

# BOARD NOMINATIONS

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2023





# PRESIDENT ELECT



# Megan Mainer

City of Angleton  
Parks and Recreation  
Director, CPM, CPRP

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## **Education and Training:**

- University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign-Master of Science in Recreation, Sport & Tourism
- Bachelor of Science in Political Science
- University of Houston-Certified Public Manager
- Certified Parks & Recreation Professional

## **Work Experience:**

Director of Parks & Recreation

City of Angleton, Texas

July 2018 - Present

Supervise and manage overall operations of the city's parks and recreation services; prepare annual operating budget and CIP for any special projects and plans; develop departmental and park master and strategic plans and identify funding for improvements and construction; project manager for park developments and facilities; administer all State and Federally assisted park and recreation projects; cultivate positive relationships with officials, organizations, and the general public. Provide primary staff support through growth development, continuing education, and team building. Develop and/or revise ordinances and policies to improve public service. Partner with a variety of community organizations to expand offerings including Actions, Angleton ISD, i9 Sports, Texas Master Naturalists - Cradle of Texas Chapter, Texas AgriLife Extension Office, and more. Oversee Parks & Recreation Board, Angleton Better Living Corporation (4B Tax Entity), Senior Citizen Commission, Hike and Bike Subcommittee, and Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission.

Recreation Superintendent

City of La Porte

Jan. 2014 - July 2018

Create, implement, and oversee contractual, recreational, educational, athletic, leisure, fitness, outdoor, and aquatic programming. Manage and organize recreational assets, prepare and administer recreation operational budget and capital outlay projects. Direct, train, and supervise over 60 full-time, part-time and seasonal recreation employees; including: recreation coordinator, recreation specialists, fitness center specialists, contract instructors, lifeguards, pool managers and aquatic manager as well as administer evaluations and quarterly performance reviews. Manage and oversee Recreation and Fitness Center, five municipal pools and two recreation center operations. Administer natural resource conservation initiatives and programs throughout the city and local school district. Serve as Texas Recreation

and Parks Society East Region Awards Chairwoman, Lunch and Learn committee member, East Region Workshop committee member, TRAPS State Education Task Force committee and assist as a presenter at regional workshops. Execute citywide community service projects. Assist with tourism and community event management and implementation. Assist with departmental marketing material, social media and website maintenance. Assist with park maintenance evaluations and beautification. Advocate beautification efforts and opportunities throughout the city.

#### Recreation Center Supervisor

City of Lake Jackson, Texas

Feb. 2011 - Dec. 2013

Managed recreational assets and administered operating budget, executed contracts and contractor pay. Directed, supervised and trained over 50 full-time, part-time and contract employees. Implemented customer service, supervisory and safety training. Managed 65,000 square foot recreational facility; including, lap and leisure pools, sauna, locker rooms, weight room, two aerobics rooms, four racquetball courts, spin studio and KidZone and implemented preventative maintenance plans for facility upkeep. Served on Hike and Bike committee. Reconciled member and patron issues and requests. Significantly expanded program offerings, integrated new programs and evaluated their effectiveness. Served as on-site personal trainer and taught aerobics classes. Managed recreational assets and administered operating budget, executed contracts and contractor pay. Directed, supervised and trained over 50 full-time, part-time and contract employees. Implemented customer service, supervisory and safety training. Managed 65,000 square foot recreational facility; including, lap and leisure pools, sauna, locker rooms, weight room, two aerobics rooms, four racquetball courts, spin studio and KidZone and implemented preventative maintenance plans for facility upkeep. Served on Hike and Bike committee. Reconciled member and patron issues and requests. Significantly expanded program offerings, integrated new programs and evaluated their effectiveness. Served as on-site personal trainer and taught aerobics classes.

#### Leagues & Programs - Facility Assistant

Dec. 2009 – Feb. 2011

Managed all recreational programs including: city sponsored youth and adult sports leagues, land and water aerobics, summer athletic clinics and summer camp programs. Managed full-time, part-time and contractual staff. Assisted in managing facility operations. Managed recreational budget. Evaluated program effectiveness. Instructed land aerobics classes.

#### Recreation Assistant

City of Huntsville, Texas

Jan. 2007 - Nov. 2009

Managed recreational budget preparation and recommendations. Developed recreational, senior, athletic, outdoor and fitness programs as well as community special events with limited staff and resources. Managed and implemented all recreation division programs, evaluated program effectiveness and reported findings to Parks board. Managed part-time recreation assistant. Developed all recreation division program marketing. Partnered with community leaders and organizations to offer a wide variety of programs to the community.

#### **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) Member
- Greater Gulf Coast Parks & Recreation Director's Association (GGCPARDA)
- Texas Recreation & Parks Society (TRAPS) Member & State Legislative Committee
- Past TRAPS ER Director
- TRAPS ER Director of the Year 2020
- Texas Women Leading Government -Gulf Coast Chapter
- Texas Municipal League
- Rotary Club of Angleton (President)
- Texas AgriLife Leadership Advisory Board
- Angleton Study Club

**Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

- TRAPS East Region Lunch & Learn Committee-Served on the committee as Chairwoman or past chair from 2016-2018
- TRAPS East Region Workshop Committee 2016-Assisted with workshop speakers in 2017 and 2018
- TRAPS East Region Golf Tournament Committee-Volunteered in 2017
- TRAPS East Region Awards Committee-Served on the committee as Chairwoman from 2016-2018
- TRAPS State Education Task Force-Served as East Region representative for 2017 & 2018
- TRAPS East Region Director 2019-2021
- Involvement in the TRAPS mentorship program for several years
- TRAPS State Legislative Committee-2023

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

1. Develop SOPs that would aid the state office in annual operations and processes.
2. Increase membership engagement at regional and state levels by brainstorming creative ways to meet the needs of parks and recreation professionals so the organization's purpose is relevant and relied upon as a primary resource.
3. Foster relationship-building and networking opportunities statewide to build a more cohesive state organization.
4. Increase membership engagement for state committees by instituting reoccurring structured meetings.
5. Engage with other state governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and other relatable businesses to build relationships and convey the importance of TRAPS's role in the parks and recreation industry.
6. Increase the use of technology to improve communication, expand organizational capacity, and relay the impact of TRAPS (and the organizations it supports) annually.
7. Continue to improve the "Walk the Halls/Play Day at the Capitol" event to promote more membership involvement and relationship-building with legislators.



# AT LARGE DIRECTOR 1



# Jessica Burke

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## **Education and Training:**

I attended Southwest Texas State University (IYKYK) as an undergrad in Recreation Administration with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation, followed by a Master's in Recreation and Leisure Management from Texas State University. I am a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, and will be a certified Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator soon!

## **Work Experience:**

- Texas Parks and Wildlife - Americans with Disabilities Act Branch Manager 2022-present
- Texas Parks and Wildlife - Texas State Parks Outdoor Education and Outreach Manager 2021-2022
- Texas Recreation and Park Society - Education Coordinator 2019-2021
- Texas State University - Recreation Administration Division Faculty Member (Senior Lecturer & Internship Coordinator) 2013-2019
- Texas State University - Recreation Administration Division Graduate Assistant 2011-2013
- Independently Employed - Contractor with Texas Medicaid Waiver Program 2009-2015
- Laurel Ridge Treatment Center-Recreational Therapist 2007-2010
- US Armed Forces Recreation Center Edelweiss Lodge and Resort - Recreation Host 2006-2007
- City of Austin Parks and Recreation - Recreational Therapy Intern 2006
- Extend-a-Care for Kids - Afterschool Counselor 2001-2003
- Girl Scouts of Central Texas Camp Texlake-multiple positions 2000-2005

## **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- Texas Recreation and Park Society member since 2011- positions served include: TR Branch Board member and chair 2012-2016, Institute Education Task Force Chair 2017-2019, TRAPS Legislative Task Force member 2015-2019, TRAPS Presidential Award of Honor 2019, Awards for Outstanding Educator Performance Award 2015 and Institute Tex-Tern in 2012
- National Recreation and Park Association - member since 2013, 2023 National Conference Accessibility Planning
- American Therapeutic Recreation Association - member since 2014, served as Texas representative on the Joint Task Force for Licensure 2015-2020, Planning Committee Member ATRA Midyear Conference 2016
- Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest - Education Committee 2017 and 2018

## **Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

I have been a member of TRAPS since 2011 and in that time have always felt compelled to serve in one capacity or another. Working alongside fellow parks and recreation professionals to advance our profession has been and will continue to be one of the most rewarding endeavors I can think of. In my 12 years with TRAPS, I have been involved by:

- Delivering 20+ professional presentations at various TRAPS education events on a region and state level.
- Serving as a member and then chair of the Therapeutic Recreation Branch and spearheading NCTRC pre-approval process for all TR education sessions.
- Working actively with the Legislative Task Force to plan TRAPS Walk the Halls events and develop TR Branch legislative platforms.
- Serving as the student organization advisor at Texas State University responsible for promoting and organizing student involvement in TRAPS and attendance at TRAPS events, bringing over 300 students to Institute over 8 years.
- Working as a staff member of TRAPS from 2019 to 2021 as the Education Coordinator.

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

TRAPS has shaped my career and who I am as a professional and advocate. My closest and most respected peers are people I met through TRAPS, many of my favorite memories are from TRAPS events (Abilene ice storm, anyone?), and some of my proudest professional successes come from TRAPS initiatives and projects I've been involved with. I am excited to give back to the organization that has played such a monumental role in my development as a professional and a person by moving into a leadership position on the board.

At-Large Position 1 is an important one, representing the Future & Young Professionals, Leisure & Aging Services, Minorities in Leisure Services, Recreation Programming & Special Events, and Therapeutic Recreation branches. If elected into this position, I will represent the branches by:

1. Ensuring that branch voices are heard and individual branch needs are considered in leadership conversations.
2. Supporting branch leadership through consistent and open two-way communication.
3. Identifying opportunities to strengthen individual branches in areas that are relevant and important to them.
4. Relentlessly advocating for the parks, recreation, and recreational therapy profession and the people that we serve.



# Robert (Eric) Valdez

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## Education and Training:

- Texas A&M University  
Bachelor of Science-May 2000, Major-Kinesiology - Coursework in Sports Management.
- National Recreation and Park Association Directors School – August 2017 Graduate
- Certified Parks and Recreation Executive (CPRE) – October 2018

## Work Experience:

Dallas Parks and Recreation Department Service Area Manager Dallas, Texas May 2019 - Present Responsible for the direction of 14 service area recreation centers, budgets, and other resources to provide quality of life programs and services for both citizens and employees of the City of Dallas. Develop and monitor \$4.5m operating budget with over 77 FTEs. Oversee and responsible for all Parks and Recreation department goals and objectives as outlined operationally by the City Manager's Office, City Council and Park and Recreation Board initiatives.

### Accomplishments

CAPRA Reaccreditation. Served as a member of the City of Dallas committee in achieving CAPRA reaccreditation.

- CAPRA Visitor. Selected to serve as a member of the National Park and Recreation Association's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies visitors.
- DFW Director's Association Inclusion Award 2020. 2020 Class I Inclusion Award for Inclusion Awareness Training Program.
- Committee Member. Committee Member for the following: • Department Facility Reservations Committee Liaison
- Department Inclusion Committee Liaison

Bedford Parks and Recreation Department Bedford, Texas Community Services Manager October 2014 - November 2018 Provided leadership and managerial oversight for the senior center, recreation, and aquatic divisions for a department serving 59,526 Bedford residents. Provided leadership and direction to various parks and recreation department projects. Developed and monitored \$1.4m operating budget with over 26.52 FTEs; maintained positive relations with Federal, State and City officials, various city advisory boards, local school officials, and Bedford Parks and Recreation Department fans.

### Accomplishments

- Successfully led efforts on voter approved \$70m Phase Next Bond initiative.
- Partnered with Kimley-Horn to conduct Phase Next Feasibility Study.
- Provided oversight and direction of the \$3.2m Phase One of the Boys Ranch Park renovation.
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

- Recipient of PetSafe Dog Park Grant and Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant.

Bedford Parks and Recreation Department Bedford, Texas Recreation Manager March 2012 - October 2014 Provided leadership and managerial oversight for the recreation and aquatic divisions for a department serving 59,526 Bedford residents. Supervised department personnel directly or through subordinates; hired and trained employees; assigned and monitored work; and evaluated personnel as necessary. Developed and monitored \$1m operating budget with over 23.07 FTEs; maintained positive relations with Federal, State and City officials, various city advisory boards, local school officials, and Bedford Parks and Recreation Department fans.

#### Accomplishments

- Increased cost recovery and program participation numbers of programs and services offered by the recreation and aquatics division.
- Reorganized the aquatics division with the aim of improving water safety and operational efficiency.
- Established goals and procedures that required staff to review revenue and expenses so that staff could effectively manage departmental budgets.

Bedford Parks and Recreation Department Bedford, Texas Recreation Coordinator November 2005 - March 2012 Provided leadership and managerial oversight for the Boys Ranch Activity Center, the hub of all recreation programs and services that serves the 59,526 Bedford residents. Supervised division personnel directly or through subordinates; hired and trained employees; assigned and monitored work; evaluated personnel; rewarded and disciplined employees as necessary. Developed and monitored \$750,000 operating budget with over 10.83 FTEs; maintained positive relations with Federal, State and City officials, local school officials, and Bedford Parks and Recreation Department fans.

#### Accomplishments

- Increased cost recovery of programs and services offered by the recreation division.
- Increased program participation numbers that led to increases in revenue and department exposure throughout the community.
- Reorganized budget with the goal of expanding the summer camp program in an effort to meet the needs of the community.

Recreation Equipment Incorporated Plano, Texas Outreach Specialist April 2005 - November 2005 Planned, implemented, and managed all outreach efforts for REI Plano, which included recreational / educational programs and special events. Marketed and promoted outreach programs through various publications, newsletters, flyers, and other media. Coordinated and implemented a variety of special events such as REI Plano Grand Opening, Paddle Demo Day, Katy Trails National Trails Day Service Project, and White Rock Lake Shoreline Spruce-Up.

#### Accomplishments

- Designed, planned, and implemented all outdoor recreation education programs and special events.
- Facilitated Leave No Trace outreach efforts that educated the public on outdoor ethics.
- Planned and coordinated grand opening events for the REI Plano location.

Keller Parks and Recreation Department Keller, Texas Aquatics Supervisor April 2004 – February 2005 Provided leadership and managerial oversight for the aquatic division of the Keller Pointe Recreation Center serving 47,266 Keller residents. Responsible for aquatic operation, which included a year round 160,000 gallon indoor leisure play pool, 4,000 gallon spa, and a seasonal 166,000 gallon outdoor leisure play pool. Developed and monitored \$595,000 operating budget with over 16.30 FTEs; maintained positive relations with Federal, State and City officials, various city advisory boards, local school officials, and Keller Parks and Recreation Department fans.

#### Accomplishments

- Designed, planned, and implemented all aquatic recreational programs and special events.
- Established and implemented aquatic policies and procedures, which included staff manuals, safety protocols, and maintenance standards.
- Coordinated and trained all part-time recreation / aquatic staff on CLASS recreation software and customer service standards.

Garland Parks and Recreation Department Garland, Texas Recreation Specialist January 2001 – March 2004 Coordinated and implemented recreation programs and services for the Lou Huff, Granger, and Gale Fields recreation centers that served 238,000 Garland residents. Organized and facilitated various basketball leagues and implemented a variety of recreational courses based on individual abilities and needs of the community. Marketed and promoted programs and services through city recreational publications, newsletters, flyers, and other media.

**Accomplishments**

- Established Camp S.T.A.R.S. (Standing Tall And Reaching Success), the City of Garland's first Community Development Block Grant funded program designed at providing summer activities for families who may not have the financial means to participate.
- Partnered with the Garland Independent School District to provide free summer lunch programs to the Lou Huff, Granger, and Gale Fields recreation centers.
- Implemented various cultural events to celebrate the diversity of the neighborhoods surrounding the recreation centers.

**List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- NRPA: Conference Planning Committee, Dallas, Texas 2023 Conference
- TRAPS: 2023 At Large Director 1

**Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

Since 2000, I have contributed to TRAPS by attending regional and state conferences, encouraging staff to participate in the TRAPS Academy of Leadership Development program, and by promoting involvement with TRAPS by the Cities of Garland, Keller, Bedford and the City of Dallas. Over the past 20 years, I have had the opportunity to directly impact the careers of several young professionals by providing space and opportunity for professional development. This support has yielded many contributors to the TRAPS organization from various parks and recreation departments in the North Region. This year I was called upon to serve the TRAPS Board due to the vacated position that Jacob Zuniga. I have enjoyed my involvement and look to continue to serve the board and it's members.

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

As the At-Large Director, I would continue to support the mission of the Texas Recreation and Park Society of advancing the quality of life industry through Connections, Advocacy, Resources and Education (Care). It is my belief that my involvement with the board would lead to increased participation in TRAPS by Dallas Park and Recreation staff members. This renewed commitment would allow our department to better serve the citizens of Dallas. If elected as the At-Large Director 1, I would be given an opportunity to share my unique view on issues facing the parks and recreation industry. I believe my experience and background would provide a different perspective that would help shape the organization moving forward.

I would continue to support efforts throughout the state that provide access to programs, facilities, and green spaces that make an impact in communities. Park and Recreation professionals across the state will be forced to adapt to changing city budgets, reduced staffing levels, and providing social services as part of the new norm. I am interested in supporting the incoming TRAPS President, Board of Directors, and Texas Park and Recreation Professionals. I believe that I can advocate on behalf of TRAPS for continued professional development / involvement by engaging young professionals to increase their involvement. Through a group effort, we will be able to help shape the future of Parks and Recreation in the State of Texas.



# Calie Willis

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## Education and Training:

I graduated from Texas Woman's University with a B.S. in Family Studies and I have maintained Certified Parks and Recreation Professional credentials since 2020. I was recently a cohort in the Dr. Michal Anne Lord Leadership Academy and completed that program in February of 2022. I have participated in trainings specific to parks and recreation, such as Rec Camp with Barker, Rinker, Seacat and Outdoor Program Risk Management through Viristar. Additionally, I completed the Balancing Leadership training through Virginia Institute of Governments and High Performance Organizations through the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. I have also completed numerous trainings through organizations I have been employed with about leadership topics such as change/conflict management, presentation skills, unconscious bias, employee engagement, crucial conversations, and others.

## Work Experience:

City of Coppell, Recreation Manager, June 2022-Present

- Manage the Senior & Community Center, Biodiversity Education Center, and Coppell Nature Park

City of McKinney, Assistant Recreation Center Supervisor, September 2017-June 2022

- Assist in the management of the Senior Recreation Center and supervise the recreation division

City of McKinney, Recreation Coordinator, October 2016-September 2017

- Plan and coordinate all special events, programs, and trips for the Senior Recreation Center

City of Fort Worth, Recreation Programmer, February 2015-October 2016

- Plan and coordinate all programs, such as summer day camp, group exercise, community groups, and events for Riverside Community Center

Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro, Assistant Resident Camp Director, Summer of 2014

- Managed summer camp staff and oversaw daily programming options

## List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:

- Texas Recreation and Parks Society
- North Region Conference Committee, 2015-Present
- Leisure and Aging Branch Vice Chair, 2018-2020
- Leisure and Aging Branch Chair, 2020-2022

- Dr. Michal Anne Lord Leadership Academy, Class of 2022
- North Region Recreation Professional of the Year, 2021
- North Region Excellence in Programming, 2021
- North Region Excellence in Programming, 2019
- North Region Communications Award, 2017
- NRPA Member, 2021-Present

**Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

I became an active member of TRAPS shortly after I started membership. Within the first few months, I joined the North Region Conference Planning Committee as the Decorations Chair and have maintained my commitment to that committee since 2014. I now serve on the programming selection team and help put together the education schedule for the North Region conferences. I served the Leisure and Aging Branch for four years as the vice chair and chair from 2018-2022. During my time as chair, I held monthly branch meetings virtually for the entire state. We worked together to reimaging programming and reopen our facilities during the pandemic. I maintained resources for the branch to input their closure and reopening plans and guidelines so they were readily available for City Councils and City Management when requested. I also worked with amend the by-laws of the branch to remove barriers to leadership. I lessened the requirements for vice chair and chair so it is no longer a 4-year commitment, and built in succession planning for those roles so there was clarity during the leadership change. I also created five other leadership positions to encourage involvement and engagement across the state since historically all of the officers from the Leisure and Aging Branch have only been from the North Region. I have presented at various TRAPS conferences throughout the years and have been interview for the RecReflect podcast. Additionally, I have mentored young professionals I've met through TRAPS throughout the years.

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

If elected, I would like to work on creating seamless transition plans for when new leadership begins serving. I experienced this when I moved into a leadership role with the Leisure and Aging Branch where the first few months were focused on learning the position I was sworn into. During my time as chair, I met other branch chairs who had shared my experiences. Together, we worked on ways we could set our predecessors up for success starting on day one and I would like to continue that work across the organization. I would also like to work on making political impacts understandable to the organization. Politics are intimidating until they're understood, and I truly did not understand their impact until I participated in Walk The Halls. Jeff Achee has done incredible work with the Legislative Task Force, but I truly believe it takes all of us to continue his work and help it reach all members of this organization.



# AT LARGE DIRECTOR 3



## Kyle Kelley

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### **Education and Training:**

- BS Recreation, Park, and Tourism Science, Texas A&M University
- Graduate NRPA Maintenance Management School
- Graduate of the Nature Lyceum in Organic Plan Health Care, Long Island New York
- Incident Response and Incident Management IS 100, IS 200, ICS 300, ICS400, IS 700, & IS 800.
- TPWD Angler Educator

### **Work Experience:**

Parks and Recreation Director- City of Red Oak

Parks Superintendent- City of Baytown

Parks Director- Harris County Precinct 2

Director of Horticulture- City of Houston Airport System

Parks Superintendent -The Woodlands Township

Park and Facilities Manager- The North Houston District

Golf Course Superintendent- Kingwood Country Club

Grounds and Facility Manager- Texas Medical Center

Groundskeeper- Houston Astros

Parks Supervisor- City of Georgetown

Athletic Groundskeeper- Texas A&M University Athletics

Head Groundskeeper- The University of Houston

**List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- Texas Recreation and Parks Society
- 2013 East Region Park Professional of the Year
- POPS Rodeo Committee 2012 & 2018
- State Rodeo host 2012
- East Region host 2012 & 2018
- National Recreation and Park Society CPRE, AFO
- Texas Turfgrass Association
- Master Certified Professional Turfgrass Manager
- Board of Directors (2009-2014)
- 2007 Large Area Landscape Project of the year
- Texas Medical Center
- 2013 Soccer Field of the Year
- The Woodlands Township Bear Branch Field 7
- 2022 Multi-Purpose Field of the Year
- City of Red Oak Live Oak Multi-Use Field
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- TPWD Angler Education

**Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

My service and contributions to TRAPS have mainly focused on Parks and Operations. In 2012 I was part of the State Institute and Expo as the Maintenance Rodeo Host Facilitator. During the Institute our entire staff worked tirelessly to ensure the entire event went off without a glitch. I have worked with other teams to host the east region TRAPS Maintenance Equipment Rodeo in the Woodlands Township and at Harris County. I am ready always been ready to serve when called upon. As a servant leader, I will do whatever is asked of me to guarantee that TRAPS thrives and the TRPAS leadership torch can one day be passed on in better shape than I found it.

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

Once elected, I will be innovative and explore options to be an organization that seeks out everyone (even those of us small cities and those folks who might not feel 100% welcome to join us) while working to continue to keep the TRAPS organization as a strong leader amongst Park and Recreation organizations.

I will explore options with things such as new technologies that will make TRAPS better and push for the best ways to communicate, congregate, and be successful with cutting edge ideas. We have to get better each and every day because as professionals we should be seeking greatness in everything we do.

I will not be afraid to ask the tough questions and seek the answers needed to move our organization forward. Our members are our strength and I want to make sure everyone has a seat at the table with no barriers. We are all better together and we need everyone in our organization. I will ensure that everyone is welcome, feels welcome, and we can work together for the betterment of the people we serve.



# Teresa Thomason

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## **Education and Training:**

- B.S. University of Iowa
- M.S. University of Illinois at Chicago
- Graduate Certificate Local Government - University of Texas at Dallas

## **Work Experience:**

Assistant Director Parks and Recreation-City of Allen, Feb. 2022-present

Manager-City of McKinney, March 2016-Feb. 2022

Operations Manager-Agile 1, April 2013-March 2016

Manager-City of Keller 2004-2012

Director-Club Corp 1999-2004

## **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- Member of TRAPS since 2004-Involvement includes:
  - North Region Award Chair
  - Planning committee for North Region Maintenance Rodeo
  - Education Task Force Chair for State Institute
  - Mentor for TRAPS
- Supervised teams and buildings that obtained more than 10 State and Regional Level Awards across multiple municipal governments.
- Have received multiple personal awards from employment agencies of the course of many years.
- NRPA Member
  - Involved and oversee areas for CAPRA accreditation for City of Allen
  - NRPA active mentor
- DFW Directors Association

**Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

- North Region Award Chair - oversaw the awards process for North Region
- Planning committee for North Region Maintenance Rodeo
- Education Task Force Chair for State Institute
- Mentor for TRAPS

**Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

I look forward to being a strong support to the areas of oversight for the at-large role. This includes, but is not limited to: assisting with growth of membership and increased engagement with our current members, facilitating award outreach and participation, financial development and stability through focusing on growth and engagement, and sustaining best practices of elections and by-laws. It will be a privilege to serve our organization and support all our professionals across Texas.



# CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR



# Robert Gaylor

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## **Education and Training:**

Texas State University  
Master of Business Administration (2017)  
Bachelors of Arts Psychology (2006)

## **Work Experience:**

City of Georgetown  
Parks and Recreation Manager (2022-Current)  
Recreation Superintendent (2015-2022)  
Recreation Center Supervisor (2009-2015)

City of Plano, Aquatics Coordinator (2007-2009)

Brushy Creek MUD, Athletics Coordinator (2004-2006)

## **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- ICMA-High Performance Leadership Master Certificate (2022)
- Georgetown Chamber of Commerce-Leadership Georgetown Graduate (2018)
- Texas Recreation and Park Society-Central Region Young Professional of the Year (2014)
- City of Georgetown-Supervisor of the Year (2013)

## **Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

- Central Region Director (2021-Current)
- Workshop/Rodeo Planning Committee (2010-Current)
- Young Professional Showcase Coordinator (2018-2019)

## **Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

1. Represent the Central Region membership at board meetings.
2. Continue to enhance educational and networking opportunities for the Central Region.
3. Continue to grow the TRAPS Central Region membership base.
4. Engage the Central Region with legislative and advocacy efforts.
5. Promote outreach efforts to foster succession plans on all committees.





# Lauren Shrum

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## **Education and Training:**

M.S. Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences - Texas A&M University

B.S. Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences - Texas A&M University

TML Tony Koriath Supervisor Academy

## **Work Experience:**

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, City of Schertz-Jan. 2018-present

Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, City of Schertz-June 2016-Dec. 2017

Parks Manager, City of Wimberley-Oct. 2013-May 2016

Consultant, Texas Outdoors Consulting-2008-2013

Park Projects Specialist, San Antonio River Authority-2007-2008

Project Coordinator, Houston Wilderness-2006-2007

## **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- National Recreation and Park Association-YPN Network Leadership Team Member 2014-2016, Parks & Conservation Network Leadership Team Member 2014-2019
- Texas Recreation & Park Society, member since 2004
- Texas Festivals & Events Association

## **Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

- TRAPS F&YP Mentorship Program-Mentor Volunteer 2023
- Central Region Workshop Planning Committee Member-2013-2016
- Central Region Awards Chair 2014-2016
- Central Region Workshop & Maintenance Rodeo Chair and Host 2017
- Planning Committee Member-Texas Water & Recreation Summit-2008

## **Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

1. Recruit more small cities into the Central Region membership and get new faces on the committee and attending the maintenance rodeo, the regional workshop, and the state institute.
2. Continue to support networking opportunities for the Central Region by reviving the Region Socials and the Director's Association.
3. Work with the POPS Branch to develop a Park Maintenance Academy.



# WEST REGION DIRECTOR



# Jesus Coronado

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## **Education and Training:**

I am a Certified Parks and Recreational Professional through NRPA and a Certified Professional Sports Manager through TAAF. Most of my training and education in the parks and recreation field has been acquired by applied knowledge, educational sessions from TRAPS and NRPA, as well as mentorship from my directors through out my 24 year career. I have some college education in the Radiologic Technology Field, but I did not complete that career path as I fell in love with the Parks and Recreation profession.

## **Work Experience:**

2020 - present: City of Abilene - Parks Division Manager

2016 - 2020: City of Stephenville - Main title Parks Superintendent for 4 years 6 months, but also performed Recreation Superintendent duties for 3 months and Interim Director for 11 Months while employed there. I performed all duties concurrently at one point as well.

1999 – 2016: City of Grand Prairie - Started as a Seasonal Worker and progressed my career with the department as a Park Maintenance Worker, Equipment Operator, Crew Leader and Supervisor in my 16 1/2 years there.

## **List any professional organizations you are affiliated with, including positions and awards:**

- TRAPS Member
- NRPA-2 time Gold Medal Award Winning Department with City of Grand Prairie
- Tarleton State University: 2020 Leadership and Service awards - Senator Robert Glasgow award for "Exemplary Contributions in Supporting Tarleton Students"

## **Describe your contributions to the Texas Recreation and Park Society:**

I have been a TRAPS member for over 8 years through the organizations where I have been employed. I served as a member for the North Region TRAPS award committee once, and now I am the chair for the 2023 West Region Equipment Rodeo and Workshop planning committee with the City of Abilene

## **Discuss what goals you would seek to accomplish during your term of office, if elected:**

TRAPS has been a very important part of my development and advancement in my career as a Park and Recreation Professional, so I hope to accomplish the following goals if elected:

1. Grow young professionals participation in TRAPS events, boards and committees for the West Region.

2. Advance educational and CEU opportunities for the West Region's parks and recreational professionals, in order to help those interested in advancing their career path within our profession.
3. Advance communications, website and marketing to reach more parks and recreation professionals in our region, in order to keep them informed of the current TRAPS news in the West Region.
4. Establish an event that would create scholarship opportunities for students and professionals, whose cities do not have a training budget, to assist them in attending the West Region Conference.