

# North Dakota Recreation & Park Association

## 2010-2011 Annual Report



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



# YEAR IN REVIEW

In April 2011, NDRPA launched an ambitious, multi-year project to determine the **economic contribution** of state and local public parks and recreation in North Dakota. The project is the joint effort of NDRPA, 12 local park districts and the North Dakota Recreation and Parks Department. The research is being conducted by North Dakota State University's Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Delayed due to spring flooding across the state, data collection began in July and will continue through the summer of 2012.

**Quarterly meetings** were held in Jamestown in December, Dickinson in April and Lake Metigoshe State Park in June. Education sessions in conjunction with these meetings included a discussion of state legislative issues, the impact of the oil boom on parks and recreation in western North Dakota, expansion of a community recreation center, information on the recreation management program at Dakota College at Bottineau, and details on the North Dakota Forest Service's community forestry program.

NDRPA was active during this year's **legislative session**, which ran from January-April 2011, reviewing more than 900 bills, tracking more than 50 bills, and taking positions on 12 bills. Sponsors were secured for continued funding for the state community grants program, modeled after the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program, but the legislation failed. Successful legislation included raising the concession bidding requirement from \$500 to \$25,000. Seven 2011-2012 interim studies are being followed, including those focused on property taxes, special assessments and concession management programs.

The **Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course** was held in Bismarck March 21-23, 2011, for its ninth year with 42 delegates attending. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund and North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Department again served as sponsors, providing scholarships for NDRPA members to attend.

NDRPA joined the South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association for a **joint state conference**. "A Capital Affair" was held September 20-22, 2011, in Bismarck. NDRPA raised \$1,608 for scholarships during its annual silent auction.

The organization adopted a **new logo** in 2011 and created a short video to help market NDRPA to students in the parks and recreation field. NDRPA also continued its publications, the monthly electronic *NDRPA eUpdate* and the quarterly magazine *FOCUS*.

NDRPA **membership** increased by 5 percent to a total of 568 members.

The following NDRPA **awards** were presented at the Bismarck conference banquet: Hall of Fame – Randy Bina, Bismarck Parks and Recreation Park District; Fellow Award – James Kramer, Dickinson Parks and Recreation;

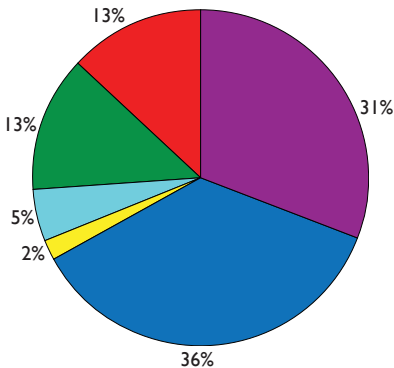
Individual Citation – Doug Prchal; Organization Citations – Bismarck Youth Baseball, Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association and Mandan Kiwanis Club; Golden Egg – BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center; Arts & Humanities Award – Artist in Residency Program, ND Council on the Arts and ND Parks and Recreation Department; and Dr. Sandra Modisett Memorial Scholarships – Danna Nelson, University of North Dakota, and Chelse Simon, University of Mary.

# MEMBERSHIP

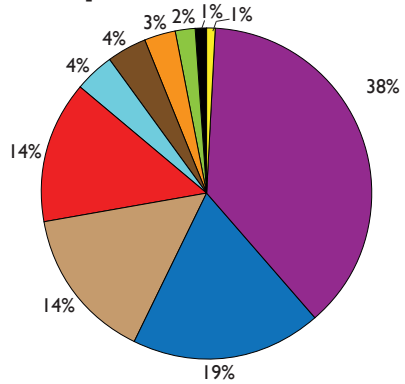
Agencies	66	Universities/Colleges	4
Professionals	153	Students	7
Board Members	311	Lifetime	8
Allied Organizations	5	Commercial	10
Allied Individuals	2	NRPA	2
<b>Total</b> .....			<b>568</b>

# FINANCIALS

**Revenue \$159,973**



**Expenses \$114,879**



- Conference
- Economic Contribution Study
- CPSI Course
- Membership
- Publication Advertising
- Scholarships

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- Conference
- Executive Director
- CPSI Course
- Publications
- Travel and Meetings
- Office and General
- Legislative
- Miscellaneous
- Awards and Scholarships

# LEADERSHIP

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North Dakota Community Forestry Council .....	Dave Leker
NDPRD Recreational Trails Program Grant Committee .....	Tyler Jacobson

## Executive Director

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