

**PARK OPERATIONS RESOURCE GROUP**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2018 11:00pm**  
**VRPS Office**

**In attendance:**

**Dan Smith**  
**Matt Spruill**  
**Alister Perkinson**  
**Tom Gates**  
**Jim Stutts**

New Business

- **PORG Database**
  - The database for PORG has been created – will be able to access online
  - Google spreadsheet that everyone can update
  - Organized by topics (i.e. field maintenance, specialty areas, etc.), and will draw on members specialized skill sets that others can use for reference
  - Anyone can add anyone – if you know someone with a special talent we can add them to the sheet
  - Will be sent out with e-update on 3/21
  - No park-oriented idea is a bad one
  - Strictly for educational purposes – not a VRPS endorsement of products etc.
  
- **Service Area Trainings**
  - Christen Fox will do a park planning session on April 17 in Manassas – will be a live streaming link
  - Have discussed with Patti about flower bed maintenance training in August
  - Look into training or workshop on nutrient management plan development, possibly after the VRPS conference
  - Individual service areas are still encouraged to offer some sort of training – the current 2018 training schedule is as follows:

- Each services area will provide one training in a rotating two month period, excluding July and December.
  - January-February– Central
  - March-April – Northern – Park Planning (Christen Fox)
  - May-June - Western
  - August-September – Eastern – Flower Bed Maintenance (Patti McGrath)
  - October-November – Southwest