

# **CONNECTICUT RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Established June 2004

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article I – NAME**

#### **Section I**

The name of this organization shall be the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, Inc.

#### **Section II**

This organization is an affiliate of the National Recreation and Parks Association

### **Article III – OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Association are as follows:

- To unite in one Association all professional recreation and park employees and advocates with common interests.
- To foster and maintain the highest standards of professional qualifications, training and ethics.
- To stimulate and promote widening interest in recreation and parks in local communities and statewide, through the conservation and development of the recreational and park resources of the state.
- To promote the study and research for the improvement of recreational and park services.
- To promote a broader education of the principles and goals of the Recreation, Parks and Conservation movement to all persons.
- To review public policy initiatives that may impact our membership and to educate membership, policy makers and the general public thereon.
- To affiliate for mutual benefit and cooperation with those organizations in similar or related fields on the State or National level.
- To function in such a manner as will further the interest of the Recreation and Park movement and its membership.
- To install a sense of pride in the conservation of our natural resources, through both education and example.

## **Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section I**

The Membership of this Association shall be limited to Group Membership and Individual Membership. Classifications shall be limited to those meeting the requirements as provided in the By-Laws.

## **Article IV – MANAGEMENT**

The management of this Association shall be vested in the Executive Board, composed of the Officers as well as eight (8) Members-at-Large and the Immediate Past President. The members-at-large serve for three overlapping terms and officers shall serve for two-year terms commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.

## **Article V – OFFICERS**

### **Section I**

The Officers of the Association shall be, President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President. The functions for the Executive Board shall be specific in the By-Laws.

### **Section II**

The President-Elect upon completion of his/her two year term, shall automatically become President for a two year term.

### **Section III**

Nominees for Office to the Board shall be members in good standing for at least one year prior to the meeting at which they are to be elected and meet all requirements as prescribed in the By-Laws.

## **Article VI – COMMITTEES**

### **Section I**

The President, with the approval of the Executive board, shall appoint the chairperson of standing committees from among the membership as provided for in the By-Laws.

### **Section II**

The duties of the standing committees shall be described in the Association's official "Manual of Policies and Procedures".

### **Section III**

Special Committees, as deemed necessary, may be appointed from among the membership by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

## **Article VII – ELECTIONS**

### **Section I**

**Elections shall be conducted according to the By-Laws**  
**Article VIII – AMENDMENTS**

**Section I                      The Constitution may be amended:**

- a.      By a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible members voting at the Annual Meeting by mail or in person or:**
  
- b.      By a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible members who have returned ballots by the date designated by the Secretary (by mail only)**

**Section II**

**The Secretary, who shall conduct the ballot, must allow at least thirty (30) days between mailing the proposed amendment and ballot and formalizing the results of the returned ballots.**