



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

NDRPA was actively engaged in the 2021 **state legislative session**. The association worked successfully with other partner organizations to oppose bills that negatively impacted park districts, such as property tax levy restrictions and the transfer of funds from the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant to a revolving loan program. NDRPA partnered with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) on a marketing campaign to declare February as Winter Recreation Month as an alternative to Parks Day at the Capitol.

During the 2021 state special legislative session, NDRPA advocated for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for local park districts resulting in a new grant opportunity, the Park District Facility Renovation Grant, which provides \$5 million in a 50% matching grant program for local park districts for renovation, upgrade and/or repair of existing facilities.

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held for the 19th year on Oct. 12-14 in Bismarck. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and NDPRD sponsored the training.

The annual state conference with the theme “Navigating our Future” was held in conjunction for the first time with the North Dakota Trails Conference. Bismarck Parks and Recreation District hosted the collaborative event in September.

Tim Kuntz and Dennis Nybo were inducted into the NDRPA Hall of Fame, the association’s highest honor. The following NDRPA **awards** were also presented: Distinguished Professional Award – Tyler Jacobson, Valley City Parks and Recreation and Mike Wald, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District; Outstanding Young Professional – Hilary Flatt, Valley City Parks and Recreation; Golden Egg – Cottonwood Park Expansion, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District; Innovative Programming – VEER (Venture, Explore, Encounter, Rentals) Through VC, Valley City Parks and Recreation; Citizen Advocacy Award – Dr. Steve Chuppe, Bismarck, and Rep. Mike Lefor, Dickinson; Partnership Award – West Fargo Fire Department.

NDRPA continued its **publications**, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*.

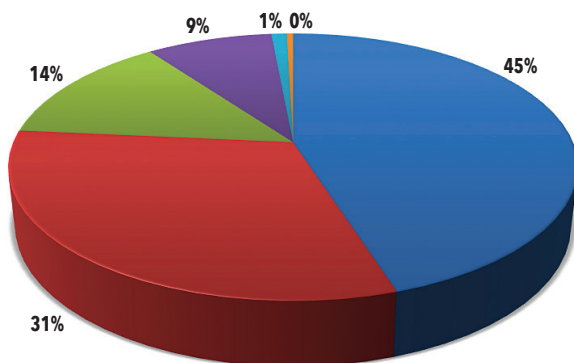




Memberships

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	2021
Agencies.....	74
Professionals.....	433
Board Members	378
Allied Organizations	6
Allied Individuals	3
Universities/Colleges	2
Lifetime.....	10
Commercial	13
TOTAL.....	919

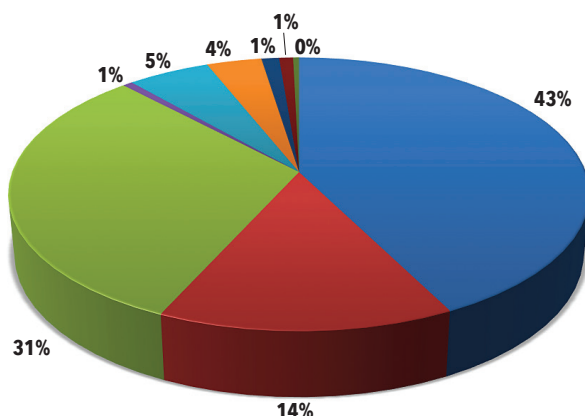
Financials



Revenue
\$105,004.64

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

**\$9,400 in revenue for the conference was received in 2020. The funds were not included in the total or chart.*



Expenses
\$112,927.21

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

LEADERSHIP 2020-2021

Board of Directors

Sam Larson-Frobis, President
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Elly DesLauriers, President Elect
Mike Orr, Secretary/Treasurer
Cole Higlin, Public Policy Chair
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Councils, Committees and Liaisons

Hall of Fame Council – Randy Bina, Chair
Conference Committee – Ethan Eberle and Ryan Geerdes, Chair
Midwest Rep – Darin Krueger
North Dakota Community Forestry Council – Dave Leker
North Dakota Missouri River Advisory Council – Randy Bina
North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board – Randy Bina



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