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Darin Krueger	Awards
Craig Bjur	Student Representative

Committee Chairs

Jim Larson	Audit
Wayne Beyer	Hall of Fame
Tim Kuntz	Scholarship
Dr. Tim Schroeder	Conference Selection
Randy Bina	Revenue Task Force

Affiliate Liaisons

Midwest Network Council	Brandy Chaffee Wayne Beyer Tim Kuntz
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North Dakota Recreation & Park Association 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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

Year In Review

NDRPA hosted the **Midwest Parks and Recreation Conference** in Grand Forks April 29-May 1, 2012, which also served as the state conference for the year. Quarterly meetings were held in Devils Lake in January and Williston in July. The North Dakota School for the Deaf provided an educational session on hearing impairments and accessibility in parks and recreation programs in Devils Lake, and Williston provided an update on oil impacts and opportunities in their park district. Wahpeton hosted an expanded fall meeting and the annual awards banquet in September.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented at the Wahpeton banquet: Hall of Fame – Roger Jensen, Wahpeton Parks and Recreation; Organization Citations – GO! Bismarck-Mandan and Sanford Health Foundation, Bismarck; Golden Egg – Chahinkapa Zoo Orangutan Exhibit, Wahpeton Parks and Recreation; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarships – Nicole Barrett (UND) & Aubrey Ellefson (UND).

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck April 2012 for the 10th year. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) again served as sponsors.

Members participated in the second **HR Conference for Local Government** in April 2012 with scholarships provided by NDIRF.

NDRPA co-hosted the first-ever **North Dakota Trails Conference** in August 2012, which was initiated by NDPRD.

NDRPA remained active during the **state legislative interim** and planned for the 2013 session. NDRPA closely followed seven interim studies, including those focused on property taxes, special assessments, and concussion management programs. The association was a member of the Keep It Local North Dakota coalition, which successfully defeated a constitutional measure to abolish property taxes on the June 2012 ballot.

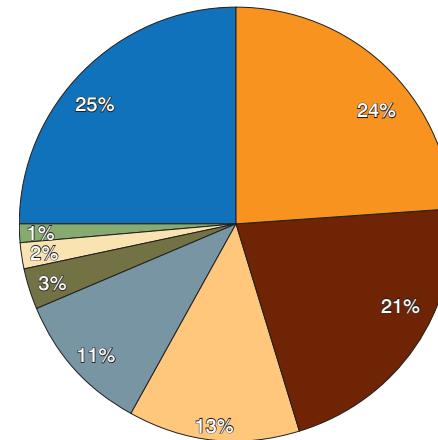
In April 2011, NDRPA launched an ambitious, multi-year project to determine the **economic contribution** of state and local public parks and recreation in North Dakota. The project is the joint effort of NDRPA, 12 local park districts and the North Dakota Recreation and Parks Department, and the research is being conducted by North Dakota State University's Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The major data collection efforts were completed during the year, with the final report to be completed in spring 2013.

NDRPA completed a **strategic planning process** during the year. In addition, a meeting was held with University of North Dakota President Robert Kelley to address the importance of parks and recreation degrees.

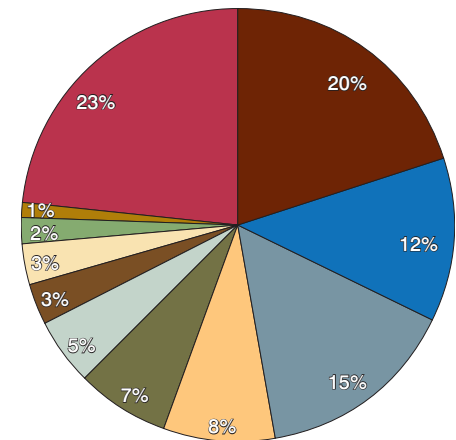
NDRPA also continued its **publications**, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*. The biennial professional directory was also published.

Financials

Revenue \$86,489



Expenses \$76,641



- Conference
- Membership
- CPSI Course
- Publication Advertising
- Workshops & Quarterly Meetings
- Economic Contribution Study
- Scholarships
- Miscellaneous
- Executive Director Services
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- Conference
- Workshops & Quarterly Meetings
- Publications
- Economic Contribution Study
- Legislative Services
- Office & General
- Awards & Scholarships
- Miscellaneous
- Travel & Meetings

Membership

Agencies	67	Universities/Colleges	4
Professionals	141	Students	5
Board Members	320	Lifetime	6
Allied Organizations	5	Commercial	8
Allied Individuals	1	NRPA	2
Total	559		