

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT



Advancing parks and recreation for quality of life in North Dakota



**NORTH DAKOTA
RECREATION & PARK
ASSOCIATION**

YEAR IN REVIEW

Quarterly Meetings were held in Carrington in December, Bismarck in April and Grahams Island State Park at Devils Lake in June. Education sessions in conjunction with these meetings included presentations on Carrington partnerships by the city's mayor and state park facilities and concessions by North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department staff. Many NDRPA members attended the state's first-ever human resource conference for local government prior to the April meeting. This conference was hosted by the HR Collaborative for Local Government, of which NDRPA is a partner.

NDRPA was active during the **state legislative interim**. At the request of NDRPA, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) approved introduction of a bill to raise the concession bid limit to \$25,000 in gross estimated sales. Other topics considered by interim committees included property taxes, public improvement bidding and energy conservation and efficiency standards for public buildings.

The **National Playground Safety Institute** was held in Bismarck March 29-31, 2010, for its eighth year with a record 55 delegates attending. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund and North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Department again served as sponsors, providing scholarships for NDRPA members to attend.

NDRPA's annual **state conference**, "Overflowing with Opportunity," was held Sept. 14-16, 2010, in Fargo. There were 205 attendees with a record-setting 35 exhibitors. NDRPA also raised \$1,711 for scholarships.

The organization launched the new **NDRPA eUpdate** in January 2010. This monthly electronic publication supplements the quarterly newsletter *FOCUS*. NDRPA also printed its biannual professional directory and annual fees survey.

NDRPA membership increased by 15 percent to 540 members. This growth included nine new park district members and nine commercial members, a new category of membership.

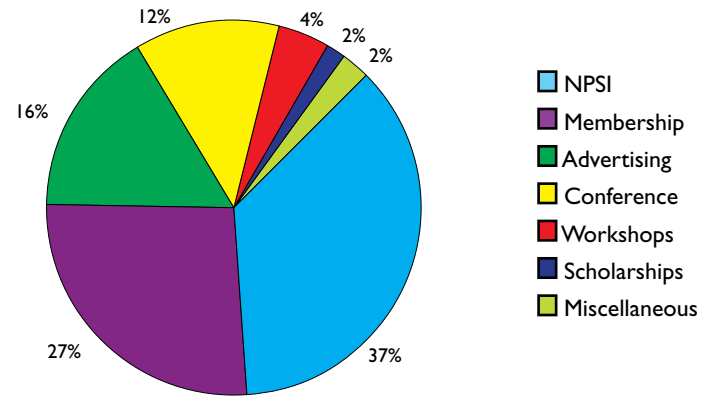
The following **NDRPA awards** were presented at the Fargo conference banquet: Hall of Fame – Stephen Mullally, Grand Forks Park District; Organization Citation – Mandan Tesoro Refinery; Golden Egg – Williston Community Builders Playground; Outstanding Young Professional – Dr. Joe Deutsch, North Dakota State University; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarships – Rachael Buss, University of North Dakota, and Sara Callaway, University of Mary.

MEMBERSHIP

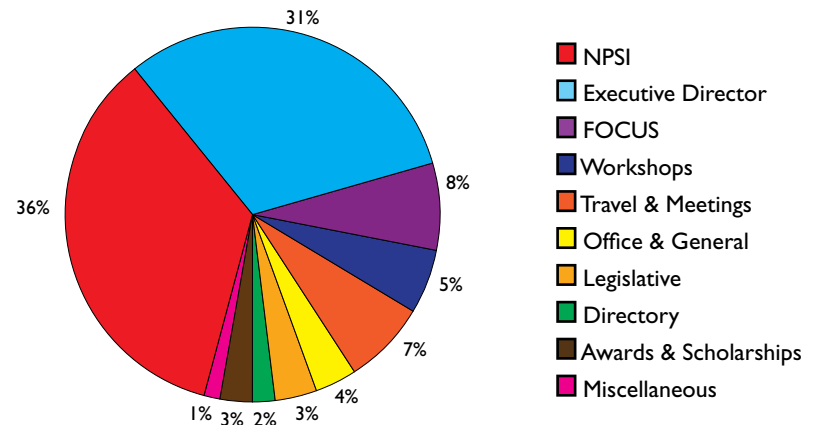
Agencies.....	65	Universities/Colleges.....	5
Professionals.....	133	Students.....	4
Board Members.....	310	Lifetime.....	6
Allied Organizations.....	5	Commercial.....	9
Allied Individuals.....	1	NRPA.....	2
Total.....	540		

FINANCIALS

Revenue \$71,257



Expenses \$57,737



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