



**District 10 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2020
Time 8:00AM – 9:30AM**



WHY: We are creative, accountable, passionate professionals sharing our strengths to make lives and communities better!

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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| a) | Call to Order | 8:03am | Heidi Mazas |
| b) | Roll Call | | Molly Patience |
| | X | Heidi Mazas, President | |
| | X | Melissa Torres, President-Elect | |
| | X | Brittany Batiste, President-Vice | |
| | X | Justin Schmillen, Treasurer | |
| | X | Molly Patience, Secretary | |
| | X | Cody Huson, Director-Programs | |
| | X | Melanie McGrane, Director-Fundraising | |
| | X | Joanna Contreras, Director-Training & Development | |
| | X | Jake Hopkins, Marketing Specialist | |
| EA | | Marc Gutfeld, Administrator Section | |
| | X | Danielle Borenstein, Rep-Aging Section | |
| | X | Tierney Doran, Rep-Aquatic Section | |
| EA | | Vince Brantley, Rep-Development & Operations Section | |
| | X | Laurel Richmond, Rep-Educator Section | |
| | X | Jose Peña, Rep-Legislative Section Rep | |
| | X | Jorge Oroxco, Rep-Student Section, CSUF | |
| | X | Caitlyn Sampson, Rep-Student Section, CSULB | |
| | X | Ashley Blair, Rep-Recreation Section | |
| | X | Aumee Frey, Rep-Therapeutic Section | |
| | X | Adrian Reynosa, Member at Large | |
| | X | Ben Dieterle, Member at Large | |
| EA | | Mark Freeman, Member at Large | |
| | X | Jenni Worsham, Region 5 Representative | |
| | i. | Members in Attendance | N/A |

II. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

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| a) | Today's Meeting Agenda | Board |
| b) | Board Meeting Minutes –Sept 2020 | Heidi Mazas |
| c) | D10 Financial Report – August & Sept. 2020 | Justin Schmillen |
| | Motion to approve, seconded- approved. | |

III. ACTION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| a) | Resource Guide Update | Heidi Mazas |
| | Need everyone to review and update as needed (or confirm no updates needed) | |

V. STATUS REPORTS

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| a) | Board Report | |
| | i. President | Heidi Mazas |
| | With Ben on a call with Jenni and other region presidents about the JEDI Training. Ben will represent D10. | |
| | ii. President Elect | Melissa Torres |

- CPRS HQ working on a 75th anniversary capsule (opened on the 100). Need something to put in from our District (preferably no masks or hand sanitizer)
- iii. Vice President Brittany Batiste
Opening nominations for 3 positions. VP, Directory of Fundraising, Secretary. Announced at general meeting today and open next week.
 - iv. Director of Programs Cody Huson
Had social couple of weeks ago (12 in attendance).
Membership meeting today
Save the Date for the D10 training going out today. Planned for in person on 1/28/21
 - v. Director of Fundraising Melanie McGrane
Today in the training everyone will see sponsor commercials. Encouraged to follow their social medias.
 - vi. Secretary Molly Patience
Members: 9 new, total of 696
District Digest out next Wednesday, submissions due by Tuesday morning
 - vii. Director of Training & Dev Joanna Contreras
RLTC reached out to HQ wanting to use cadmium account. FYI No longer using that platform.
 - viii. Treasurer Justin Schmillen
Nothing to report
 - ix. Region 5 Jenni Worsham
 - x. Had HQ September meeting
 - 1. Had a budget audit, reviewed and approved
 - 2. Just hired a Director of Education
 - 3. Memberships are remaining consistent despite COVID
 - 4. Working on linkage plan of how to best serve members
 - 5. Reaching out to potential candidates for state board
 - 6. District & Section Leadership Summit was successful (100 in morning, 70-80 in afternoon)
 - 7. Working on setting up a virtual run/ride/walk to San Diego. Get membership active, have fun. More details to come.
 - 8. On the new website- challenged to at least go into your profile to set-up.

VI. SECTION REPORTS

- i. Administrator Marc Gutfeld
No report
- ii. Aging Danielle Borenstein
- iii. Starting a social media campaign- agency spotlight. Highlight other agencies who are doing other kinds of senior related programs during this time. Kudos and idea exchange.
Senior Symposium scheduled for 10/28-29 on Zoom, 1-4:30pm. \$15 per day/per person or \$20 total, \$30/agency. Deadline 10/23 to register.
- iv. Aquatic Tierney Doran
Couple of surveys to come out: topics on the intensive at Conference, CAMS Jan/Feb in Riverside will be a Red Cross Instructor training Academy
- v. Development & Operation Vince Brantley
Maintenance Management School was Cancelled/Postponed
D&O is moving forward with the Park Planning Symposium, March 22. Please see attached and share
- vi. Educator Laurel Richmond
Working on our research sessions for conference and are very excited that cord hired an Ed coordinator for the conference
- vii. Recreation Ashley Blair
Join the Board for Rec Section. Applications due 10/3. Region 2/4, VP, Secretary. Just completed School of Rec. 150 registered.

- viii. Student (Fullerton) Jorge Orozco
Flyer for CPRS mentor program was passed around to students on campus
- ix. Student (Long Beach) Caitlyn Sampson
Will use flyer to advertise at LB
- x. Therapeutic Aumee Frey
Have not had a meeting since June. On the email and newsletter list. In contact with D4 rep. All focusing on making sure that everyone has the CEUs they need and educational trainings needed are available.
- xi. A-Team Jose Pina
Goal is to reengage the advocacy team with 3 subcommittees
Review CAP Tools on the website. Will highlight some of the 9 categories.
Want to find different cities who have made an impact in their community under those specific areas.
Sample letters to apply for a waiver to offer childcare services
See attachments
- xii. Member at Large Mark Freeman
No report
- xiii. Member at Large Adrian Reynosa
No report
- xiv. Member at Large Ben Dieterle
JEDI Training (justice equity diversity inclusion)- looking to do it as Region 5 versus district. Doing a November training but two opportunities to attend.
Fall General Membership meeting today (approximately 110 set to attend)
Awards & Installation Banquet video at the end

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. Marketing & Communications Jake Hopkins
Working with committees to create marketing materials
- ii. Programs Cody Huson
No report
- iii. Mentoring Joanna Contreras
Mentoring flyer will go out soon. Registration is open. Kick off event on 10/15.
Deadline 10/12.
- iv. Scholarship Joanna Contreras
Waiting on information
- v. Rec. Leader Train. Consortium Joanna Contreras
Flyer is going out today/next week. Registration opens 10/12. \$5 per agency
- vi. Nominations & Elections Melissa Torres
Appointed positions to be later
- vii. Awards Heidi Mazas
Nominations are due 1/13/21. Packets and info to go out soon.
- viii. A&I Banquet Melissa Torres
Waiting to see what Conference plan is. Aiming for January.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 8:42

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020
in Long Beach or Zoom**

Attachments:

1. Legislative Highlights September 2020
2. Letter to Senator McGuire
3. Letter to Senator McGuire's Sacramento Office
4. Childcare Licensing Exemption Coalition Letter
5. State Board Communications- September 2020

6. D & O Symposium Save the Date



LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWS

- “A-TEAM” legislative Zoom meeting, Tuesday September 29, 2020
 - A-Team split into 3 committees, **Goal is to re-engage advocacy**
 - Legislative
 - CAP Tools
 - Communication
- *CAP and Communication working together as 1 committee for now

1st project to put together a Newsletter, social media vide, new pages on CPRS website etc., on “Telling the Story”, highlight what recreation has done during Covid, what has been our response? Showcase how we are the heart & soul of our communities, what impact we have made on the mental & physical well-being of our communities, why are we important? Why do communities need us? Seeking to display a balance of facts/numbers with images/videos

- There has been some significant work behind the scenes regarding Parks and Recreation department's ability to legally operate child care/distance learning support programs without a license. As is currently state, the law does not allow it without a waiver. **Attached in the email** are 2 letters that Cindy Bagley wrote and one that was written to the DSS (Department of Social Services). Cindy mentioned there has been some work to get a blanket waiver for agencies across the state. The letters are a sample and can be a template to have representatives from agencies or cities send to County Licensing departments. Cindy also mentioned how cities that need these childcare services can have their mayors send letters to their legislators and start building a relationship.
- Legislators are on Break until January 2021

UPDATES

AB 5: Worker Status: Employees and Independent Contractors

- No clear answer on how to move forward, cities to work with city attorneys on how to handle. Many have hired on contract instructors as their own employees
- Does require 3-Part Test, commonly known as the “ABC” test

AB 2257:

- Clean up Bill to AB 5, this bill will exempt certain occupations, revise certain provisions and create additional exemptions

To read more into legislative information, click on link below where you can do a **QUICK BILL SEARCH** by typing in the bill number

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

SAMPLE LETTER

I am a Deputy Director of a Recreation Department in a City in Sonoma County for my profession. I also serve in a volunteer role as the legislative chair for the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS), a 4,000 member association made up of Park and Recreation professionals, and it is in that capacity I am writing to you tonight (on behalf of them/us).

<Depending on the sensitivity of your City in regards to reaching out to your elected district officials, you may want to consider sending this from your personal email and share your volunteer role on the Advocacy Team for CPRS>

As public servants across the state, and as we have been doing since this pandemic began, parks and recreation professionals are scrambling to find ways to serve our working residents who have to report to an office and who also have school aged children that have to start school with distance learning. For many parents this seems to be an impossible situation.

The California Health and Safety Code

(http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=1596.792.) provides exemptions for licensure under the Child Day Care Act for public recreation agencies to offer child care and after school programs. The language in this section of the law prohibits us from offering programs during regular school hours, making it impossible for us to offer physical locations for child care and distance learning support without a license during this crisis. We are not looking for a permanent extension to this exemption, but a temporary one while we are in this COVID-19 situation and schools cannot provide a physical space for instruction.

The Governor's emergency proclamation in March designated an executive order for child care services and delegated the authority to grant waivers for child care to the Department of Social Services (DSS). Our Association, in combination with the California Special District Association and the League of California Cities, drafted the attached letter to DSS requesting a blanket waiver for public agencies to provide child care/distance learning support. DSS granted our associations a phone call, but we were left without a feeling that an exemption was timely, or even likely. This matter is urgent as school has already begun and thousands families could be left with a choice to stay home with their children or go to work. I felt that knowing who you are as a person and a Senator and your overwhelming support of community-building, that I should also reach out to you to see what your thoughts would be on legislation that could help with an exemption of this sort (I know the timeline is very short). I would take any advice or thoughts you are willing to share on this subject.

If you have a moment, and could get back to me, I would be very much appreciative.

Respectfully,

Cindy Bagley, MA, CPRP
Legislative Chair, California Park and Recreation Society
(916) 865-6269

SAMPLE LETTER- SACRAMENTO OFFICE

Hi Chris -

I received your contact information from Russ Noack. I believe he explained a little about the issue that public recreation agencies are facing in our ability to offer programs that help working parents by giving their children a safe space to participate in distance learning. My name is Cindy and I serve in a volunteer capacity for California Park and Recreation Society as the Advocacy Team Chair and it is in that role I am writing to you today. In my professional role, I am the Deputy Director of Community Services for the City of Rohnert Park, Sonoma County.

The issue in summary is that the current health and safety code provides exemptions for public agencies in regards to child care, however, the way the code is currently written, the exemption prohibits us from running programs "during regular school hours" and for longer than 12 weeks in duration.

There are many cities within Senator McGuire's district that are trying to meet the moment and create safe, sanitary spaces for kids to spend their days so their parents can work. The City of Santa Rosa is the largest City in Sonoma County and is planning to begin their program next Monday. The City has repurposed many of its community buildings to safely accommodate students using CDC and CA Dept of Public Health guidelines for child care. Should the City be unable to run this program, hundreds of children and their working parents could be left without an option for child care/distance learning support.

Other cities in Marin and Sonoma County are also planning on offering similar programs, some to low-income families that lack adequate access to wi-fi. The City of Healdsburg has an old school site as their Community Center and plans to use 12 classrooms for a maximum of 12 students in each classroom. The school district is even offering them para-professionals to staff the program as a show of support for the importance of the role this program plays.

Our residents trust us as many of them have been sending their children to our programs for years. They are looking to us now to help and we are ready. But, without a temporary blanket waiver extending the licensing exemptions for public agencies, these programs may not run.

We are sending out a survey today to find out exactly how many agencies are planning on or already running programs and will also be asking the maximum number of potential students to be served. I can get this information to you as it relates to Senator McGuire's district as soon as I have it if you are interested. In addition, I will be on our weekly Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Directors call this afternoon and can get more statistics from that group as well if you would like it.

Thank you for your interest in this urgent matter that could affect hundreds and hundreds of children and families as they begin to embark on distance learning. Please feel free to call me if you would like.

Cindy Bagley
Advocacy Team Chair, California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS)
(916) 865-6269



August 5, 2020

Director Kim Johnson
California Department of Social Services
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Urgent Request for Temporary Waivers for Recreation Parks Child Programs

Dear Director Johnson,

We, the undersigned collectively represent the breadth of municipal recreational and park services provided by both city and county departments, as well as independent special districts. Our members have been steadfast during the COVID-19 crisis to meet the moment. Our members have been providing not only the open space for mental and physical health of Californians, but to the subject of this letter, child and youth programming that is desperately needed for working families.

It is in these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic we have seized the opportunity for local communities of California to pull together to better support the needs of the citizens they serve. As school districts across the state prepare for distance or modified learning this fall, their local special district, city, and county partners stand ready to continue to help to provide child and youth day and after school programs and services and distance learning support for the families they serve.

Recreation and park districts and departments operate affordable afterschool programs to help serve the needs of working families. As it currently stands however, our ability to serve the needs of our communities and essential worker parents is severely limited by the restrictions on the hours of operation of our public recreation programs. A broader temporary expansion of the current exceptions to licensed childcare programs would suspend daytime operating hour limitations and permit public recreation programs during school hours to help fulfill the needs of school districts and working parents alike.

Park and recreation districts were created, in part, to fill childcare needs in a meaningful way. With the sudden increase in demand for childcare, some recreational programs have seen dramatic increase in demand for a safe place for their children. By expanding the hours of operation for these programs the state can help meet the urgent demand of school districts and working families.

We respectfully request that the Department use its authority to grant waivers under the Governor's proclamation of March 4, 2020 to temporarily dispense with the limitation on Recreation and Park programs to only operate outside of those hours traditionally considered to be school hours, found in California Health and Safety Code § 1596.792(g)(1) and the limitations on total hours per week and the total weeks as found in Section 1596.792(g)(1) subparagraphs (A) and (B) and Section 1596.792(g)(2).

By providing a broad, statewide temporary waiver for public entities that are already providing programming and facilities for our working parents, and expeditiously informing all recreation and parks service providers how to take advantage of such a waiver, more spaces and programs will be available to help parents and local government to meet the moment during this crisis.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request. We look forward to working with the department on this important matter. Please contact any of the signatories below with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Anthony Tannehill
California Special Districts Association



Matthew Duarte
California Association of Recreation and Park Districts



Stephanie Stephens
California Park and Recreation Society



Derek Dolfie
League of California Cities

CC: The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Tam Ma, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Newsom
Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency
Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
The Honorable Jim Wood, Chair, Assembly Health Committee
The Honorable Richard Pan, Chair, Senate Health Committee
Pamela Dickfoss, Deputy Director for Community Care, Department of Social Services



STATE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

TO DISTRICTS & SECTIONS

DATE: September 4, 2020

CALENDAR

October 2020

- Board Check-in Call
October 22, 2 pm – 3 pm
Zoom

November 2020

- Board Check-in Call
November 19, 2 pm – 3 pm
Zoom

December 2020

- Board Check-in Call
December 17, 2 pm – 3 pm
Zoom

January 2021

- Board Retreat
January 7, 10 am – 4 pm
Long Beach
- Board Meeting
January 8, 9 am – 4 pm
Long Beach

SUCCESSES/CHALLENGES

- Budget Audit was reviewed and approved
- Budget adjustment to fund the Director of Education position was approved. Getting very close to making a final selection on the position.
- Reviewed Policies 2 and 4 in regards to Policy Governance and confirmed that the Executive Director is in compliance.
- Memberships are remaining consistent even in light of the Covid-19 situation.

- Linkage Plan Committee focusing on how to keep CPRS relevant to the members. How can CPRS best serve the members?
- Board Resource Manual is nearing completion and is scheduled to be finalized in November.
- Reaching out to potential candidates for the upcoming State Board election.

BOARD WORK STATUS UPDATE

GOALS

BETTER TOGETHER



- Ownership Linkage Plan
- Finalize State Board Resource Manual
- Full slate of candidates for elections

- District & Section Leadership Summit was a huge success with 100 attendees in the morning session and almost 70 in the afternoon session.
- Section and Region reps reported out on the Section and District activities. A lot of great and creative things happening throughout the state. For a more detailed list of what is going on in your area contact your Section or Region rep!
- Working on setting up a virtual run/ride/walk to San Diego. More details to come!

