, committees, offices held, affiliations, presentations, etc.)

Memberships

- Member of National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- Member of Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Association (PRPS)
- Member of Association for Talent Development (ATD)

Committees

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Western PA

- Member of Event Committee (2014 – Present)

Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS)

- Numerous committees for Annual State Conference
- Youth Sports Council

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

- Member of the Administrators Network (2010 – Present)

Offices Held

Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS)

- Board Member (2014-2016)
- President for District 1 (2014-2016)
- President-Elect for District 1 (2012-2014)

Presentations

- Robert Morris University Sport Management Conference (2010-2014)
- Athletic Business Conference (2013 & 2014)
- Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Annual State Conference (2013)

PRPS: (Member, committees, institutes, conferences, workshops, etc.)

- Board Member (2014-2016)
- President for District 1 (2014-2016)
- President-Elect for District 1 (2012-2014)
- Exhibit Hall Co-Chair (2015)
- Publicity Committee Member(2014)
- Conference Co-Chair – Hershey, PA (2013)
- Program Committee Member (2012)
- Member of the Youth Sports Council (2012 – Present)

Hobbies and other interests:

- Spending time with family/friends
- Anything sports related especially, golf & basketball
- Coaching for Montour School District basketball and soccer youth teams
- Staying fit through active recreation
- Charity Work
- Entrepreneurship

Platform:

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society motto states, "Partners Advancing Recreation & Parks". My goal would be to continue to assist all recreation and park professionals and interested citizens within the state to achieve the advancement of our industry and to become a model for other state agencies at the national level.

Signature *J. Ryan McLeaster* Date 2/1/15