

Serving on the SORP Board

Board service means different things to different people. At different stages in the evolution of a nonprofit organization there are different organizational needs. Thus, the purpose of this document is to help prospective and current SORP Board members understand both the benefits of board service and their opportunities to contribute.

Benefits of Service to SORP

- You have an opportunity to provide leadership and make important contributions to the future growth and development of the outdoor recreation profession.
- You have a unique vantage point to see across our professional landscape including local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private sector and nonprofit organizations.
- You have access to an expanded network of professional contacts that will pay dividends throughout your career.
- You will grow and develop as a professional and build new skills while you participate in and assume different responsibilities on the board.
- You will be able to include a valued addition to your professional resume.
- You will have the opportunity to experience self-fulfillment, pride, loyalty, appreciation, fun, and other emotional rewards achieved through lifelong memories associated with your service to SORP.

Opportunities to Contribute to SORP

Time

- Preparing and participating in monthly board conference calls.
- Actively contributing on committees.
- Participating in the annual Fall Planning Meeting.
- Attending the National Outdoor Recreation Conference.
- Working independently on special board projects.

Talent

- Contributing ideas to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of SORP's operations and programs.
- Sharing your professional network and associations with SORP.
- Serving as an ambassador for SORP to advance its image and recognition among professionals and organizations.
- Marketing SORP and encouraging new membership.
- Donating in-kind services to SORP such as legal counsel, bookkeeping, grant writing, marketing, web support, conference planning, and other technical skills.
- Providing contact and entry for SORP to approach foundations, businesses, individuals, and other organizations for the solicitation of grants, donations, scholarships, and conference sponsorships.

Treasury

- Maintaining an active membership.
- Paying for part or all of the travel costs to attend SORP meetings and conferences.
- Making a donation to SORP fundraising campaigns (no minimum and anonymous) to ensure 100% board giving.

- Purchasing SORP merchandise.
- Donating valued items for SORP's annual auction (e.g., art, outdoor equipment, specialty foods).

SIGN:

- Board Member Agreement (one time, when first join the Board)
- Board Conflict of Interest Form (one time, when first join the Board)
- Board Giving (Annual, normally in Oct/Nov?)