

**The Student Association for Recreation  
Eastern Illinois University  
CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS  
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**Article I – Name**

The name of the organization shall be the STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR RECREATION.

**Article II – Purpose**

- A. To foster a concern for progress in recreation and recreation education.
- B. To advance the standards of the profession.
- C. To co-operate and participate with local, state, and national recreation associations and organizations interested in the growth and development of the field of recreation.
- D. To encourage greater social professional co-operation among recreation major students, faculty, and alumni.
- E. To provide an opportunity for participation in a professional organization.
- F. To use the special knowledge and skills of major and minor students to serve the total student body and the community.
- G. To provide students with opportunities for professional growth.

**Article III – Membership**

Membership is only open to all majors and minors that are interested in the purpose and ideals of recreation. The Student Association for Recreation is part of the Department of Recreation Administration for its majors and minors.

**Article IV – Awards**

The scholarship winners will be announced each spring at the annual awards banquet.

Gretchen Sue Denton Scholarship – An award shall be given each year to an outstanding junior student in the field of recreation. The award will be based upon involvement in student organizations and activities, leadership, and other qualities, characteristics of a future Recreation Professional. Recipients name will be inscribed on the trophy and will be kept in the vicinity of the Eastern Recreation Offices. The recipient will be selected by a committee.

William C. Riordan Award – This award shall be given each year to an outstanding senior student in the field of recreation. It will be based on demonstrated involvement with student organizations and activities, along with minimum grade point average 2.8, and a 3.0 within the major. The recipient must not have received this award before. Recipient will be given a certificate in acknowledgement of this award. Recipient will be selected by a committee.

Ewen ‘Lefty’ Bryden Alumni Award – This award shall be given each year to an outstanding freshmen or sophomore student in the field of recreation. The recipient must have demonstrated leadership potential such as involvement in the Student Association for Recreation and active participation in class. It will be based on a minimum grade point average of 3.0. A committee will select the recipient.

Dorothe L. Johnson – This award shall be given each year to a full-time student majoring in Recreation Administration. The recipient must display a financial need and involvement with the American Camping Association. It will be based on a minimum grade point average of 2.5. A committee will select the recipient.

William A. Smith Scholarship – This award shall be given each year to a full-time student majoring in Recreation Administration. Special consideration will be given to service and professional involvement, academic achievement, scholarship, and leadership. A minimum of 12 semester hours must have been completed in the major, and an overall grade point average of a 3.0 in the major. A committee will make the selection of the recipient.

## Article V – Officers

The officers shall be elected for a one year term by secret ballot of the current members of the Student Association for Recreation before the banquet, with exception of the vice president. Officers shall be announced at the annual awards banquet. If an officer resigns, that person shall submit a written document stating the reason. The President will appoint a new officer with the approval of other officers. In the event that the elected officer will be leaving in December, we will elect an elect to work with and fulfill the duties for second semester.

The officers of this organization shall be:

- President
  - Exercise general supervision over the program and activities of the society
  - Preside over all meetings for the organization
  - Appoint the committees and committee chairmen
  - Represent the society at any official function
- Vice President
  - Assume duties of the president in their absence
  - Serve as a chairman of the executive committee
  - Supervise work of all committees
  - Help banquet chair plan the Annual Awards Banquet
  - Turn in the Eastern Illinois University's Recognized Student Organization application
  - Maintain records of service hours
- Secretary
  - Be responsible for keeping record of meetings
  - Writing minutes
- Treasurer
  - Be responsible for collecting dues
  - Deposit and dispense funds through the established procedure
  - Keep a detailed binder of all account transactions and memberships
- Public Relations/Fundraising
  - To promote the image of the Student Association for Recreation on the Eastern Illinois University campus, in the Charleston community, and in the state of Illinois
  - To be in charge of all incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Student Association for Recreation
  - To write articles pertaining to club members and their activities for publication in the local newspapers, and IPRA publication in the department newsletter
  - To set up fundraisers with the help of fellow chairperson
- Historian
  - To compile the Student Association for Recreation scrapbook
  - Make slide show for banquet
  - Document Student Association for Recreation activities
- Banquet Chair
  - Plan and organize Annual Awards Banquet
- Webmaster
  - To design and maintain the Student Association for Recreations website accordingly

**Article VI – Meetings**

Meetings of the club shall be held at least once each month preceding the regular executive board meeting. Additional meetings may be called at any time with the approval of the executive committee.

**Article VII – Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 majority of the members present at an official meeting. Proposed amendments must be presented in writing at the meeting preceding the one at which the voting takes place.