



## **FOURTEENERS CLUB DESCRIPTION**

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1. Purpose - The purpose of the Fourteeners Club (a.k.a. 14ers Club) is to:
  - (a) Promote a recognition program for individuals within RMA who aspire to greater heights.
  - (b) Support RMA in its mission to elevate the leadership and influence of facilities professionals.
  - (c) Recruit and mentor others to prepare for and fulfill leadership roles at their own institutions, within RMA and within APPA.
  
2. Membership – Membership in the 14ers Club is considered an honor and is acknowledged for those who have reached a milestone in their participation with RMA. Membership in the 14ers Club is open to all RMA members who are in good standing and meet the longevity, participation and service requirements. Members of the 14ers Club shall be committed to advancing the goals of RMA, and in addition be committed to the promotion of hospitality, mentorship, communication and comradeship within the region.
  
3. Eligibility for Membership - To become a member of the 14ers Club RMA members must climb fourteen (14) peaks. Peaks consist of any combination of the following:
  - (a) An active member of RMA for a minimum of five (5) years; counts as five peaks.
  - (b) Attended a minimum of three (3) RMA Annual Educational Forums; counts as three peaks.
  - (c) Attended an annual APPA Educational Forum; counts as one peak up to a maximum of two peaks.
  - (d) Participation as an RMA Board member, Committee chair or State representative. Each term counts as one peak: for example serving as President-Elect through Senior Representative earns four peaks; each year as Secretary/Treasurer, Communications Coordinator, or Committee Chair earns one peak; and every three years as Historian, state or region representative, or RMA Views state/province correspondent earns one peak.

- (e) Participation as a presenter at an RMA or APPA Educational Forum. Counts as one peak maximum per year.
  - (f) Participation on an annual conference host committee. Counts as one peak. Chairing the host committee counts as two peaks.
  - (g) Graduation from the APPA Institute and the APPA Leadership Academy is each worth one peak.
  - (h) Attendance and completion of the APPA Supervisor's Toolkit counts as one peak.
  - (i) Successful completion of the APPA Educational Facilities Professional credential (EFP) and the Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP) count as one peak each.
  - (j) Publish an article in the RMA Views or Facilities Manager magazine counts as one peak maximum per year.
  - (k) Acceptance of a "Special Expedition" from the RMA Board earns one peak per completed assignment acknowledged by the RMA Board.
  - (l) Attainment of an APPA or RMA recognition award, e.g., Pace Setter, Fellow, Meritorious Service, President's Award, H. Val Peterson Award, etc., - earns one peak per award.
  - (m) Being a climbing buddy counts as two peaks.
4. 14ers Club Members – Upon acceptance into the 14ers Club new members will pledge during the initiation program to continue their contribution and service through mentoring others and supporting the regional organization.
5. Climbing Buddies – A "Climbing Buddy" concept shall be incorporated to promote comradeship and mentoring. Gumbies, the term applied to novice climbers, may request to become a climbing buddy. Upon approval by the Lead Climber, a 14ers Club member will be assigned to the gumbie as a climbing buddy. Communication frequency will be informal and left up to the climbing buddies, however frequent contact is encouraged.



**FOURTEENERS CLUB CLIMBING BUDDY**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In order to assign you to a 14ers Club member that may best meet your desires of a mentor, please indicate which of the following criteria are most important to you (may choose more than one):

- a. **Profession** - Common language is sometime critical amongst pairings, especially when relationships are new.
- b. **Future plans**
- c. **Gender**
- d. **Location.**

- e. **Path** - This could be education, experience, career path, etc.
- f. **Size of the Institution**
- g. **Other** \_\_\_\_\_
- h. **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Return your completed application to:

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Approval by Institutional Representative

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Date