TRSM PROFESSOR ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
New Leadership in the Works for the Sport and Recreation Law Association

Gainesville, FL  --  Quality leadership is a key characteristic of many of the faculty’s skills in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management at the University of Florida. Dr. J.O. Spengler, who was elected President of the Sport and Recreation Law Association (SRLA) at this year’s annual conference held in Greensboro, North Carolina, exemplifies this intrinsic trait.

The purpose of SRLA is to bring professionals together that are interested in sport and recreation law, both nationally and internationally. This organization, with approximately 200 members, was founded in 1986 and Spengler is ready to get started. As President-Elect, he is already helping with future elections and acting as the Chair of the Conference Committee. This committee selects the location for the annual SRLA conference. There have already been several bids for the 2014 conference.

Prior to working in this capacity, Spengler has been a long-time conference attendee and research presenter, worked on various committees, and was awarded research fellow status. Around the same time of his presidential election, Spengler was also selected as the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport*. He is very enthusiastic about this position and the prospects it brings as the journal moves toward working with the publishing company, Human Kinetics, the premiere publisher on physical activity and health information.

Spengler officially takes over his presidential duties at SRLA’s next conference in the Spring of 2013 in Denver, Colorado.

The Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management is committed to national and international excellence in the generation, dissemination, and communication of knowledge in tourism, recreation and sport management. The Department is also dedicated to excellence in the preparation and training of future industry and academic professionals, and providing relevant outreach to stakeholders.

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