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Aspiring Leaders

Get Excited!

You spoke. We listened. We're making it happen! New this year, at the ORSA Workshop in Akron, we are offering a mid-level professional development opportunity!

The **ORSA Aspiring Leaders Workshop** will be a pre-conference session on Wednesday, October 31. This workshop is designed to provide you the tools to move UP. It is intended for experienced professionals (4+ years) who are aspiring to move into an advanced leadership and/or Director role. The

Happy May! Happy End of the School Year!

As we wrap up our semesters, I wish everyone all the best during these final weeks. It always amazes me how quickly time goes by. Spring semester has been no exception. Many of you may be preparing for facility closures, deep cleaning, summer camps or maybe even planning your personal summer vacation! Whatever it may be, please take some time to scroll through the ORSA May newsletter.

This edition contains committee updates, summer outreach and fall state workshop information, and other various updates. Please pass this newsletter along to any staff or students who may find value in it.

Thanks!

Transition of Leadership

It's ORSA Time

I am honored to serve you as the next ORSA President. As many of you are aware, Chelsea has accepted a new position outside of Ohio. With that, I stepped into the roll of ORSA President one year early. Rob Becker will remain our Past President for an additional year. Thank you to Rob for that commitment! We look forward the next President Elect joining us this fall.



ORSA's Next Generation

Speaking of Elections...

It's never too early to start thinking about standing for office! ORSA is already looking for the next crew of

workshop will require some engagement and work prior to meeting at ORSA. It will involve case studies, article shares, various presentations, and collaborative team work throughout. Stay tuned for more information!

Want to Host?

Next Host Sites Needed

If you are interesting in hosting future ORSA events, please let us know! We are currently seeking host schools for **2021 and 2022** State Workshops.

You can email Steph at chiorecsports@gmail.com to express interest, and learn more about how to get on the calendar for either year! Once State Workshop sites are determined, we'll then be asking for Summer Outreach hosts nearby.

It's Job Season!



Looking for a Change?

There are lots of jobs currently open for applications. Be sure to visit [BlueFishJobs](#) today, if you're looking for an internship experience, graduate assistantship, or professional position in collegiate recreation!

Words of Wisdom.....
From the Professional Development Committee

Mentorship

Explore the NIRSA mentorship program and all the benefits that come with a mentoring relationship. Learn, grow

leaders to step up and lead our Association in the future. If you've EVER thought about serving as an ORSA Executive, then please do consider throwing your name in the hat next fall.

Know someone who you think would do an excellent job as President Elect or State Student Rep? Tell them! Encourage them! Nominate them! Did you stand for office in the past, although not get elected? No problem, try again - maybe now is your time!



WE WANT YOU!

Any and all possible names - yours or others - are being collected now. Please contact **Abby Whaley** (whaley.109@osu.edu) and **Janel Molnar** (jmolnar2@ashland.edu) to learn more. As Co-Chairs of our Nominations & Elections Committee, they are happy to provide more information, answer any questions, or share details about the application process once open.

Summer Outreach



We're heading to Ashland!

This year's ORSA Summer Outreach (Sponsored by Matrix) will be held at Ashland University on **Thursday, July 26.**

Registration will open on Wednesday, June 20th. The link for registration and further details for the day are still to come! Stay tuned to learn more, but mark your calendars for this wonderful (and FREE) opportunity! Big THANK YOU to Matrix for their support.

State Workshop

Back in Akron!

After 11 years away, Akron is excited to host the 2018 ORSA State Workshop. This year's event promises to be an exciting time to learn, share, and network with folks from across the state. The biggest ORSA reunion yet, all happening **October 31 - November 2** in Akron!

and be challenged to be better by a NIRSA colleague. More details in this link below!
[Click Here](#)

"Mentoring is about building authentic relationships. The ability to connect on both a professional and personal level enhances this overall experience"
- Stan Shingles, Mentor

Coming Soon..... Interested in Presenting?

There will be plenty of opportunities to submit a presentation proposal. Whether you are interested in presenting at the ORSA State Workshop or the NIRSA Annual Conference in Boston, stay tuned as those submission dates are coming up very soon.

The 2019 NIRSA Annual Conference Presentation Proposals will be due June 11th. Use the link below for more information on the conference and further presenter information.

[2019 NIRSA CONFERENCE](#)

With a variety of pre-conference options, both educational and fun, the excitement starts Wednesday! Leading into an enjoyable social at [Panini's](#) that evening, we will be gearing up for 1.5 days of educational sessions, speakers, networking, elections, and a lively dinner and auction to cap it all off! We've lined up nice accommodations at [Hampton Inn](#) (\$89) and [Staybridge Suites](#) (\$99) for you to enjoy. You can also expect some delicious food, great presentations, and outstanding facilities.



See you there!

Extramural Stipends

Stipend Winners Coming Soon!

Thanks to all of those who submitted their application for the extramural travel stipend. The committee is currently reviewing submissions and hopes to have an update on the stipend winners soon.

If you have any questions regarding extramural events or stipends, please contact Matthew Ferdinand at mferdinand1@udayton.edu and Aaron Brooks at amb72@uakron.edu

ORSA Member Spotlight

Name: Cole Osborn

Hometown: Shelby, Michigan

Current College/University Institution: Cleveland State University



Current Position: Aquatics & Safety Coordinator

Educational Background: Western Michigan University - BA - Recreation Management
Morehead State University - MA - Sports Management

When did you know you wanted to work in collegiate recreation?

During my Graduate Assistantship experience at Morehead State University was when I knew that a career in higher education was what I wanted to professionally do for a living.

Why Ohio?

My wife grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and her family still resides in the Cleveland area so that was the largest draw to search for jobs in Northeast Ohio. The opportunity at CSU also offers me the ability to grow as a professional in the field of campus recreation.

What's one of your favorite things about ORSA?

Coming from Nevada, the idea that a state organization is present is very exciting. The connections built close to home are ones that are more easily used and referenced.

Being a part of ORSA, what is one thing that excites you most about the future of Recreation Sports?

The most exciting part about working in Campus Recreation is the constant shifting that it has, the growth of not only our organization but NIRSA as a whole is more closely aligning with the Learning Outcomes of higher education.

What is your favorite movie/food/hobby?

My favorite movie is the Princess Bride and anything in from a series (Star Wars, Indiana Jones and Lord of the Rings). My favorite food is anything that is cooked outside, Grilling and Camp cooking especially. I am an avid Ultimate Frisbee player as well as a dog owner.

One last question, if you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?

I would like to have the ability of Aquaman. The ability to breathe underwater and talk to sea creatures would just be really awesome. Also I work in aquatics so that would be great bonus as well.

**Do you have a new staff member at your institution you would like us to highlight in an ORSA newsletter and online? If so, reach out to Autumn Cleverly (autumn.cleverley@uc.edu) or Jason Mandula (j.a.mandula@csuohio.edu) and they will give you further details.*

**Updated Scholarship Dates -
Fall/Winter 2018-2019**

**ORSA Scholarship Submission Due Dates Below!
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for links to applications and further details.**

ORSA Scholarships -

Submissions due Friday, September 7 by 5pm.

LeadOn Scholarships -

Submissions due Sunday, December 2 by 5pm.

NIRSA Scholarships -

Submissions due Sunday, December 2 by 5pm

Travel Stipends-

Accepted on a continuous basis. Send a brief description of the need and a resume to the ORSA PD Committee Chairs.

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Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?

I am excited to serve as your next ORSA President! I want to make an impact on our already thriving state association, but I can't do it without you. Please reach out to me via phone or email anytime. If you have ideas and thoughts about existing ORSA items or even something new, I would love to hear it. I look forward to a bright future for ORSA!

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