NIRSA Member Network
Ohio Recreational Sports Association (ORSA)
Vice President
Application Cover Sheet

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Please type on separate pages, your answers to the following:

1. What do you believe is the purpose of the ORSA?
2. What do you hope to accomplish as the ORSA Vice President (how will you help move the association forward)?
3. What experiences do you have that makes you a qualified candidate for this position?
4. What challenges do you feel exist for the ORSA?
5. What changes do you believe will benefit the ORSA?
6. Will you be able to attend the ORSA Workshop and NIRSA Annual Conference, with or without institutional support?

1. What do you believe is the purpose of the ORSA?
    a. I believe that ORSA is the foundation for professional and student development for those in campus recreation. The professional relationships I have forged as a part of ORSA have assisted me greatly in developing new relationships with professionals from outside of our state and region. The sense of community is extraordinary and I believe our purpose should be to continue to foster the ORSA community by engaging current members and continuing to reach out to new members at institutions that haven't traditionally been involved in the past.

2. What do you hope to accomplish as the ORSA Vice President (how will you help move the association forward)?
    a. The one particular item that I strongly believe we need to evaluate is creating a leadership team that has stability and continuity. Every two years we hold an election and as a result, have totally revamped the leadership team and shifted directions and initiatives. It is my belief that we should take a close look at our constitution and open up a dialogue about succession planning and looking at an ORSA leadership appointment as a 3 year commitment, similar to how NIRSA operates with a president elect, president and past president.

3. What experiences do you have that makes you a qualified candidate for this position?
    a. In addition to serving as the Vice President of ORSA for the past 5 months, I have been the chair of the membership committee and a member of the student development and nominations and elections committee. I also served the association as the co-chair of the state workshop. Finally, I am committed to student development which I feel is the cornerstone to our success as a profession.

4. What challenges do you feel exist for the ORSA?
    a. We are at a very interesting transition time within ORSA. Many of our founding members, who served ORSA and NIRSA for so many years have retired, or are moving towards retirement, while the group of professionals that immediately followed them served ORSA for several years and are now looking at roles within NIRSA. I feel there is a strong group of professionals with between 1-10 years of experience that we need to actively engage in helping to keep ORSA as the best state association. Setting a strategic plan and then transitioning our leadership structure to support this is an essential duty to continue the legacy of ORSA.

5. What changes do you believe will benefit the ORSA?
    a. I believe that establishing a host committee, even while we work out who comprises that committee, will be beneficial in providing consistency to our annual state workshop. Also, continuing to reach out and engage the smaller institutions within the state has a tremendous benefit to the ORSA membership. Finally, I believe the alignment with more student affairs associations on the national level, provides a great opportunity for us to look at co-hosting a state workshop for professionals across student life/affairs.

6. Will you be able to attend the ORSA Workshop and NIRSA Annual Conference, with or without institutional support?
    a. Yes.