



# ANNUAL REPORT

North Dakota Recreation & Park Association

# 2014-2015



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



# Year In Review

NDRPA was actively engaged in the 2015 **State Legislative Session**, supporting funding for parks and recreation through the Outdoor Heritage Fund and Community Grant Program. The association also supported the Governor’s property tax levy consolidation for political subdivisions and worked successfully with other political subdivisions to oppose bills that negatively impacted park districts, such as additional notifications of property tax increases and changes to assessment projects. A member meeting was held in Bismarck in February in conjunction with **Parks Day at the Capitol**.

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck March 10-12 for the 13th year with 38 participants. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF) and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) again served as sponsors. The **HR Collaborative** continued its efforts with NDRPA promoting four trainings across the state in July. NDRPA co-hosted the fourth annual **North Dakota Trails Conference** in August in Valley City. NDRPA held its annual **State Conference** with the theme “All In!” in Fargo on Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented: Hall of Fame – Bill Palmiscno, Grand Forks; Distinguished Professional Award – Greg Smith, Bismarck;



## Membership

Agencies .....	69
Professionals .....	193
Board Members.....	330
Allied Organizations.....	6
Allied Individuals .....	1
Universities/Colleges.....	4
Students .....	4
Lifetime.....	7
Commercial .....	16
Affiliate .....	4

**Total 634**

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Citizen Advocacy Award – John Andrist, Crosby; Partnership Award – Bismarck Public Schools and West Fargo High School National Honor Society; Golden Egg – Hillside Aquatic Complex, Bismarck; Innovative Programming – Preschool Programming, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarship – Ethan Eberle (UND).

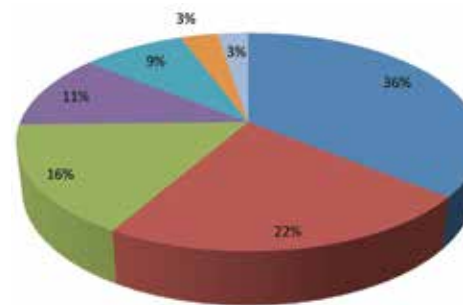
With support from NDIRF, NDRPA revised sections of the 2008 **North Dakota Park Board Manual** related to North Dakota Century Code changes and updated the **Hall of Fame** webpage.

NDRPA continued its **publications**, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*, along with its website [www.ndrpa.com](http://www.ndrpa.com).

## Financials

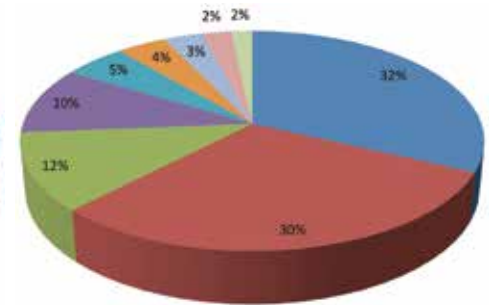
Due to a fiscal year change from October 1-September 1 to calendar year, this report reflects revenue and expenses from October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015.

**Revenue \$121,120**



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

**Expenses \$136,052**



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

## Board of Directors

Darin Krueger, President

RaNae Jochim, Past President

Craig Bjur, President Elect & External Affairs Committee Chair

George Hellyer, Secretary/Treasurer & Internal Affairs Committee Chair

Ron Merritt, Public Policy Chair

## Councils & Task Forces

Hall of Fame Council – Randy Bina, Chair

Track Meet Task Force – Jeff Heisler, Chair

University Task Force – Bob Gillen, Chair

## Affiliate Liaisons

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations – Mike Schwartz

Council of State Affiliate Presidents – Darin Krueger

Midwest Council – Darin Krueger, Craig Bjur, Tim Kuntz

Missouri River Advisory Council – Randy Bina

North Dakota Community Forestry Council – Dave Leker

## Executive Director

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