

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2008 4:23 PM  
**To:** Diego, Allison (MDPR)  
**Subject:** RE: NRPA - Invitation and Scholarship to Attend Conference

Allison,

If you are asking me whether you can have the NRPA and the USOC Paralympic Division give you a full scholarship to attend this conference, I would conclude that they can without violating any of the county ethics rules as long as neither entity is a County vendor or service provider. I am assuming that this conference is related to your position with the County, which means you do not have to report the scholarship as a gift unless the amount of the scholarship exceeds the cost of the conference. Finally, if you were to extend your trip beyond the meeting dates of the conference and those additional expenses would be picked up by the NRPA and/or the USOC, you would be receiving a gift you would be required to report.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Diego, Allison (MDPR)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2008 3:59 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Fw: NRPA - Invitation and Scholarship to Attend Conference

Sorry for the short notice but I need your opinion that Eric and I can take advantage of this great opportunity without getting in trouble. They want to book my flight today. Thanks!

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** Olafson, Eric (OIA)  
**To:** Diego, Allison (MDPR)  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 28 15:04:33 2008  
**Subject:** FW: NRPA - Invitation and Scholarship to Attend Conference

Allison, as follow-up to our successful NRPA meetings in DC, the NRPA has partnered with the USOC Paralympic Division - and has chosen both you and myself for full scholarships to attend the USOC Paralympic "Developing Amazing Leaders" Conference, April 4-7, 2008 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Cathy Golden from the USOC Paralympic's office has contacted mine and your office, and this would be an incredible opportunity to meet leaders from around the county - and as you know, the USOC Paralympic office indicated that they were interested in coming to Miami (they have a presence in Tampa already) and this could be a way that we might be able to attain additional funds, promote a positive partnership, and develop great PR for our outstanding Miami-Dade Parks programs. Please make sure you contact Cathy at (717) 284-6717 - to get registered - and you had mentioned that Lucy from your office might

benefit to attend as well (the scholarships were specifically for you and I) but if she could come as well I think it would benefit the county.

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From: Janette Merrill [mailto:JMerrill@nrpa.org]  
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 2:56 PM  
To: Olafson, Eric (OIA)  
Cc: Heidi Melancon  
Subject: NRPA - Invitation and Scholarship to Attend Conference

On September 21, 2007 NRPA was officially recognized as a Community-Based Multi-sport Organization member by the USOC Board of Directors. USOC recognizes NRPA's direct and indirect contributions to the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

As a part of this partnership the USOC Paralympic Division has given NRPA a limited number of scholarships to attend their "Developing Amazing Leaders" Conference, April 4-7, 2008 in Colorado Springs, CO. As a result of your support for NRPA initiatives, we are pleased to be able to extend this invitation to your organization.

The scholarship will cover one individual to attend the conference and will include the cost of conference registration (which includes some meals), airfare, lodging and ground transportation in Colorado Springs. If you're interested and able to attend, please reply to this email with your full contact information. We will provide that information to USOC and they will make travel, lodging and registration arrangements from their end.

I apologize in advance for the short notice, but if you could please RSVP to this invitation by COB Tuesday March 11th it would be much appreciated.

More information on the conference is below. Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Heidi

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#### IMPORTANT!

Deadlines for discounted registration fee & hotel rooms fast approaching

Sign up for the conference TODAY!  
Book your room NOW for the best rates!

Discounted registration ends on Friday, February 29

Discounted hotel rooms at the Antler's Hilton must be reserved by Wednesday, March 5. Call (866) 299-4602 and mention the group code NDC08 or click here <<http://cl.exct.net/?ju=fe2615777763017f771c77&ls=fdf3117873640c7d7c177575&m=ff2313787262&l=febel77673600c7b&s=fdf615747d600d7971107177&jb=ffcf14&t=>>> to book a room online. Rooms may still be available following Monday's deadline, however, they will likely be at a higher rate. Booking early is advised!

#### Inspiring Conference Speakers

Dave Rozelle - "Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith and Fortitude"

Major David Rozelle, author of "Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith and Fortitude" and recipient of both the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart, will share his personal and inspiring story of being the first amputee to return to active duty in Iraq. As someone who has participated in a number of endurance races, which include the Ironman World Championships and the New York City Marathon, as well as skiing, snowboarding, and mountain climbing since his injury, Dave knows first-hand the positive role that sports can play in rehabilitation and quality of life. Since returning to the U.S., he has gone on to assist the Army Surgeon General and his staff in creating the Army Medical Action Plan.

Join us to hear Dave speak about his exceptional service in Iraq, being a policy-maker at home, how local Paralympic organizations can assist injured members of the military and what has been called "an astonishing story of courage, determination, heroism, and bedrock patriotism."

Mark Sanborn - "You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader"

International bestselling author and noted authority on leadership, team building, customer service and change, Mark Sanborn, will open our conference with an inspiring presentation on how each of us can be a leader in our daily lives and make a positive difference, whatever our title or position.

Learn more about Mark and his experience developing leaders by visiting  
www.marksanborn.com <[http://cl.exct.net/?ju=fe251577763017f771c78  
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#### Aimee Mullins - "Leading Through Sport"

President of the Women's Sport Foundation, Paralympic athlete, model and actress, Aimee Mullins, will share her inspiring story and personal insights on leadership.

Learn more about Aimee and the foundation at [www.womenssportsfoundation.org](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org)  
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&l=febe177673600c7b&s=fdf615747d600d7971107177&jb=ffcf14&t=>](http://cl.exct.net/?ju=fe241577763017f771c79&ls=fdf3117873640c7d7c177575&m=ff2313787262&l=febe177673600c7b&s=fdf615747d600d7971107177&jb=ffcf14&t=>) .

#### Learning Your Way

With more than 40 different breakout sessions, the conference will have educational opportunities in all areas of Paralympic sport. Whether you want to focus on sport specific training & coaching, program administration, develop your personal leadership skills, or learn something from each area, you'll create the schedule that's right for you. Sessions confirmed to date include:

##### Sport-Specific Topics

- \* Developing and Coaching a Sled Hockey Program
- \* Developing a Judo Program
- \* Coaching Sitting Volleyball
- \* Paralympic Soccer for Ambulatory Athletes
- \* Paralympic Swimming - Athlete Integration and Development
- \* Coaching Wheelchair Rugby
- \* Coaching Wheelchair Basketball
- \* Developing a Handcycling Program
- \* Coaching Seated and Standing Throws

##### Coaching Specific Topics

- \* Coaching - The Key to Achievement
- \* New Ideas in Teaching Sports for All
- \* Coaching Athletes with Cerebral Palsy and Brain Injury
- \* Training Design Basics
- \* Treatment and Prevention of Injuries for Wheelchair Athletes
- \* Sports Psychology (to cover team cohesion and imagery techniques)
- \* Sports Nutrition

##### Other Sport-Related Topics

- \* Inclusive Recreation 101
- \* Demystifying Athlete Classification
- \* Barriers to Participation - Bridging the Gap
- \* Best Practices for Youth Sport Programs
- \* Youth Sport and Leadership Program

Personal Leadership Skill Development - Olympic University Programs