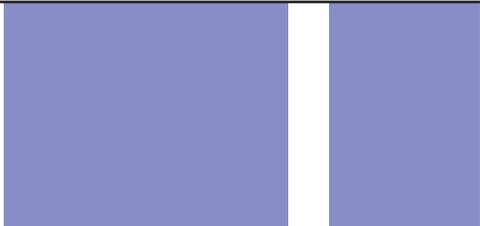


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## What's happening...

- June 14-17** National Fitness & Wellness Institute, Collegiate Sport Club Symposium, Hartford, Connecticut
- June 16-18** NACA/ASCA/NIRSA Student Organization Institute, Louisville, Kentucky
- June 24** ORSA Social - Golf Outing and Fun Day, Columbus, Ohio
- July 1** NIRSA 2012 National Conference Presentation Proposals Due
- October 5-7** IIRSA (Illinois) State Workshop
- October 12-14** WIRSA State Workshop
- October 17-21** National Recreation Facilities & Aquatics Institute, Birmingham, Alabama
- October 20-21** MIRSA State Workshop
- November 3-4** ORSA State Workshop
- November 3-4** IRSA (Indiana) State Workshop
- January 26-28** 2012 Region III Lead On Conference, The Ohio State University

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# President's Report

Hello,  
I am so excited to write my first ever letter as the President for our ORSA summer newsletter. The Executive Committee has been hard at work already trying to make this the best year ORSA has ever had. I want to first thank my Executive Committee who has worked very hard on many projects and haven't complained at all. Jim has done a great job with the committees and launching our first ever stand alone web site: <http://orsanirsa.weebly.com/> and the @orsanirsa twitter account. Tara has done a great job with getting the social organized with the Social Committee and getting this newsletter out. Kelly Chaffee has done a great job with working with the Student Development Committee and keeping our Facebook account updated. Travis continues to do what he does and I am so happy he signed on for another year. So, thanks to all of them for their work and dedication to The ORSA.

We have added the Budget and Allocation Committee chaired by Greg Ross and Kim Schmidt to help lead our budget into the future, we have already met twice and are doing great things. This committee will do a nice, detailed presentation at the YSU ORSA. I also want to give you an update on a few other things that we have been working on. The membership committee is working on our new membership initiative - The ORSA Regional Outreach and Engagement events that will be hosted by 5 different schools in the 5 regions of Ohio. Those regions are: Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, Southeast and Central. These events are a way to bring ORSA to certain areas or schools that can't or don't attend ORSA. We hope these are a way to increase our membership, but also our outreach throughout the state. We have

about 72 institutions of higher education in Ohio. We need to get everyone involved in and educated about ORSA. I am really excited about this initiative and can't wait to attend them. Also, we are doing the Inaugural ORSA Golf Outing and we hope everyone will try to attend this great event. We are looking for players to play and hole sponsors for the event. This event is already sponsored by: Sears Commercial, Design Fitness, Cincinnati Floors, Texon II, and Centers LLC. If you have anyone that wants to sign up, please go to the ORSA website. Also, if any University is interested in sponsoring a hole for this event for a low price of ONLY \$100 please contact me ASAP.

Also, we are calling out to the entire membership to nominate someone for the Prestigious ORSA Honor Award. I was humbled and blessed to win this award at the UC ORSA and it is still one of my career highlights. So, please nominate someone that you feel is deserving of this award so we can recognize them. Please send a nomination letter to me soon! We did have our Region 3 meeting the week of May 31st and ORSA is once again a leader of Region 3. We are excited about what the Region is doing and we will be a big part of it. We will continue to give you updates from the Region as they come, but look for a lot of great things in the near future.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for really working hard these past few months to put in place the ORSA Executive Committee's vision and goals. We have a lot of initiatives that we are trying to do and we can only do them with the help of the entire membership. So, thanks to everyone and we are very excited about a great upcoming year.

-Sean Ries

# Vice President's Report

It has been a very eventful first few months as Vice President.

Communication is one aspect I always hear about from fellow ORSA colleagues, and the Executive Committee wants to make sure there is plenty of opportunity for you to know what is happening in the Association. One of my charges as Vice President has been to make information easily accessible to members.

There are four main resources for you to use:

1. Web site: we have a new web site that will be the hub for all that is ORSA. The site: <http://orsanirsa.weebly.com/>, contains information on all ORSA events, committees, history, scholarship deadlines and more.
2. Facebook: please become a fan of "ORSA Ohio Recreational Sports Association." This is a great tool to ask questions and to get the latest, most up to date information.
3. Twitter: @orsanirsa for quick updates
4. Gmail: ohiorecsports@gmail.com – if you have a question about ORSA, just send us an email and we'll answer it for you.

Make sure to let your students and colleagues who may not be on the ORSA email list know about the various ways to stay in touch.

In addition to communication, creating opportunities is one of my focuses as Vice President. All ORSA members were given the chance to apply for a committee via an online application. We had 95 visits to the application site and 18 application completions. The new committee members are hard at work completing the summer social, budgets, outreach programs, and a variety of Extramural events. Since each committee will give a report in this newsletter, I'll let them explain their actions in detail.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help at one of the many events throughout the year, please feel free to contact the respective committee chairperson.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I can't wait to see the ORSA family in Columbus on June 24.

-Jim Jamriska