

Application Form

Profile

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Prince William Sound College Professor
Employer Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks & Recreation Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Required Time Commitment: All city board/committee members and commissioners are expected to (1) be present at most, if not all, board/committee or commission meetings and (2) review agenda materials prior to arriving for the meeting to be best prepared for discussion and decision making. Are you aware of the time commitment involved in serving on this particular board, committee, or commission? Are you willing and able to commit to regular meetings plus work sessions every month for your full term?

Yes, I am available

How did you learn about this vacancy? *

☒ Word of Mouth

There are different term length options available for appointment in 2020. Which term length(s) do you prefer? *

☒ One Vacancy; Term Expiring October 2021

Interests & Experience

Why are you interested in serving on a City of Valdez board or commission?

I work with the Outdoor Leadership program. I already collaborate with Parks and Recreation as far as my student's internships and work opportunities. I think being on the board could help the town of Valdez. I have experience in both the academic and practical world.

Please outline your education, work, and volunteer experience which will assist you in serving on a City of Valdez board/commission.

please see attachment

[Rush.resume.docx](#)

Upload a Resume or Letter of Interest

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OBJECTIVE AND HIGHLIGHTS

To obtain a position as a board member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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| • Master Educator | • Instructor - Stone | • Emergency Medical |
| Course Instructor - | Hearth Open | Technical - |
| • First Responder - | • American Institute | • Instructor, Level 1-3, |
| SOLO Wilderness | for Avalanche | American |
| • WEA International | Research and | Canoe/Kayak |
| Conference/ Key | Education (AIARE) | Association |
| Note Speaker 2019, | • Director-SOLO | • Outdoor Instructor - |
| Taipei, Taiwan | International | National Outdoor |
| | | Leadership School |
| | | (NOLS) |

EDUCATION

National Taiwan Sport University, Taoyuan City, Taiwan
PhD Coaching Services. Dissertation: Quantitative study on the Risk Management Protocols in Relation to Accidents in Taiwan

University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
MS - Physical Education and Outdoor Experiential Education

University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
BS - Outdoor Recreation

HONORS

- Extreme Life, Documentary on life Of Benjamin Rush and Outdoors - Taiwan 2012. This was a one-year filming project of my life in Taiwan and the Outdoors.
- Outstanding Teacher Award - National Dong Hwa University - Hualien City, Taiwan 2006
- Outstanding Teacher Award - National Dong Hwa University - Hualien City, Taiwan 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Leisure and Tourism in Society, Leadership and Small Group Dynamics, Backcountry Leadership, Hiking and Backpacking, Outdoor Expeditions, Adventure Programming 1&2, Outdoor Expeditions, Wilderness Minds, Outdoor Practicum, Wilderness First Responder, LNT Master courses, Sea Kayaking, White Water Kayaking

- **University of Alaska, Prince William Sound College**
2019- current
Assistant Professor, Outdoor Leadership Department
- **Northern Vermont University, Lyndonville, VT** 2015-2019
Assistant Professor, Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism Department
- **University of Memphis** 2015
Adjunct Professor, Health and Sport Sciences Department
- **National Taiwan Sports University, Taoyuan City, Taiwan** 2011-2014
Adjunct Professor, Sports Promotion Department
- **National Dong Hwa University, Taoyuan City, Taiwan** 2002-2011
Adjunct Professor, Sports and Leisure Department

RELATED EXPERIENCE

National Outdoor Leadership School

Outdoor Instructor 1990-Current

- Teaching and instructing in various NOLS core curriculum, including but not limited to: technical outdoor skills, effective communication, problem solving skills, team building and management, wilderness emergency medicine

U.S. National Park Service, Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME

Park Ranger: Law Enforcement Patrol

1986-1990,

- Patrol acreage, provide safety and assistance to visitors as needed. Interface with local law enforcement agencies. Member Search and Rescue team.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Rush, B. and Chen, M., 2014. The prediction of the consistency of collegiate athletes' perceived coaches' leadership behavior on their motivation - The Mediating Role of Coach-Athlete Relationship
Journal of National Taiwan Sports University
- Rush, B. and Hsieh, C. M., 2014. Females in the Outdoors: Going Against Culture
Journal of Asia Adventure Experiential Education
- Rush, B. and Wu, G., 2013. The How and Why of the 10 Essentials in the Outdoors,
Journal of Asia Adventure Experiential Education, 7, 1-10
- Rush, B. and Wu, G. J., 2012. Leadership and Risk Management: Learning from Our mistakes
Leisure Study, 4(1), 71-85
- Li, T. L. and Rush, B., 2009. The effects of prolonged strenuous exercise on salivary secretion of IgA subclasses in men
International Journal of Sport and Exercise Science, (3): 69-74

LANGUAGES

- English - native language
- Mandarin - fluent

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Canoe/Kayak Association
- American Mountain Guides Association
- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics
- Maine Inter-Trail Association
- Wilderness Education Association

APPENDIX

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- WEA, Certified Outdoor Educator 2020
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- A.C.A., Level 1 – Level 2, Instructor Trainer (I.T.)
Current
- American Canoe/Kayak Association White Water Level 1-2, Instructor Course
Current
- American Canoe/Kayak Association (A.C.A.), Level 1-3, Instructor
Current
- American Canoe Association Swift Water Rescue Level 4 Skills Certification 2014
- ACA Sea Kayaking Instructor Development Workshop 2014
- Mountaineering and Climbing Seminar. 2014
- Rock training program -12 days , Red Rocks, Nevada 2014
- Sea Kayaking Seminar for N.O.L.S. Instructor Class 2014
- Alaska Avalanche Seminar-Level 1 2012
- Alaska Sea Kayaking Seminar for N.O.L.S. Instructors 2012
- Leadership Education And Development Seminar (LEADS) 2012
- Rock Climbing Seminar for N.O.L.S. Instructors 2012
- Fast and Light Seminar for N.O.L.S. Instructors 2011
- International Mountain Guide (I.M.G.) Winter Expedition 2011

Ascent Training

- A.M.G.A., Single Pitch Instructor Course
2010

CONFERENCE AND SEMINARS

- WEA conference/Honey Rock, Wisconsin
2020
- AEE Regional Conference / Becket, Massachusetts
2019
- The Teacher Professor Conference / Atlanta, Georgia
2018
- Vermont Healthcare and EMS Preparedness
Conference / Burlington, Vermont
2017
- Wilderness Risk Management Conference / Atlanta, Georgia

2014
- Wilderness Risk Management Conference / Boston, Mass

2012

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT INVITATIONS

- WEA International Conference, Key Note Speaker, Taipei, Taiwan
2019
- Northeast Adventure and Trip Symposium / Lake George, New York

2019
- Asia Adventure Experimental Education Conference / Taipei City,
Taiwan
2012
- Asia Adventure Experimental Education Conference / Taipei City,
Taiwan
2011
- Wilderness Education Association Conference / Estes Park, Colorado

2010

- Asia Adventure Experimental Education Conference / Taipei City, Taiwan
2009

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- Academic Standard Committee
- Campus Planning Committee
- Campus Safety Committee
- Lyndon State College, Advisor Christian Club
- Lyndon State College, Advisor to MRM students

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Valdez Adventure Alliance- Board Member
- Valdez Search and Rescue/Fire Department
- Lyndon Walk Bike Safety Action Plan Steering Committee
- Lyndon Outing Club Steering Committee
- Lyndon Rescue Team
- Pemi Search and Rescue, New Hampshire
- Meals on Wheels

References:

1. Lanette Oliver- 972-835-6039
2. Dan O'Connor- 661-809-2347
3. Vicki Hessler- 907-255-3483