

Leadership

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Midwest Regional Council.....	Tyler Jacobson Terry Wallace Ron Merritt Tim Kuntz
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2008-2009 Annual Report

Advancing parks and recreation for quality of life in North Dakota



**NORTH DAKOTA
RECREATION & PARK
ASSOCIATION**



Membership

Agencies.....	57
Professionals	116
Board Members	289
Allied Organizations	6
Allied Individuals	1
Universities/Colleges.....	4
Students	7
Lifetime.....	2
Total	482

Year In Review

Quarterly Meetings were held in Mandan in December and Valley City in June. Education sessions in conjunction with these two meetings included presentations on risk management, Medicine Wheel Park and the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. The April meeting was cancelled due to spring flooding.

NDRPA was active during the **2009 state legislative session**. NDRPA successfully supported positive legislation to advance parks and recreation and opposed detrimental legislation that would have negatively impacted park districts and local political subdivisions. NDRPA was able to get a bill introduced and passed that raised the bid requirements for park districts from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The other major legislation NDRPA supported was the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's budget to secure the first-ever state-funded community parks leadership and facility grant program. The program received \$400,000 for the 2009-2011 biennium. Finally, NDRPA opposed several failed bills that would have made park district work more difficult to accomplish, such as referral of ordinances and significant budgeting process changes. NDRPA monitored a total of 50 bills impacting parks and recreation during the session.

NDRPA held a **strategic planning** session with the board and park district leaders in February. A new strategic plan was adopted in June. NDRPA also formed a revenue task force, which determined NDRPA can maintain its current level of services without significant changes in revenue, except for standard cost-of-living increases.

The **National Playground Safety Institute** was held in Bismarck March 11-13 for its seventh year with 36 delegates attending. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department again served as sponsors, providing scholarships for NDRPA members to attend.

NDRPA held a **Nuts & Bolts of Administration** workshop June 11 in Bismarck. Topics included emergency preparedness, human resources and law enforcement tips.

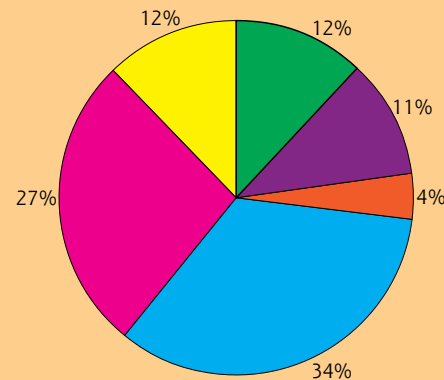
NDRPA's **annual state conference** was held Sept. 22-24 in Minot with the theme of "Wild About Recreation!" More than 130 people attended, and the silent auction for scholarships raised \$1,259.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented at the Minot conference banquet: Hall of Fame—Ardean Aafedt, former Williston recreation director, and Doug Jaeger, former Dickinson Parks and Recreation director; Fellow Award—Bill Palmiscno, Grand Forks Park District; Individual Citation—Robin Arndt, Watford City Park District, and Dean Somerville, Minot; Organization Citation—Magic City Youth Baseball Boosters, Minot, Nishu Bowmen Club, Bismarck, and Williston Tennis Association; Golden Egg—Jack Hoeven Park in Minot; and Sandra Modisett Scholarships, Megan Borchert, NDSU, and Erik Sjursen, UND.

NDRPA created or updated several **publications** for its members, including the quarterly newsletter *FOCUS*, electronic operations manual and annual fees survey.

Financials

Revenue \$59,778



Expenses \$55,322

