

Juliene R. Hefter-National Award Recipient



Juliene Hefter, the Deputy Director for the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association has been selected as the 2006 recipient of the National Recreation and Park Association's **R.O.S.E. Award** – *Recognition Of Significant Efforts*. The NRPA R.O.S.E. Award recognizes individuals who have “gone the extra mile” to advance parks and recreation in their communities.

Juliene Hefter has a long and illustrious career in aquatics and park and recreation administration, and has been the Manager of Recreation Services for the City of West Bend, Park and Recreation Director for the City of Horicon, Supervisor of Recreation & Aquatics Director for the Fond du Lac School District, and the Park and Recreation Director for the Village of Germantown.

She has served in a number of leadership positions with both state and national organizations, including being the Chairperson for the National Recreation and Park Association's 2005 National Aquatic Conference, Member and Chairperson of the Aquatic Facility Operators Board of Directors, 2006 Chairperson of the National Aquatic Management School, Chairperson of the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association's Recreation Section, Chairperson of the Southeast Park and Recreation Council, and Vice-Chairperson of the Washington County Park and Open Space Technical Advisory Committee.

Her distinguished career includes being the recipient of the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association's Professional Award of Merit, the Recreation Professional of the Year, Aquatic Professional of the Year, and the recipient of the Public Policy Innovation Award.

She is a renowned speaker and author on a variety of management and administrative topics, including A Hands On Approach to Corporate Sponsorships, Sexual Harassment Training for Part-Time and Seasonal Staff, and Team Building and Special Events.

Steve Thompson, Executive Director for the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association indicates that “Juliene Hefter embodies what the NRPA R.O.S.E Award was designed to do—recognize significant professional accomplishments on both a local, state and national level, as well as recognize outstanding commitment to the park and recreation profession and industry. She will continue to make an impact on a state and national level, and she will continue to enhance the profession by her inspiration, strong incentive, and demonstrated leadership.”

The national award will be presented in Seattle, Washington in October during the “41st Annual Congress” of the National Recreation and Park Association.