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There is a growing demand for information about leisure and business processes that apply to personal services, programming, and administration. Leisure is those services and activities engaged in during time that is free from duty or obligation. It is a vehicle that helps the individual change his life, thereby, making a more positive contribution to his organization and society.

VISIONS IN LEISURE AND BUSINESS is an interdisciplinary umbrella that seeks to improve delivery systems. Business processes in the leisure service industry are different because they are based upon freedom of decision as well as supply and demand. The purpose of the journal is isolation and integration of those business processes that relate to the leisure service industry. Leisure and its associated services have a unique impact upon the business institution, especially in its ability to act as a catalyst to improve the individual and his/her environment. This journal will help to improve and broaden current theory and applied methods through stimulation of ideas among traditional and nontraditional aspects of the leisure and business institution.

VISIONS IN LEISURE AND BUSINESS will not compete with existing journals, but act as a complement to fill the void between the application of leisure sciences and business processes. The first step is the exchange of ideas to give direction to the development of a comprehensive framework for the better application of information. There have been eight conceptual categories identified where professionals need information:

1. Information or models about leisure and business processes
2. Technology for the practical application of leisure processes
3. Information about the service industry to develop theory as well as practical information about how to sell and buy products and services
4. Service industry characterizations, that is, new innovative products along with methodology in how to use them
5. Biographical characterizations, that is, biographical characterizations to assess innovative programs with regard to effectiveness of techniques used
6. Characterization of an educational program and requirements needed to enter a particular segment of profession
7. Consumer related issues in terms of better utilizing resources to obtain more from products and services
8. Biographical characterization of individual who has made a major contribution along with ideas about the status of the profession

The success of the journal depends directly upon interaction among professionals and their contributions.

There is an unprecedented demand for leisure and only through better management and the application of business processes will the current demand be met by an expanding industry. The application of sound leisure and business principles is one way to control future development of the leisure institution so that it will have a major positive impact on society.
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INTRODUCTION

This issue is dedicated to Mark Foster and Ted Case because of their involvement with the sport of NASCAR and their hospitality in furthering research efforts that are scientific based.

NASCAR's popularity has been growing at a geometric rate. It is unique among U.S. sports as it is the only successful single entity operation. It has become one of the major spectator sports that attracts fans at the gate, as well as through the TV and radio media. This is an exploratory issue to define the status of NASCAR in the U.S. society.