

SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

Report on Fellowship

September 1, 1971

In January, 1971, the undersigned was appointed Registrar to act on Fellowship matters within the Society, and during the past months has endeavoured to update all related records, together with communicating with the membership. The following steps were taken:

1. A mailing was included with the minutes of one Executive meeting outlining the qualifications for Fellowship, procedure thereto, and requesting comments from the membership.
2. A similar article to #1 was included in one of our regular Newsletters.
3. On June 14th, 1971, a letter was forwarded directly to all members holding "A" and "B" Certificates, and at the present time do not hold Fellowship status in the Society. Consideration was requested as to whether they would desire to write a paper in the near future, or whether they do not wish to do so at any time. I also asked for comments which would help us in ascertaining the real value of Fellowship in the S.D.M.R.O.
4. On June 25th, 1971, a letter was sent to all members holding Fellowship Status in the S.D.M.R.O. asking for comments on the present value of Fellowship, areas where we should be encouraging work toward Fellowship, concerns as to lack of interest, together with any suggestions to assist me in my role as Registrar this year.

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Replies, phone calls, or other means of communication, were received from over sixty (60) people, and I believe this response to be very encouraging. The following pages of this report will indicate:

- General summary of comments received from above people, both pro and con, indicating whether comments were from a member with Fellowship Status, or otherwise;
- A list of members desiring to write a Fellowship Paper, present status, and future steps;
- Members not desiring to commence Fellowship at any time;
- Recommendations of the Registrar.

A tabulation of letters sent out resulted in the following:

- 21 Members indicated a definite interest in proceeding with Fellowship
- 7 Members stated they were not interested
- 9 Fellows replied with various opinions and comments
- 27 Members replied verbally, by phone, or letter with general comments and/or opinions, but did not indicate a desire to proceed, or otherwise.

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I anticipate this report will inform the Society Executive and Council of Fellows as to the present status of the work of Registrar this year relative to Fellowship.

Blayne C. Rennick,
Registrar, S.D.M.R.O.

1. Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of the independent variable on the dependent variable.

The study was conducted in a laboratory setting with a sample size of 30 participants.

The results of the study indicate that there is a significant positive correlation between the variables.

The findings suggest that the independent variable has a positive impact on the dependent variable.

2. Methodology

The study employed a quantitative research design to measure the relationship between the variables.

Data was collected through a series of experiments and statistical analysis was used to interpret the results.

The study was limited by a small sample size and the artificial nature of the laboratory environment.

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General Summary of Comments (Partial List)

From Non-Fellows

"Feel there is a need for this category at the present time"

"I cannot see any benefit in it for a woman who does not intend to make recreation a career"

"Have not really had time to work on it"

"It will require a lot of work and I am too close to retirement"

"Due to delay in receiving approval from the Board of Regents, it was impossible to collect the data in the way I intended."

Since no use has been made of Fellowship Papers, it stopped being a professional thing at all"

"To make Fellowship meaningful again, remove all special privileges, bestow the right to approve and grant Fellowship upon all members of the Society"

"I have settled into Full Member Category and decided to remain"

"Fellowship is a plateau which is still reachable but not one that holds as much meaning for me as it did a few years ago"

"The Fellowship papers as part of the body of knowledge of recreation should be, in my opinion, available to any professional or student."

"Why is the history of the Fellowship papers so shrouded."

From Fellows

"Fellowship is a fundamental prerequisite of professional growth"

"Feels that emphasis must be placed upon the self-imposed responsibility of submitting a paper."

"Mechanically, I feel there is a weakness in establishing an Administrative Committee annually. To keep on top of the Fellowship situation and to provide the necessary continuity, a three-person Fellowship Committee should be appointed for a three year term, with one member retiring annually."

"Under our present structure, there is actually nothing, or very little, for the remainder of the Fellows to do."

"Fellowship has value for the individual because of the personal growth that must occur in doing the necessary research."

"Hopefully, the Fellowship paper will be beneficial to other professionals."

"Re-lack of interest in Fellowship -- do not view with concern. This is very much an individual decision and lack of Fellowship should never imply that a member is less worthy."

"If there is a concern, I suggest it must be focussed on the value of the Council of Fellows once one receives Fellowship. Perhaps some members have not pursued Fellowship because they look with disfavour on the attitude or actions of previous Councils of Fellows."

From Non-Fellows

"I am interested in writing a Fellowship paper in the near future, but only if its information were made available to all recreation professionals as an open contribution to the field, if judged qualitative enough."

"There would be no greater satisfaction for me, as a professional, than to receive my Fellowship in the S.D.M.R.O."

"I personally feel that Fellowship is an excellent goal to attain in our Society. However, there must be a continual effort on the part of a person gaining Fellowship."

"I consider Fellowship status in our Society to be valid, provided the methods by which one becomes a Fellow reflect directly the highest standards desirable and that the process includes a genuine contribution which is beneficial to the Society, the field of recreation, and the practitioner."

"I am most interested in writing a Fellowship Paper and would appreciate direction as to the procedure to be followed."

"For the first time I have a clear picture of the road to Fellowship. I am most anxious to get going on it."

(In comments from both Fellows and Non-Fellows, the quotes contain mostly cons, as the pros were mostly repetitious. To avoid further repetition, many similar comments were not included.)

From Fellows

"I have always been at a loss to understand how criteria was judged. Perhaps the guidelines, role of advisors, etc., needs re-evaluation."

"I feel the present standard should be the bare minimum and in no way should be lowered for the sake of increasing the number of Fellows."

"Fellowship is not a social club, a clique of older members, an easy way to get initials, something done once and then forgotten, a gift, an easy procedure, a thing to be cheapened, an exalted status. To me Fellowship is, or should be an honour bestowed upon a member, a thing to be cherished, recognition for making a contribution which will benefit the society as well as the individual, a commitment by the receiver of continued effort."

"In my opinion, Fellowship has not reached its rightful place because there is not a standard of excellence placed upon it."

"I also believe that Fellowship is a status that should be revoked if the individual does not maintain the high standards for which it stands."

"Fellowship has been badly kicked around by members in the past few years, and I would say is presently totally misunderstood by most members."

"People aiming for Fellowship must want more than just the status. They must feel they can use this new status, knowledge and experience to make new and greater contributions to the profession and to the field of recreation."

"We have to start right from the beginning and return Fellowship to its proper image."

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Members Desiring to Proceed With Fellowship

<u>Members Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Subject, If Any</u>	<u>Advisory Fellows Appointed</u>
Appleton, D.	Intends to proceed in July, 1971, and hopes to have a draft presentation in October, 1971.	To be submitted	
Heyes, E.	Does not expect to commence this year, but possibly in late 1972 or early 1973. Job commitments make it difficult next year.	Undecided	
Ballantyne, Robert	Hopes to submit an outline by September	Possibly, title will be: "College Students - What the Professional Expects of Them"	
Bass, D.	After further experience in his work, hopes to be knowledgeable to write paper on an appropriate subject, within two or three years.	Possibly "Church Recreation", but has not decided at this time.	
Cavill, P.	Hopes to begin in the fall of 1971, and is considering outline now.	"Process and Development of Rural Recreation on a Regional Basis"	
Christie, Robert	Would expect to begin within two years, after some of present S.D.M.R.O. commitments completed.	Undecided	
Crocker, Donna	Definitely interested, and requested information on possibly doing same in conjunction with another recreationist. Presently considering two or three subjects.	Undecided	

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON FEBRUARY 10, 1910

ALBANY, N. Y.:
JANUARY 1, 1911

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the progress of the work of the office during the year 1910, and to express their appreciation of the thoroughness and accuracy of the same. The report is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the public lands of the State, and it is gratifying to find that the work of the office has been so thoroughly and accurately reported.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general statement of the work of the office during the year, and the second of which contains a detailed statement of the work of the different divisions of the office. The first part of the report is a general statement of the work of the office during the year, and it is gratifying to find that the work of the office has been so thoroughly and accurately reported.

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Gelette, G.	Did start a paper about five years ago, but never completed it. However, he does intend, in the not too distant future, to submit a new outline.	Undecided	
Gordon, D.	Definitely desires to proceed this fall. Has submitted two suggested titles.	Has suggested "Competition in Municipal Recreation" or "Volunteers in Municipal Recreation"	
Love, L.	Would like to proceed almost immediately. Presently preparing outline.	"Area Recreation"	
Olmstead, J.	Expects to submit subject and outline within one year.	Undecided	
Paton, D.	Has already submitted outline and draft for consideration. Will be followed up shortly.	"Twenty-Year Trend Analysis of Municipal Recreation in Ontario"	
Rowe, Shannon	Has indicated an interest, but requests information on a study being conducted relative to her work. Awaits further guidance.	Possibly "Community Schools and Community Use of Schools in Ontario"	
Simms, Ginny	Will qualify for Fellowship in May, 1972, and is now giving some thought to subject. Requires more information.	Undecided	
Spears, G.	Interested in writing paper in future. To be followed up.	Undecided	

<u>Members</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Subject, If Any</u>	<u>Advisory Fellows</u> <u>Appointed</u>
Stead, A.	Would like to commence paper, and complete within two years. Interest would be a study of a given area of interest.	Possibly an Informative and/or Teaching Manual on the Sport of Gymnastics	
Sveinson, K.	Anxious to proceed. Waiting further guidance.	Undecided	
Ventrcek, R.	Desires to obtain Fellowship. Has submitted outline and waiting for further direction.	"Fund Raising for a Public Recreation Facility"	
Wiggins, Robert	Interested, and considering subject.	Undecided	
Williams, L.	Received permission to proceed on subject in 1969, and is presently continuing work.	"Recreation Needs and Desires of Inhabitants of High Rise Buildings"	
Wilson. T.	Considering a title, and desires guidance in this area.	Undecided	

(Naturally, some members may still be interested, and we have not heard from them to date.)

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Members Not Desiring to Proceed With Fellowship

<u>Members Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Argent, A.	Intended to proceed at one time, and his proposal was approved in 1969. Became discouraged with delay in receiving approval. Since that time, his thinking on Fellowship has changed as it came to appear to him that Fellowship was only for a self-perpetuating elite. No use even seemed to be made of the papers. Would be meaningful to him again if all special privileges removed, and the right to bestow Fellowship on all members was granted. Has no intention of proceeding with Fellowship under its present status.
Cherrier, C.	Just does not wish to get involved, as it will require a lot of work and he is too close to retirement.
Houston, W. G.	Did not realize he could even be eligible, but does not wish to consider it at this time.
Linscott, Suzanne	No intention of proceeding as she cannot see any benefit in it for a woman who does not intend to make recreation her lifetime career.
Stoner, G.	Will not be seeking Fellowship due to heavy work commitments and a goal he has set personally to update his education background by taking Extension University Credits. However, he does feel there is presently a need for Fellowship in the S.D.M.R.O., and hopes others seek same.
Westoby, F.	Started to work on it a few years ago, got "bogged" down in getting people to reply, and has lost interest.
Wood, E. A. W. (Ted)	Made application in 1963, and received approval of his topic. Spent year in research, wrote paper, and had same turned down, with suggestion to expand it. Re-applied in 1965 with a new topic, spent year preparing first draft, submitted same, but the only draft copy was lost by Board of Regents. At this point, he settled into a Full Member Category and decided to serve the Society on Committees. Does not feel he wishes to try a "third" time. At one time, Fellowship meant everything to him in his recreation career; now feels it is a plateau which is still reachable, but not one that holds as much meaning for him now.

(28 Members also replied with comments, but did not indicate a definite desire to proceed, or otherwise.)

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To S.D.M.R.O. Fellows

Attached is a summary report as a result of work to date in my role as Registrar for Fellowship purposes. I am personally encouraged by the results, and if we follow up the work to date the interest should be maintained. Much of the same information will be contained in the Annual Report.

Also, due to summer holidays, many members may not have replied as yet, and we could hear from additional people. I felt copies should be sent to all members of the Society holding Fellowship.

One item which we should emphasize is the Procedure for Fellowship. Many of the records on hand seem conflicting, and I am now preparing a revised procedure in order that members can be given up-to-date factual information. With over twenty (20) people interested in Fellowship, it is also an ideal time to possibly involve many Fellows as advisory persons to these people, once titles and outlines have been approved.

Any comments from Fellows would be appreciated in order that I may have a cross-section of the feelings each of you may have with work to date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is a pleasure to report that a number of new books have been added to the collection of the Department of Agriculture. These books are of great value to the public and are being made available to all who are interested in the subject.

Among the new books are: "The History of the United States Department of Agriculture," by J. B. Hildreth, and "The History of the United States Department of Agriculture," by J. B. Hildreth. These books are of great value to the public and are being made available to all who are interested in the subject.

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Recommendations of the Registrar

1. That Fellowship be continued within the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario.
2. That the Council of Fellows take immediate steps to revise the Procedures for Fellowship and recommend same at the next Executive meeting for approval.
3. That we recommend to the Executive a Fellowship Committee be set up, to work with the Registrar, as a sub-committee of the Board of Regents, following the 1971 Annual Meeting. This committee would make final decisions on Fellowship, and recommend papers to the Executive for publication.
4. That the Society appoint a Registrar commencing with the 1971 Annual Meeting for three-year periods.
5. That at least one Fellow be assigned by the Fellowship Committee in an advisory capacity to all those who have signified interest in Fellowship, such appointed to coordinate efforts with the Registrar, and Registrar will add two additional Fellows in an advisory capacity as soon as title and outline is approved by the Fellowship Committee.
6. That the Fellowship Committee be responsible to ensure advisors carry out responsibilities.
7. That we involve as many Fellows as possible in the Fellowship procedure.
8. That steps be taken to make Fellowship more meaningful.
9. That a "library" of all papers be set up, and these resources be made available to the Membership, if deemed appropriate.
10. That the Council of Fellows conduct a special session at the Annual Meeting for all those interested in proceeding with Fellowship, to discuss papers, procedures, aims and objectives.

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