



National Academy of
Recreational Therapists

Becoming a Fellow Distinguished in Recreational Therapy

The National Academy of Recreational Therapists (NART) was established in 2011 as an **honor society** to recognize the most accomplished practitioners and educators in recreational therapy and to provide a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas that would ultimately lead to the advancement of the recreational therapy profession. The central purpose of the Academy is the advancement of recreational therapy by recognition, education, research, scholarly activity, advocacy, and the provision of advice to decision makers. **Recognized outstanding professionals are nominated by NART Fellows, evaluated by a committee, and inducted through majority vote to receive the honor of Fellow Distinguished in Recreational Therapy (FDRT).**

Nomination for Appointment to the Academy

Names of candidates for membership are placed in nomination by a formal letter from a current member of the Academy. This nomination is accompanied by a biographical summary, which includes the nominee's professional experience, significant publications, presentations, professional affiliations including offices, awards and honors (e.g., ATRA Distinguished Fellow), and professional activities. In accordance with NART By-Laws, no more than **five** new members will be elected to the Academy each year. Election to NART requires either [a] a two-thirds majority of votes cast (when there are less than five candidates) or [b] enough votes cast to fall in the top five rankings (when there are more than five candidates). Fellows can vote for up to five candidates on any nomination slate.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 2

Nominee Requirements

Professional Credentials

- (a) Certification as a CTRS® or have been formerly certified as a CTRS® before retirement;
- (b) A state license, registration, or certification in compliance with state regulations, or formerly credentialed before retirement (if appropriate to fellow's state of residence)

Professional Competence

Demonstrated competence through professional activities over a minimum of 10 years.

Professional Achievements

A minimum of two of the following:

- (a) quality as well as quantity of contributions to the literature of the profession,
- (b) recognition of leadership and extensive participation in professional associations and organizations, and/or
- (c) acknowledged outstanding performance as a teacher, leader, administrator, practitioner, or researcher in the field of recreational therapy

Organizational Commitment

A willingness to further the goals of the National Academy of Recreational Therapists and participate in its affairs.