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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.

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- Category I: Information or models about leisure and business processes
- Category II: Technology for the practical application of leisure processes
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- Category V: Biographical characterizations to assess innovative programs with regard to effectiveness of techniques used
- Category VI: Characterization of an educational program and requirements needed to enter a particular segment of the profession
- Category VII: Biographical characterization of individual who has made a major contribution along with ideas about the status of the profession
- Category VIII: Consumer related issues in terms of better utilizing resources to obtain more from products and services

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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An important part of the first few volumes will be devoted to identifying critical issues. The subject of this volume is service and is composed of the following discussions: (1) an overview of important issues in the leisure industry, (2) important phases in the development of initial services, (3) management philosophies and their links to services, and (4) employee services – an industry example. The thread through this first issue is service to clients and employees and how to develop and manage an effective system. Services in this perspective are the foundation upon which successful operations are built. Within this particular philosophy, program is a secondary outcome of direct services.