



VISIONARY LEADER AWARD

2020 Nomination Announcement

About the Award: The Visionary Leader Award (VLA) is presented by PARC's Joint National Steering Committee (JNSC) to recognize an individual who exemplifies extraordinary leadership, vision, and commitment to PARC in a manner that has elevated PARC to new heights. Award recipients will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and an engraved, commemorative plaque. Please visit <https://parcplace.org/about/parc-awards/parc-visionary-leader-award/> to learn more about the award and past recipients.

Eligibility:

Current JNSC members (Table 1.) are not eligible to receive the Visionary Leader Award. At this time, only U.S. citizens are eligible for receiving the cash award associated with the Visionary Leader Award.

Award Criteria:

Nominations for the VLA will be made **by the JNSC members, in collaboration with regional, federal, state, and other member partners.** The award shall be presented no more than once per year (though not necessarily each year) based on the merit of candidates nominated. Please work with your Regional JNSC representatives (see Table 1 below) if you would like to be a part of a nomination. Nominees must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Has made distinguished, sustained contributions (i.e., multi-year, valuable, repeated contributions/efforts) that carried PARC to new heights.
2. Has demonstrated **extraordinary** leadership, vision and commitment to PARC in a manner that is inspiring to their peers while forwarding the PARC mission. This award targets individuals who go **above and beyond.**

Nominations should be for individuals whose efforts at the **REGIONAL** or **NATIONAL** level broadly contributed to or benefited PARC in terms of accomplishment(s) and leadership provided and resulting impacts of the work, regardless of age or professional experience of the nominee.

Nominees must observe and uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity and professional behavior, and must uphold [PARC's Code of Ethics and Meeting Code of Conduct](#):

Nominee:

Name:

Mailing Address:
PARC Area(s) of Contribution (Region(s) or National):
Phone:
Email:

Nominated by:

Name:
Address:
PARC Region:
Phone:
Email:

Nomination:

Please adhere to the word and page limits, or the nomination will not be considered.

1. **In 200 words or less**, please describe and provide examples of:
 - a. The distinguished, sustained contributions (i.e., multi-year, valuable, repeated contributions/efforts) that carried PARC to new heights,

AND / OR

 - b. How the nominee has displayed extraordinary leadership, vision and commitment to PARC in a manner that is inspiring to their peers while advancing the PARC mission.
2. **In 2 pages or less**, please provide brief biographical information that documents long-term efforts, accomplishment(s), leadership provided, and examples of the resulting impacts of the work initiated by the nominee.
3. **[OPTIONAL] Using no more than 4 pages total**, you may provide a letter or letters of support. This page limit is inclusive of signatures (i.e., you cannot submit a 4-page letter with 2 pages of signatures for 6 pages total). **Required format: 12-point font and 1-inch margins.**

Please note that nominees are evaluated on the merit of the nomination, not on the number of letters of support or the number of supporting signatures per each letter.

Submission:

Please send the completed nomination package to parc_coordinators@parcplace.org

Deadline for submission: December 6, 2019

Nominations received after this date and incomplete forms will not be considered. The award winner will be notified by mid-January 2020.

Selection Process:

PARC JNSC members (Table 1.) will review nominations, evaluate carefully against the criteria, and vote anonymously to determine the selection.

Table 1. Current members on PARC’s Joint National Steering Committee.

JNSC MEMBER	PARC ROLE	TITLE AND AFFILIATION
<u>Executive Committee</u>		
Chris Petersen	JNSC Senior Co-chair	Senior Natural Resource Specialist-U.S. Nave/DoD PARC National Representative
Alex Novarro	JNSC Junior Co-chair	Conservation and Outreach Manager at Mashomack Preserve - The Nature Conservancy
Vacant	National States Coordinator	Program Manager, Amphibians & Reptiles, and Invasive Species, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Michelle Christman	National Federal Coordinator	PARC National Federal Coordinator, hosted by US Fish and Wildlife Service
<u>Midwest PARC</u>		
Bob Brodman	Senior Co-chair	Associate Professor of Biology, Buena Vista University
Vacant	Junior Co-chair	
<u>Northeast PARC</u>		
Anne Stengle	Senior Co-chair	Graduate Student in Organismic & Evolutionary Biology at UMass Amherst
Andy Adams	Junior Co-chair	Assistant Professor of Biology, Harford Community College
<u>JNSC MEMBER</u>		
<u>Northwest PARC</u>		
Katy Weil	Senior Co-chair	Senior Management Analyst, Oregon Metro Parks and Nature, Conservation Program
Vacant	Junior Co-chair	
<u>Southeast PARC</u>		
Becca Cozad	Senior Co-chair	Research Biologist, Nokusa Plantation
Vanessa Kinney-Terrell	Junior Co-chair	Research Coordinator, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia

Southwest PARC

Cristina Jones	Senior Co-chair	State Turtle Biologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department
Joe Ehrenberger	Junior Co-chair	Ecologist, Adaptation Environmental Services

DoD PARC

Dave McNaughton	DoD PARC Representative	Natural Resources Specialist, US Navy
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At-large Members

Jessica Homyack	Industry Representative	Manager, Environmental Research North for Weyerhaeuser Co.
Michael Starkey	Non-governmental Organization Representative	Co-Founder and Executive Director, Save the Snakes
Shelly Grow	Zoos and Aquariums Representative	Director of Conservation Programs, Association of Zoos & Aquariums

Federal Agencies Steering Committee

Under Review	Federal Agencies Steering Committee Senior Co-chair	
Under Review	Federal Agencies Steering Committee Junior Co-chair	