

CRPA Board of Directors - Candidate Biographies

President-Elect Term January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Bailey Dailey, LGIT, WSIT, LGI, WSI - Recreation Supervisor, *Winding Trails, Inc.*

- 21 year aquatics career
- 13 years as a full-time professional with experience training and managing aquatics professionals & waterfront facilities
- 13 years as a Recreation Supervisor
- 4 years as a Director of Waterfront
- Oversees and trains 70+ member staff including lifeguards, swim instructors, boat staff, & a leadership team of 6
- Director at Large, CRPA Board of Directors, 2022-2024 (3 years)
- Co-Chair, CRPA Aquatics Committee 2018 - present (6 years)
- Presenter on aquatics topics at several CRPA Conferences & Aquatics Academies
- Active CRPA member participating in & volunteering at several networking & professional development events each year
- American Red Cross Certifications: Lifeguard, Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, Water Safety Instructor Trainer, & Lifeguard Instructor Trainer
- R. Peter Ledger Young Professional Award winner 2020
- Resides in Bristol with her husband & two children



Carrie Gazda, CPRP - Recreation Supervisor, *Madison Beach & Recreation*

- Graduated from the University of Maine at Machias in 1986, with a B.S. degree in Recreation and Business Management
- In 1994 to 2008 - Town of Hamden Parks and Recreation
- 2008 to Present- Madison Beach and Recreation
- Certified Park and Recreation Professional
- Currently serving 2nd term on the CRPA Board of Directors
- Conference Committee back in the day!
- Entertainment Showcase Volunteer
- Golf Tournament Volunteer
- Acadia National Park (favorite job) (Interpreter)
- Acadia Bike & Canoe (guided kayaking trips around Mt. Desert Island)
- Holiday Hill, Cheshire (corporate outings)
- BSA and Girl Scout Leader for many years
- Triplet Mom
- Fur Baby Mom
- Biggest kid in the family



Secretary Term January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Jessica DiBattista, CPRP, AFO - Recreation Supervisor, *East Hartford Parks & Recreation*

- Bachelor of Science; Sports and Leisure Management from Eastern Connecticut State University
- 16 years as a full-time professional:
 - City of Waterbury Bureau of Recreation: Recreation Leader 2008- 2020
 - City of Waterbury Bureau of Recreation: Recreation Center Director 2020- 2022
- East Hartford Parks & Recreation: Recreation Supervisor 2022 - Present
- CRPA Conference Committee 2009 - present
- Conference Co-Chair 2018 - 2021
- Silent Auction Chair 2022 - present
- CRPA Entertainment Showcase - Volunteer
- Resides in Enfield with her husband & two children



Treasurer Term January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Dale Izzo, EMT, PPRP, WSI - Assistant Director, *Branford Parks & Recreation*

- BS, Northeastern University, Recreation Management/Therapeutic Recreation '92
- PPRP, Provisional Park & Recreation Professional
- Certifications: EMT, CPR, Advanced Life Safety, Lifeguard Certified, WSI, & CRTD
- Assistant Director, Branford Parks & Recreation, 2003-Present
- Program Coordinator, Branford Parks & Recreation, 1999-2003
- Active Member CRPA, 1999-present
- Past Co-Chair, CRPA Conference
- CRPA Awards Committee, Co-Chair
- CRPA Silent Auction Committee
- CRPA Outstanding Professional Award winner 2024
- Branford Festival Corporation President, 2003-2022
- Branford Festival Chair, 2003
- Branford Fireworks Committee Treasurer, 2000-present
- Branford Jazz Co-Founder, Chair, 2008-present
- Branford Holiday Festival, Parade, & Tree Lighting, Founder, Chair, 1999-present
- Branford Juvenile Review Board, Member, 2002-present
- Branford Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking, Committee, 2003-present
- Branford Early Learning Center, Board Member, 2008-2014
- Branford School Readiness Council, Co-Chair, 2013-present
- Branford Sports Hall of Fame, Inductee, 2010
- Branford Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow Award, 2010
- Married to Dan Izzo, 2 boys: Eric 19, Tanner 18



Director At Large Term January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027

Jennifer Filer, CPRP - Director, *Avon Recreation & Parks*

- 16 years in CT municipal recreation
- Currently Director of Recreation & Parks, Avon, CT
- Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, South Windsor, CT (3 years)
- Recreation and Sports Programmer, Suffield, CT (2 years)
- Environmental Education Coordinator, Northwest Park & Nature Center, Windsor, CT (11 years)
- Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP), American Red Cross Instructor, Wilderness First Aid
- BS in Environmental Studies, Goodwin College
- Pursuing MS in Park & Resource Management, Slippery Rock University
- Personal Mission is to enhance community engagement by offering opportunities that our users may not otherwise experience and dedicated to fostering positive partnerships and collaborating with various departments and organizations to create diverse programming that meets the unique needs of our community
- Interests include: Trail running, walking her dog Jasper, playing catch with son Josh, drinking coffee, watching sunsets, and exploring National Parks



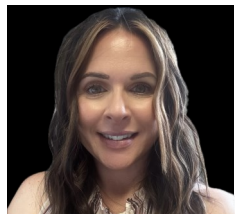
Liz Gambacorta - Recreation Supervisor, *Glastonbury Parks & Recreation*

- Full-time professional for over 15 years
- Recreation Supervisor - Town of Glastonbury Parks & Recreation 2009 - Present (7 Years)
- Currently oversees Camps, Fitness, Preschool Programs, etc.
- Grew up serving as a camp counselor & lifeguard in the Town of Wethersfield, CT
- BS in Sports & Leisure from UConn & MS in Recreation Administration from SCSU
- Volunteers with Special Olympics, Scouts & Youth Hockey
- Board of Directors - Director at Large (2021-2023)
- Conference Committee Chair (2016-2017), Programming Chair (2022-Present) & member (2009-present)
- Quarterly Committee Chair (2013, 2014, 2015) & member (2013-present)
- Camp Section participant (2013-present)
- Camp College volunteer (2015-2017)
- Entertainment Showcase annual volunteer & small stage Emcee
- Hershey Track Committee member (2010-2014)
- "R. Peter Ledger" Young Professional Award winner 2014



Josselyn Salafia - Recreation Supervisor, *Haddam Killingworth Recreation*

- Full-Time professional for over 18 years
- BS in Recreation & Leisure Studies from Southern CT State University, 2006
- Guilford Parks & Recreation - Special Events Coordinator from May-October 2006
- Hebron Parks & Recreation - Recreation Specialist 2006-2015 (8 years)
- Haddam-Killingworth Recreation - Recreation Supervisor 2015 - present (9 years)
- Resides in Middletown with her husband & 7 year old son
- Volunteer soccer coach (4 years)
- Over 15 years of active service to CRPA including:
 - CRPA Quarterly Committee member & Chair 2016-2020 (4 years)
 - CRPA Conference Committee member 2016 - present & Committee Chair in 2020 - present (5 years)
 - CRPA Director at Large 2022 - present (3 years)
 - CRPA Camp Section participant
 - CRPA Entertainment Showcase annual volunteer: setup & small stage Emcee



Amry Shelby, CPRP - Recreation Supervisor, *Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services*

- Recreation Supervisor - Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services (2020 - Present)
- Assistant Regional Director - Little League Baseball, Inc. (2016 - 2020)
- Graduate Assistant Men's Basketball Coach - Wayne State College (2013-2015)
- Master of Science Degree in Organizational Management (Sport and Recreation Management) - Wayne State College (2013-2015)
- Bachelor of Science Degree (Sport Management) - Wayne State College (2009-2013)
- Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) - National Recreation and Park Association
- Bristol Program and Evaluation Committee - Chair (2023 - present)
- Bristol Strategic Plan Committee - Co-Chair (2020-2022)
- Pine Lake Adventure Park Committee - Chair (2020-2022)

