



Tenets of a Canadian Region of NIRSA

Professionals and students facilitating Recreation experiences on Canadian post-secondary campuses share the mission and values of their colleagues in NIRSA - Leaders in Collegiate Recreation.

Mission:

NIRSA is a leader in higher education and the advocate for the advancement of recreation, sport, and wellness by providing educational and developmental opportunities, generating and sharing knowledge, and promoting networking and growth for our members.

Strategic Values:

- Leadership
- Sustainable Communities
- Health and Wellbeing
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Service
- Global Perspective

NIRSA's vision is to be the premier association of leaders in higher education who transform lives and inspire the development of healthy communities worldwide, so growing engagement of Canadian Recreation professionals and students is an important part of that envisioned future that facilitates reciprocal learning and benefits for all members.

Therefore, Canadian leaders have proposed - and the NIRSA Board supports - creating a Canadian Region of NIRSA so that these common outcomes can be realized and the strength of both Canadians and NIRSA can be leveraged to serve Canadian Recreation professionals and students in a Canadian way.

Signaling a new beginning, leaders in Canada offered the following **Tenets of a Canadian Region of NIRSA** that have been adopted by the NIRSA Board of Directors. These tenets should then serve as the guiding principles and framework for planning, discussion, and decision making of a region completely outside of the United States.

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A Canadian Region of NIRSA will:

- *look and feel Canadian*
- *recognize and support uniquely Canadian institutional, professional, and student member needs within NIRSA*
- *maximize the potential of 'practice in place' and positively impact the growth and sustainability of the field in Canada and throughout NIRSA*
- *leverage the unique assets of Canada to strengthen existing and/or new services, resources, and education throughout NIRSA, especially with a focus to advance collective global competencies*
- *cultivate Canadian professional and student leaders so Canada leads Canada*
- *inspire and showcase Canadian promising and best practices in every province and territory*
- *facilitate sharing of Canadian knowledge, data and resources amongst a connected network of members*
- *provide professional development that is congruent with the Canadian social and environmental context including programs, services, and resources that are purposeful, relevant, and applicable*
- *build and nurture Canadian campus recreation partnerships and collaborations within Canadian higher education as well as provincial and national industry-related associations, organizations, and government*

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