



WPRAN Young Professionals Network Conference Call Minutes Monday, April 24, 2017

Roll Call:

- By Region- Name and organization/ school

WPRAN YPN Overview:

- To serve as a networking and resource forum for emerging leaders and distinguished professionals within WPRAN.
- To connect members to programs, initiatives, and individuals making an impact on their community via the WPRAN YPN.

WPRAN Spring Workshop:

- What is one thing you learned/took away?
 - Good sessions, good social activities to get people involved and talk about communities and how they are doing things
 - Monday meetings are not ideal, while many days were talked about Wednesday seems to be best.
 - Move monthly conference call to last Wednesday of month starting in May
- Would you recommend attending next year?
 - Yes, interested in hearing different ideas and ways of doing things. Good way to grow, by talking to others

WPRAN Annual Conference:

- Resume Review/Mock Interviews
 - At trade show, have table at WPRAN resource booth. Students can bring copy of resume to have them reviewed by a YP.
 - Mock interview, sign up a registration table and set-up a time at trade show. Looking for YPs to help out, email Derek@milwaukeeec.net
- Internship Opportunity Center
 - Will have a board at conference with job listings from any department around the state with an internship opportunity. Students can drop off resume in department specific files they want to share it with and be contacted at conference or after conference by that department. Great way to contact them and ask questions before they need to apply.
- Take a Student to Lunch
 - Professionals and students can sign up to be paired together.

- Looking for volunteers or people interested in helping. Email Derek or Anthony if interested.

Round Table Discussion:

- Community Partnerships
 - Discussion was held on community businesses and sponsorships that they offer. As well as partnerships with School Districts and other local recreation providers (i.e. YMCA and Boys and Girls Club)

Ask the Network:

- Does anyone offer playgrounds in the summer, if so what activities do you bring in and do?
- Part time staffing, how to get them more committed and involved in the department?

NRPA Connect:

- **American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration Conference Scholarship**
 - Application due May 1
 - <http://aapra.org/academy-externships>

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