

# 2024 IPRA Robert Artz Award

## **Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award**

The IPRA Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award was established to honor Robert Artz's legacy of service to the park and recreation profession. Bob died in a plane crash in 1979 at the young age of 48. He was an ambassador of the national leisure movement, and he strengthened the Illinois Park District system through his hard work and perseverance. Bob is best remembered for his outstanding leadership traits, candor, strong will, high standards, and dedication to the betterment of parks and recreation services.

The recipient of the Robert Artz Award will have had lasting impact and created awareness of the importance of parks and recreation among peers and in the community they serve.

## **Robert Artz Criteria**

- Current IPRA Professional / Professional Non-Metro Member.
- Served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years as a full-time professional in the field of parks and recreation, of which at least fifteen (15) have been in Illinois.
- Served IPRA as an officer for the Board of Directors, Membership Council, section board, or committee.
- Certified Professional (CPRE, CPRP, CTRS, CPA, SHRM or equivalent in their area of expertise requiring CEUs).
- Has made a significant achievement for their agency or through involvement within their community.
- Candidates that have retired on or before the date of the Awards Luncheon (Friday, January 28, 2022) are not eligible to receive this award.
- Current IPRA Board of Directors are not eligible to receive IPRA professional recognition awards.



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## **Robert Artz Nomination Form**

- List all certifications held by the nominee.
- List where nominee has worked full-time for last 25 years.
- How has nominee served IPRA as an officer?
- List significant achievements at agency served or in own community.
- Describe outstanding abilities, morals, and commitment to parks and recreation.
- Identify examples of professional leadership and involvement.
- List any publications or articles produced by the nominee.
- Explain any other notable accomplishments that should be included with this nomination.