

Wisconsin Park &
Recreation Association
Progress Report
2011



Fourth Quarter

{October - December}

The following is a summary of the Significant Events, Committee/Section/Task Force Involvement, Association Personnel, Membership Status, and Financial Status of the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association for the fourth quarter of 2011, October through December.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. A Legislative Alert/Update is distributed that regarding the Senate releasing a draft of its FY12 Interior Appropriations bill which recommends \$45 million in funding for the LWCF SS program. That is a \$5 million increase over FY11 funding. Of that amount \$42.2 million would go directly to states while just under \$3 million would fund the administrative expenses of the program.
2. The WPRA Office continues to increase the number of webinars to offer expanded and affordable educational opportunities to the WPRA membership.
3. The WPRA membership approves the 2012 Legislative Platform at the Annual Meeting on November 4, 2011.
4. The WPRA membership approves the 2012 State Association and Section Budgets at the Annual Meeting on November 4, 2011.
5. A Legislative Alert/Update on Wednesday, November 9, regarding the Senate Environmental and Public Works (EPW) Committee that was approved as a bipartisan two-year highway reauthorization bill (S. 1813) by a unanimous 18-0 vote was disseminated. The bill, known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (or MAP 21), dramatically reduces the available funding for Transportation Enhancements (TE), the Rails to Trails Program (RTP) and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) by consolidating them into the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) fund.
WPRA is working in tandem with our bicycle and walking trail partners in Wisconsin and across the nation to address serious concerns found in the legislation.
6. The 2012 WPRA Board election results are ratified at the Annual Meeting on November 4, 2011: President-Elect, Joel Gregozeski; Region II Representative, Kabel Helmbrecht; Region IV Representative, Sasha Snapp.
7. Plans for the first online Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide for 2012 is begun and formatted for access to the WPRA membership.
8. BCI Burke agrees to again be the Main Conference Sponsor for the 2012 Annual Conference & Trade Show in the Wisconsin Dells.
9. WPRA signs on as a co-sponsor to a bill that Representative Jason Fields drafts regarding

the following: For purposes of workers compensation, amateur sports officials are independent contractors and not employees of sports associations, or public or private schools that sponsor interscholastic, intercollegiate or other amateur sports events. This does not apply to a person who is otherwise employed by the sponsor of the event and performs those services as part of his or her regular employment duties. An amateur sport official includes umpire, referee, judge, scorekeeper, or timekeeper. This legislation as of November 21st has the support of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Dane County Hockey Officials Association and the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association.

10. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance advocates scored a huge victory with the passage of the FY12 spending bills. The bill, which passed the Senate, provides \$45 million for LWCF State Assistance (a \$5 million increase over FY11) and includes language specifying that zero State Assistance dollars are to be used by the Department of Interior (DOI) for a competitive grant program. WPRAs membership agencies led the nation in contacting their Congressional and Senate members.

COMMITTEE/SECTION/TASK FORCE

1. The WPRAs Sections complete their 2012 Board elections through the online voting format from the WPRAs Office that allowed them to vote electronically via email.
2. The WPRAs Awards Committee presents the 2011 State Association awards on November 3rd to Marty Kosobucki – Professional Award of Merit; Scott Jaquish – George Wilson Service Award; and the Partnership Award – Oshkosh Community Foundation.
3. The 2011 WPRAs IMPACT Author Award is presented to Lori Williams and Joleen Stinson from the Rock County Parks on November 3, 2011.
4. The WPRAs Awards Committee presents eight Lifetime Awards: Bob Holling, Bill Landvatter, Larry Buck, Larry Witt, Tom Blotz, Joe McLafferty, Bill Faherty, Jack Schumann.
5. Ed Englehart and Dan Fiorenza present the 2011 WPRAs Commercial Member of the Year Award to Noah's Ark Family Waterpark on November 3, 2011.

ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL

1. The Executive Director is elected as the first professional to Chair-Elect for the National Recreation and Park Association.
2. The Executive Director is inducted into the American Academy for Park and Recreation Academy Hall of Fame.
3. The Deputy Director is reappointed to the National Certification Board.
4. The Deputy Director is reappointed as the NRPA Chairperson to the AFO Certification Committee.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

2011 Membership		2010 Membership		Plus/Minus
Aquatic	145	Aquatic	154	- 9
Park	333	Park	373	- 40
Recreation	390	Recreation	328	+ 62
WTRS	25	WTRS	23	+ 2
Student	35	Student	30	+ 5
Board & Com	124	Board & Com	132	- 7
Organization	19	Organization	14	+ 5
Emeritus	23	Emeritus	19	+ 4
Commercial	142	Commercial	133	+ 9
Office	39	Office	46	- 7
**Faculty	14	Faculty	31	- 17
*Friend	11			+ 11
*Citizen/Adv.	7			+ 7
Total:	1207		1183	+ 24

**The Friend Group/Citizen Advocate membership categories were introduced January 1, 2011.*

***A special University Faculty membership drive took place in 2010.*

FINANCIAL STATUS

1. The financial status for the Association for the Fourth Quarter in 2011 is as follows:

Total Revenue:	\$2,128,328.76
Total Expenditures:	\$2,116,814.49
Net:	<u>\$ +11,514.27</u>

***(Typically the first and second quarters have a deficit, and the third and fourth quarters tend to have positive net revenues, as the bulk of the revenues come in during these two quarters for the Discount Ticket Program and the Annual Conference & Trade Show. In addition, numerous advanced payments for the 2012 membership renewal and advanced Trade Show booths took place in December.**