

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*North Dakota  
Recreation and  
Park Association*



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

# Year In Review

Members gathered in Devils Lake in January for a **member meeting** to enjoy ice fishing and participate in educational sessions on appropriate accommodations for individuals with hearing loss and consideration of how it may guide business operations, internal and external customer service, and the history of the rise of Devils Lake.

With support from the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), the updated **North Dakota Park Board Manual** was released in January and a training webinar for park board commissioners was hosted in July.

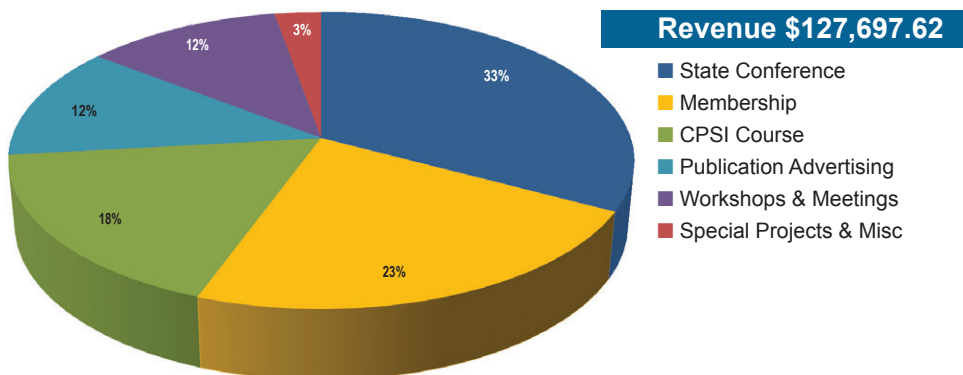
The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck in March for the 16th year. NDIRF and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) sponsored the training.

NDRPA co-hosted the seventh annual **North Dakota Trails Conference** with NDPRD and assistance from Fargo Park District in August in Fargo.

The annual **State Conference** with the theme “Future First” was hosted by Dickinson Parks and Recreation in September.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented: Golden Egg – Starion Sports Complex, Mandan Parks and Recreation; Innovative Programming – Kids Camp, Williston Parks and Recreation District; Citizen Advocacy – Sharon Odegaard, West Fargo; Outstanding Young Professional – Allison Hauschild, West Fargo District, and Matthew Mack, Dickinson Parks and Recreation; Distinguished Professional Award – Barb Ebrstoesser, West Fargo Park District, and Darin Krueger, Williston Parks and Recreation District; Partnership Award – Williston Police Association; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarship – Rojin Karahan (DSU) and Thomas McClenahan (NDSU).

## Financials



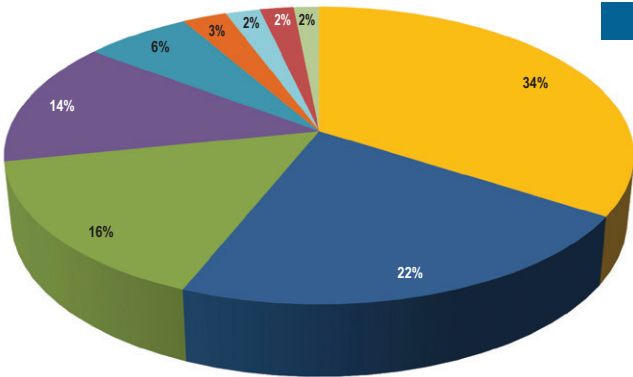
NDRPA was actively engaged in the 2018 **State Legislative Interim**, tracking studies relevant to the membership such as property tax reform, local election dates and legal notices.

NDRPA continued its **publications**, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*, and distributed the *2018-2019 Professional Directory*.



# Membership

Agencies	78
Professionals	255
Board Members	377
Allied Organizations	6
Universities/Colleges	2
Students	4
Lifetime	9
Commercial	15
Affiliate	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>



# Leadership 2017-2018

## Board of Directors

George Hellyer, President  
Bob Gillen, Past President  
Amy Pederson, President Elect  
Kevin Klipfel, Secretary/Treasurer  
Cole Higlin, Public Policy Chair  
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## Councils & Task Forces

Hall of Fame Council – Randy Bina, Chair  
Park Board Manual and Training Task Force – James Kramer, Chair

## Affiliate Liaisons

Midwest Rep – Darin Krueger  
North Dakota Missouri River Advisory Council – Randy Bina  
North Dakota Community Forestry Council – Dave Leker  
North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board – Randy Bina

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