



# Nevada Recreation & Park Society

## 2019 Election Nominees

### President-Elect

Angela Johnson

Recreation Supervisor

City of North Las Vegas-Neighborhood & Leisure Services

Angela Johnson has been working in recreation for over 19 years and truly has a passion for her job and the community. She is an excellent leader, motivator, and mentor. Angela is always willing to go above and beyond for anyone who needs her. With her vast recreation experience, knowledge and community partnerships she would be a great team member and asset to the board.

Priscilla Smith

Community Program Specialist

City of Las Vegas

Priscilla Smith began her professional career with the City of Las Vegas in 2001 as an hourly employee and was promoted to full-time in 2005. She has had the opportunity to gain experience supervising recreational facilities, implementing and monitoring recreational programs for several diverse communities. One of her greatest opportunities as a parks and recreation professional included taking the youth Flag Football teams internationally to the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic where they were able to compete and win the World Flag Football Championships. She served as the liaison between the City of Las Vegas and various community partners including the NBA, Clark County School District, and Nevada Partners. While serving as the Committee Chair for the Mayor's youth initiative annual recognition event known as the Red Carpet Event, she was able to provide a unique experience for youth from different backgrounds representing various areas of the valley. In addition to her public service career, she has served as the Event and Development Coordinator for the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education in which she was primarily responsible for the annual signature fundraising event, the Grand Slam for Children, general fundraising, donor communications and relations. She was also a dispatcher with the Boulder City Police Department. Currently, she dedicates her time to the City of Las Vegas as a Community Program Specialist focusing on leagues, gymnastics, multigenerational programming, administrative duties and serving the community as whole. Although she has had many successes, her greatest accomplishment is the dedication she holds for her family including her husband and their son.



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### Vice President – North

Pat O'Mara

Recreation Coordinator

Washoe County

Patrick started his career in Parks and Recreation how most of us do: seasonal employment. As a life-guard, he worked his way up and became a full time employee for the City of Reno in 2003. Since then he has worked in various areas of Parks and Recreation from youth and senior programs to aquatics, special events and even golf. From 2011 to 2015, he worked in the private sector, while starting a safety training company where he taught Lifeguarding, CPR and first aid as a contract instructor. Since 2015, he has been with Washoe County overseeing aquatics, athletics, the Robert Z Hawkins Amphitheater, and the recreation management software program. Pat was elected to his third term as a member at large for the NRPS board in 2018, and stepped into the vacant Vice President- North position in September last year where he oversees the awards committee and volunteers on the 2019 NRPS Conference planning committee. In October of 2018, Patrick was appointed to the Reno Recreation and Parks Commission where he is serving his first three year term.



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### Treasurer

**Chuck Ashby**

Recreation Services Supervisor

City of Henderson

Chuck Ashby has over fifteen years municipal recreation experience with proven leadership abilities, management skills, and program administration. He has experience with strategic planning and budget analysis oversight to provide patrons with the highest quality service during difficult economic times. He has worked for the City of Henderson for fifteen years and have moved up the ranks from Recreation Assistant IV to his current position of Outdoor Recreation Supervisor. He has received a Bachelor's degree from UNLV in Recreation and currently holds the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional certification. He started his career with Nellis AFB at the age of fifteen and has been working in recreation ever since.

**Linda Lagoy**

Principal Community Program Specialist

City of Las Vegas

Linda Lagoy has worked or volunteered in the field of recreation most of her life. She holds a Bachelors of Science degree from California State University – Northridge in Recreation & Leisure Studies with a Therapeutic Option. Her professional experiences include: City of Las Vegas, Minker Sports Complex, Stupak Community Center, Veterans Memorial Community Center, Derfelt Senior Center, Las Vegas Senior Center. Catholic Charities (Las Vegas) - Volunteer Coordinator for Senior Corps, CATCH Program Coordinator City of Henderson – Adaptive Recreation & Inclusion Services, SafeKey program Child Focus (Las Vegas) – recreation programs for siblings separated in the Foster Care program. Including one week of Resident Camp Girl Scouts (Portland, OR and Chatsworth , CA) worked in Membership, Program, Outdoor Program/Camp and Property Management) Oregon Museum of Science and Industry - John Handy Science Camp (Fossil, OR) – Counseling Staff Supervisor & Cook City of Vancouver (WA) Department of Recreation Crippled Children's Society (Woodland Hills, CA) – ran child and adult social/recreation programs, summer camp and weekend trips to Camp Paivika and Camp Joan Mier Kidsville USA (Northridge, CA)– an after school and out of school child care facility & Summer Camp – first mainstreamed program with the California Regional Center due to her efforts. Her volunteer experiences include: Lion Habitat Ranch City of Las Vegas volunteer opportunities Food Banks Church (cantor, guitar player) Oregon Zoo Girl Scouts (Leader, committee volunteer, trainer) Red Cross – first aid instructor, WSI, Life Guard Instructor, Disaster Services, Health Fairs, Hurricane Relief Crippled Children's Society Hospitals Linda has lived in Henderson, Nevada since 2006; Vancouver, Washington for 16 years and grew up in Southern California. Her hobbies include photography, playing the guitar (campfires are my favorite), camping, volunteering, hiking; movies, crafts, swimming, animals and feeding lions.



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### Member-At-Large — North

**Sven Leff**

Recreation Superintendent

Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District

Sven recently accepted his current position in 2017, returning to the area as Recreation Superintendent for Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District. Sven resided as NRPS President from 2009-2012 while working at City of Reno and obtained CPRE certification in 2012. Sven took a promotion as Parks & Recreation Director in Cedar Rapids, Iowa from 2011-2017. He has been involved in NRPS since his return to Nevada, sponsoring a Lunch'n Learn this past year on progressive media tactics. Welcome back Sven!

**Jorge Guerrero**

Parks & Recreation Director, Facilities

Churchill County

Jorge has served the Fallon community for his entire profession promoting from Recreation Supervisor to Parks & Recreation Director. Jorge is involved in his community, coaching many youth sports including youth soccer, softball, and high school football. Jorge has made several community improvements by collaborating with community agencies and directors on major facility projects, events, and disaster services. He has served as Member-At-Large during previous NRPS executive board terms and selflessly has dedicated his time and energy as an appointed board member in 2018. Jorge actively networks with Northern Nevada directors and has provided experience and wisdom to the NRPS executive board.



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### Member-At-Large — South

**Trey Smith**

Recreation Program Supervisor

Clark County

Trey Smith has been working with Clark County Parks and Recreation for the past 6 years. During his time with Clark County he has worked as a Supervisor in rural communities, community centers and aquatics. Trey was a graduate of the class of 2018 LEAD Institute and is currently a mentor for the program. Trey was an active member on the 2018 NRPS Conference Planning Committee.

**Kenny Beckham**

Senior Community Program Specialist

City of Las Vegas

Kenny has worked for the City of Las Vegas for over 21 years. He is a current member of NRPS and has been a member on and off for 10 years+. Kenny is currently a member of the LEAD class of 2018. He is looking to become more active in NRPS and a leadership role through the executive board.

**Christopher Quaresma**

Community Program Specialist

City of Las Vegas

Chris Quaresma is a Community Program Specialist at the City of Las Vegas where he creates, instructs and facilitates a variety of programs, including camps, youth council, a soccer league and sport instruction classes. Chris has worked for Parks and Recreations for over 11 years and will be receiving his BA in Communications on April 2019. Chris has created over seventeen types of programs, classes and events and has served on numerous committees such as special events, youth sports, and customer service. He also has experience in the marketing creation of newsletters, brochures and flyers. Notable Youth Sports committee 2018, Customer Service Committee 2018, NRPA Conference 2018, Certified Youth Sports Administrator 2018, CLV Values Team of the Month for October 2018. Digital Citizenship Educator 2017, Special Events Committee 2017, Crisis Officer 2017, awarded the McDonald's MAC Grant 2017, and Division 1 Collegiate Athlete. With your vote Chris looks forward to serving the society as Member at Large-South and wherever else he can be of service to the society and the profession.



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### Member-At-Large — South

**Carrah Jones**

Recreation Specialist II

Clark County

Carrah Jones attended Nevada State College and graduated with her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology. While attending Nevada State, Carrah worked part-time for Clark County Parks and Recreation in various positions within aquatics. While in these positions, Carrah helped oversee open swim, programming, and events at numerous Clark County facilities. Carrah began working full-time for Clark County as a Recreation Specialist at Aquatic Springs in May of 2016. While in this position, Carrah helped develop and oversee new programming, made improvements to current programming, and worked with part-time staff on training and professional development. Carrah is actively involved in NRPS and served as vice chair on the NRPS Aquatics Subcommittee. She also participated in the Nevada Recreation & Park Society's LEAD Institute and was a member of the first graduating class.

**Jolie Telios**

Recreation Specialist II

Clark County

Jolie Telios is a Recreation Specialist II for Clark County Parks and Recreation. Jolie has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from UNLV and a Master's Degree in Management from the University of Phoenix. Born in the northeast region of Philadelphia, Jolie was mostly raised in southeast part of Las Vegas, known to many as a rough area. As an at-risk youth, Jolie often attended programs at the Whitney Recreation Center, frequently being referred to as a "pool rat" and "rec rat." Having a lasting impact on her life, Jolie has decided to dedicate her life to public service. Starting as a lifeguard in June 2000 with Clark County, Jolie has spent a majority of her career managing aquatic facilities, but has worked with seniors and youth at various Clark County recreation centers. Jolie's main focus is training and staff development, increasing the number of quality instructors in the Las Vegas valley, and growing leaders within her staff. She holds several certifications including LGI, LGIT, WSI, WSIT, and CPO. Throughout her career Jolie has served in various roles with NRPS Aquatics South and subcommittees including Chair of the committee along with the Southern Nevada Guard Games Chair. Jolie also served as the NRPS Conference Planning Speaker Committee Chair planning and organizing the 2018 conference sessions, speakers, and offsites. Jolie is passionate about aquatics and water safety, and hopes to share that with the community.



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### Member-At-Large — South

Rod Beber

CEO

Park Pro Playgrounds

Rod Beber spent his whole career in construction. He has served from President, VP position, VP land development, while running a playground equipment company for the last 20 years. Rod has spent his life advancing the playground industry and have served on the council for Little Tikes Commercial Equipment. Rod is passionate in everything he does.

Taylor Carman

Recreation Specialist II

Clark County

Taylor Carman attended the University of Northern Colorado and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor's of Science in Sport and Exercise Science with a minor in Sociology. While in school, Taylor worked part time for Clark County Parks and Recreation rec- centers, running summer youth programs and events. She began her professional career as a Program Manager for After School All-Stars working with the youth of east Las Vegas. While working for All-Stars, she ran the sports programs of over 15 schools and created educational opportunities for the participants. In January of 2017, Taylor returned to Clark County Parks and Recreation as a Recreation Specialist for Clark County Aquatics at Hollywood Aquatic Center. She has been actively involved in NRPS and served as Secretary for the NRPS Aquatics Subcommittee. She has also been an active member of the Southern Nevada Child Drowning Prevention Coalition.

Nicholas Montoya

Director of Athletics & Leisure Services

City of Mesquite

Nick has a solid background in Sports Administration, Parks & Recreation, with strong emphasis in sports management. Consistently goal orientated, he has excellent customer service skills. Nick is experienced in handling government sensitive documents and operations. He is skilled in developing and implementing standardized policies and procedures for the department and the City of Mesquite. In his current position with in the City of Mesquite, he is often asked to make presentations to groups such as the Lions, Rotary Club, City Council and Committees. He assists in making budget proposals, and in suggesting ideas for new programs. He works to implement a web-site of Mesquite's programs called sportsman which tracks financials, programs and individual statistics for patrons.



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**Valerie Derrick**

Recreation Services Supervisor

City of Henderson

Valerie Derrick has been in the field of recreation for over 18 years. She has seen the field grow and develop into what it is today. She received her Bachelors degree in recreation at UNLV and has also obtained her CPRP. She currently works for the City of Henderson in the Parks and Recreation Department. Valerie supervises the Henderson Multigenerational Center. Her dedication to the field of recreation will allow her to be an incredible asset to the NRPS organization. Her ability to think outside of the box and her ability to relate to past experiences has always helped her in the decision making process. She is open to new ideas and is excellent at listening to others and helping them organize their thoughts to make an amazing program. Valerie would make a great addition to the NRPS organization.

**Corinne Buckles**

Recreation Program Coordinator

City of Henderson

Corinne Buckles has been with the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department for 18 years in a full-time capacity. She is CPI certified and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation. Corinne is knowledgeable and has many skills that would benefit NRPS society. She is a well rounded individual with job experience in all areas including, youth enrichment, brochure, facility, and large events. She would be a great asset to the board due to her thoroughness and accuracy with her job assignments. Corinne is also very personable and always takes time to talk to her peers regarding work or personal life. She cares about her job and work and it shows in her daily performance. Corinne is in the NRPS LEAD program which shows her commitment to her professional growth.