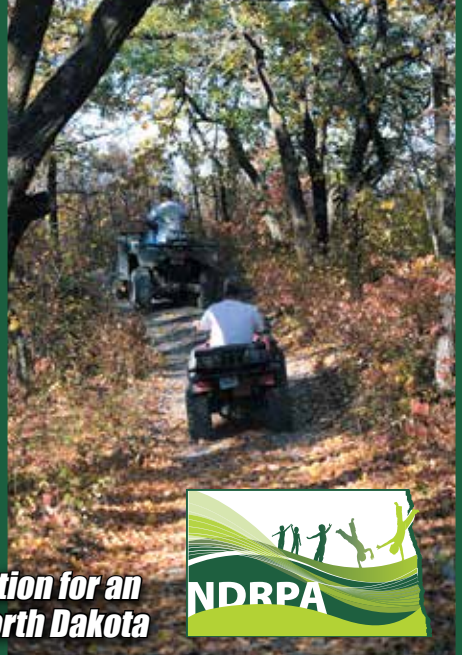




ANNUAL REPORT

North Dakota Recreation & Park Association

2013-2014



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



YEAR IN REVIEW

NDRPA held its annual **state conference** with the theme “Ready Reset Go” in Minot on Sept. 9-11. **Quarterly meetings** were held in Dickinson in March and Carrington in June.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented: Fellow Award – Ron Merritt, Minot; Individual Citation – Robert Petry, Minot; Organization Citations – Crosby Blue Line Club; Missouri Slope Model Aero Club, Bismarck; World Series Committee, Williston; Golden Egg – Bismarck Municipal Ballpark; Haugenoe Park Playground, Crosby Park District; Williston Area Recreation Center; Innovative Programming – July Celebration, Bismarck; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarships – Brendan Skime and Grant Richardson, NDSU.

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck March 11-13 for the 12th year with 40 participants. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) again served as sponsors.

Members participated in the third **HR Conference for Local Government** in April with scholarships provided by NDIRF. NDRPA also co-hosted the third annual **North Dakota Trails Conference** with NDPRD in August.

NDRPA was actively engaged in the **state legislative interim**, in which property tax reform was the major issue for park districts. The association had a representative on the Governor’s Task Force on Property Tax Reform, which looked at consolidating or eliminating many political subdivision levies. NDRPA continued to advocate for funding for the NDPRD’s community grant program and to support the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund.

The association completed its multi-year project to determine the **economic contribution** of state and local public parks and recreation in North Dakota in November 2013. The project was the joint effort of NDRPA, 12 local park districts and NDPRD, and the research was conducted by North Dakota State University’s Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The total annual economic contribution of these agencies is estimated at **\$802 million**. This impact does not even take into account all of the partner programs and users who would not be able to offer their programs without local parks and recreation facilities.

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

Two task forces were formed to work on issues of importance to NDRPA members: a university task force aimed at building a stronger relationship between state colleges/universities with recreation-related degree programs and NDRPA and a track meet task force developed to continue a statewide program as the Hershey’s program was discontinued.

MEMBERSHIP

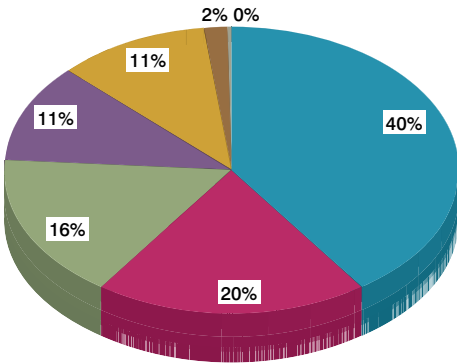


Agencies	69
Professionals.....	185
Board Members	335
Allied Organizations.....	6
Allied Individuals	1
Universities/Colleges	4
Students	5
Lifetime.....	7
Commercial.....	14
Affiliate.....	4

Total 630

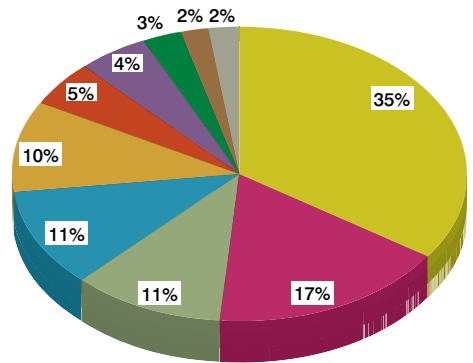
FINANCIALS

Revenue \$123,902



- State Conference
- Membership
- CPSI Course
- Publication Advertising
- Workshops & Meetings
- Scholarships
- Miscellaneous

Expenses \$135,925



- Economic Contribution Study
- Executive Director Services
- CPSI Course
- State Conference
- Workshops & Meetings
- Legislative Services
- Publications
- Office & General
- Awards & Scholarships
- Travel & Meetings

LEADERSHIP

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