

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

North Dakota Recreation & Park Association



Advancing parks and recreation for an enhanced quality of life in North Dakota

Year In Review

North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA) held its annual

state conference with the theme “Bridging the Gaps” in Valley City on Sept. 10-12. **Quarterly meetings** were held in Bismarck in January, Cavalier in May, and Minot in July.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented: Hall of Fame – Wayne Beyer, Wahpeton; Fellow Awards – Cole Higlin, Mandan, and Terry Wallace, Devils Lake; Outstanding Young Professional – Jeremy Ludlum, Williston; Individual Citations – John Staley, Grand Forks; Alvin Pinke, Valley City, and Dick Gulmon, Valley City; Organization Citations – Barnes County Wildlife Federation; Golden Egg – Choice Health and Fitness, Grand Forks; Arts & Humanities Award – Red Door Art Gallery, Wahpeton; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarships – Bailee Vaughn (UND) & Ashely Marquis (UND).

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck March 12-14 for the 11th year. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) again served as sponsors. NDRPA also co-hosted the second North Dakota Trails Conference in June 2013 with NDPRD.

NDRPA was actively engaged in the **2013 State Legislative Session**, which was the longest in state history at 80 days, the maximum number allowed by law. NDRPA was part of a coalition that supported creation of an Outdoor Heritage Fund of up to \$30 million for the biennium to be used for conservation and recreation efforts in the state; NDRPA has a representative on the Advisory Board of the Outdoor Heritage Fund, which will make recommendations on the allocation of funding. NDRPA also worked successfully with other political subdivision associations to oppose many bills that negatively impacted park districts, such as caps on property tax levies and limits on building authorities. The association continues to be engaged during the interim as legislative committees meet to discuss issues such as property tax relief and collaboration among political subdivisions.

The association continued work on a multi-year project to determine the **economic contribution** of state and local public parks and recreation in North Dakota. The project is the joint effort of NDRPA, 12 local park districts, and NDPRD.

NDRPA continued its **publications**, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*.

NDRPA approved a **new governance structure** at its annual meeting in September. The Board of Directors was reduced from 11 to five members (president, president elect, past president, secretary/treasurer, and public policy chair). The number of committees was also reduced to three: External Affairs, Internal Affairs, and Public Policy.

Membership

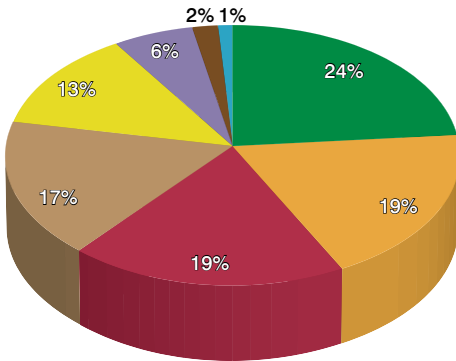


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| Agencies | 61 |
| Professionals | 149 |
| Board Members | 310 |
| Allied Organizations | 6 |
| Allied Individuals | 1 |
| Universities/Colleges | 4 |
| Students | 4 |
| Lifetime | 8 |
| Commercial | 8 |
| Affiliate | 4 |

Total 554

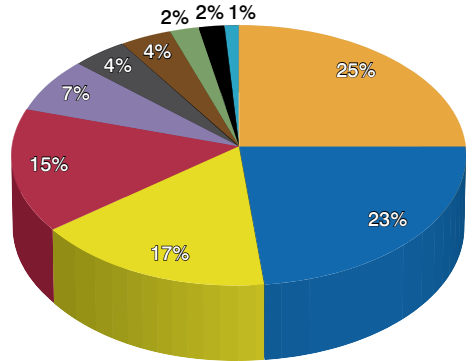
Financials

Revenue \$125,886



- Economic Contribution Study
- CPSI Course
- Conference
- Membership
- Workshops & Quarterly Meetings
- Publication Advertising
- Scholarships
- Miscellaneous

Expenses \$79,722



- CPSI Course
- Executive Director Services
- Workshops & Quarterly Meetings
- Conference
- Publications
- Legislative Services
- Office & General
- Awards & Scholarships
- Travel & Meetings
- Miscellaneous

Leadership

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Beyer, President
RaNae Jochim, President Elect
Brandy Chaffee, Past President
Arik Spencer, Terry Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Smith, Membership
Tammy Fogle, Communications
Ron Merritt, Legislative
James Kramer, Professional Development
Amy Pederson, Conference
Darin Krueger, Awards
Craig Bjur, Student Representative

COMMITTEES

Jim Larson, Audit Chair
Dave Klundt, Hall of Fame Chair
Tim Kuntz, Scholarship Chair
Dr. Tim Schroeder, Conference Selection Chair
Randy Bina, Revenue Task Force Chair

AFFILIATE LIAISONS

Midwest Network Council
Wayne Beyer, RaNae Jochim, Tim Kuntz
Council of State Affiliate Presidents
Wayne Beyer, RaNae Jochim, Brandy Chaffee
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
Ron Bieri, Mike Schmitz
ND Community Forestry Council
Dave Leker
NDPRD Recreational Trails Program Grant Committee
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