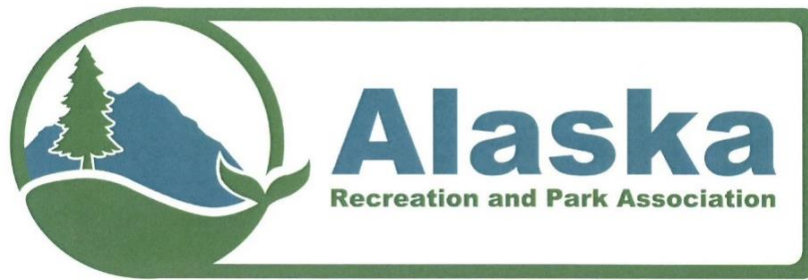


ANNUAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS & RECIPIENTS



*Submitted by the ARPA Awards Committee
(Listed Alphabetically)*

ARPA Appreciation Award

Created in 2010, the rare ARPA Appreciation Award is nominated by an ARPA Board member who has noted special skills and contributions. As an example, if a Conference Host Operations Chair manages a successful conference, a person who completes this task four times and each time raises the standard of excellence, he or she may be awarded the ARPA Appreciation Award.

- A. The recipient shall have been a life-time member by either category or practical assessment.
- B. Shall have been an active ARPA member for more than one decade.
- C. Shall have served in multiple positions on the Board or within Section.
- D. High recommendations and respect from staff within the agency the individual now works.

An ARPA Logo gold pan award will be presented to the recipient.

Past Recipients

2010 Shareen Adelman, Seward Parks & Rec
2012 Helen Clough, US Fish & Wildlife Services

ARPA Business Partner Award

The purpose of this award is to annually recognize one (1) outstanding business partner that has supported ARPA and its mission. This support can be shown in any manner.

Created in 2015, the ARPA Business Partner Award nominations are made by any ARPA Board member, and the board must approve with a majority in favor. A recommendation will then be made to the Awards Committee Chair for concurrence.

An ARPA Logo wooden bowl award will be presented to the recipient.

Past Recipients

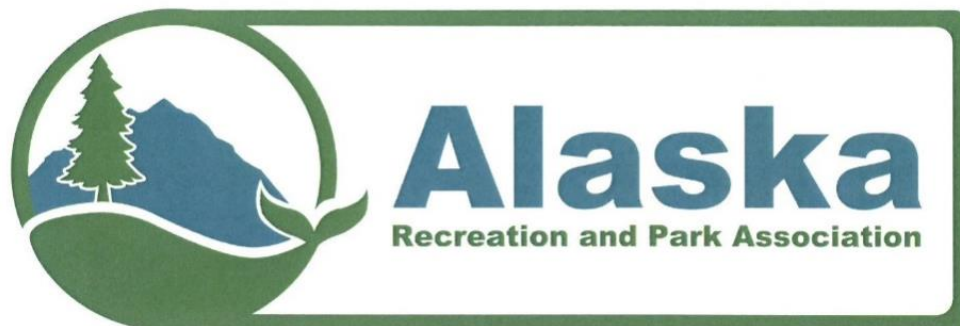
2014 Northwest Playgrounds, Bob McGarvey
2015 SiteLines, Gary Max
2016 ExerPlay, Farrell Smith
2017 Playcraft Systems, Margaret Millier

Bob Robertson Service Award

This award is for service to the Alaska Recreation and Park Association by members of the association. These are the people that volunteer to be on committees, to work with their sections, to help with conferences and workshops and generally are the backbone of the Association. This award was approved by the Board in 1995. It is a Board Award in that the nominees are selected only by the ARPA Board (*This award requires an application be completed by the nominee*)

Past Recipients

1995	Sharon Perrin	Spenard Rec. Center, Anchorage
1995	Jack Mosby	National Park Service, Anchorage
1996	Jeff Hawley	Cordova Parks and Recreation
1997	Dave Patterson	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage
1997	Nancy Peterson	Valdez Parks and Recreation
1998	Kim Kiefer	Juneau Parks and Recreation
1999	Janie West	Fairbanks Parks and Recreation
1999	Arnold Albrecht	USDA Forest Service, Juneau
2000	Jerry Walton	Anchorage Parks & Recreation
2000	Karin Sturdy	Seward Parks and Recreation
2001	Ron Crenshaw	Alaska State Parks Marine and Trails, Anchorage
2001	Warren Templin	Mat-Su Borough Park and Recreation, Palmer
2002	Helen Clough	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Juneau
2002	Wendie Marriott	Unalaska Parks, Culture, and Recreation
2003	Karen Kester	Nikiski
2003	Bill Overbaugh	Anchorage
2004	Marti Marshal	Juneau
2004	Teri Peters	Anchorage Parks & Recreation
2006	Myiia Whistler	Juneau Parks and Recreation
2007	John McCleary	Anchorage Parks and Recreation
2009	Shareen Adelmann	Seward Parks & Recreation
2011	D. Tyrell McGirt	Unalaska Parks, Culture, and Recreation
2012	Jason Avery	Fairbanks North Star Borough
2013	Jeff Dick	Challenge Alaska, Anchorage
2014	Melanie Hauze	Seward Parks & Recreation
2015	Brandon Harker	Challenge Alaska, Anchorage
2016	Maggie Wilkins	Boys & Girls Club, Seward
2017	Mike Bork	Fairbanks North Star Borough



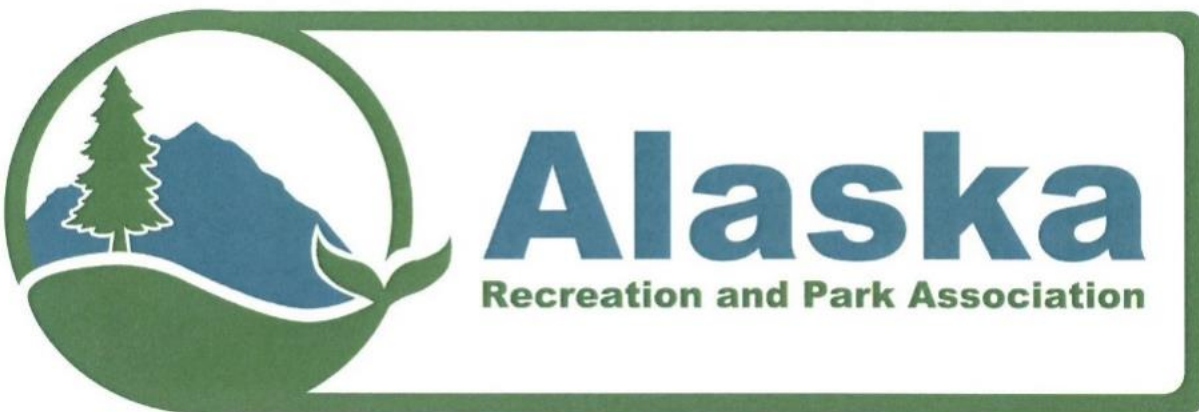
Distinguished Service Award

This achievement award is given to a deserving individual and / or groups whose voluntary contribution of time and effort over the years has improved the quality and quantity of leisure opportunities through park, recreation, and conservation projects on the local, state, regional, or national levels. Membership with ARPA is not required, but the candidate shall have contributed through:

- A. Voluntary contributions to parks, recreation and conservation movement over a period of two or more years.
- B. Active work for significant legislation at local, state, and nation levels.
- C. Service to park and recreation and conservation movement through public service or membership in other organizations or other endeavors outside parks, recreation and conservation field.
- D. Possible literary contribution to parks, recreation and conservation field.
- E. Development of equipment apparatus or design and layout of facilities.
- F. Generous grants of land, money, equipment, scholarships or other gifts that affect the field.
- G. Any other contribution made in the interest of the parks and recreation profession.

Past Recipients

2008	Alaska TRAILS	Anchorage
2009	Janet Athanas	Bethel Parks and Recreation
2012	James "Jim" King	Juneau
2014	Kristi West	CBJ Parks & Recreation
2015	Sally Dwyer	Petersburg
2016	Gold Rush Days, Inc	Valdez



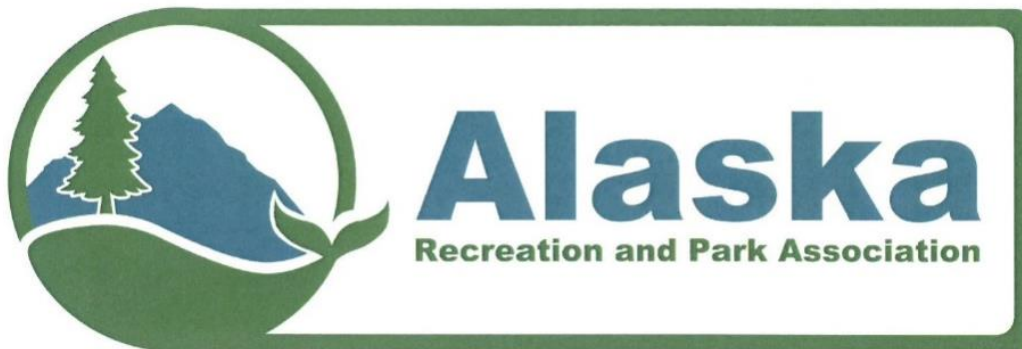
Facility Excellence

This award recognizes significant new projects, major renovations, or long-term performance as a flagship of recreation. Any facility from any area of recreation, from trails to aquatic centers, is eligible. Created in 2010 for the 2009 year.

- A. Nominator must submit before and after photos
- B. The renovations or improvements must have taken place during the calendar year of the award. (Ex: in 2012, nominators will be selecting facilities which were improved before January 1, 2012, to align with the other awards achievements made in 2011.
- C. A written description shall include:
the facility's main uses before and after; the funding of the improvements; how ADA was a factor; all partners;
- D. Support materials will be considered:
 - 1. Press coverage documenting previous conditions, changes requested, grand openings, or other;
 - 2. Statistical data demonstrating improved attendance, lower utility costs or similar;
 - 3. Formal acknowledgement from local municipalities , Boroughs, state or Federal recognition, proclamations or other
- E. The Awards committee will select the facility or facilities that most reflect positive changes.

Past Recipients

2009	Zach Gordon Youth Center	Juneau Parks and Recreation
2011	Karen Hornaday Park	HoPP, Homer Little League & City of Homer
2012	1 st Lake Historical Park	Seward, Mark Stauble Parks Op Supervisor
2013	Nikiski Community Playground	North Peninsula Recreation Service Area
2013	Government Peak Recreation Chalet	Matanuska Susitna Borough
2014	Tanana Lakes Recreation Area	Fairbanks North Star Borough
2014	Soldotna Creek Park	Soldotna Parks & Recreation
2015	Outlook Park	Petersburg Parks & Recreation
2016	Jim Creek ATV Trails	Matanuska Susitna Borough
2016	Aquatic Center	City of Unalaska, Parks, Culture and Recreation
2017	Pioneer Park	Fairbanks North Star Borough



Lifetime Achievement Award

Created in 2007, the Lifetime Achievement Award has been presented only two times in ARPA's young, 35-year history. The first recipient was Nancy Peterson who, having left the field of parks and recreation earlier in her career, maintained professional and personal relationships within ARPA and NRPA. She continued to serve in one of the most time-consuming ARPA Board functions: Treasurer. While serving the Board as Treasurer, Nancy continued to mentor and train in-coming Board members. The second award was presented to ARPA Founder, Bob Robertson, who is known as the Father of ARPA. Bob served as ARPA president and chaired, co-chaired and mentored subsequent ARPA Committee Chairs. The above two examples are the types of contributions a Lifetime Achievement Award winner will have made.

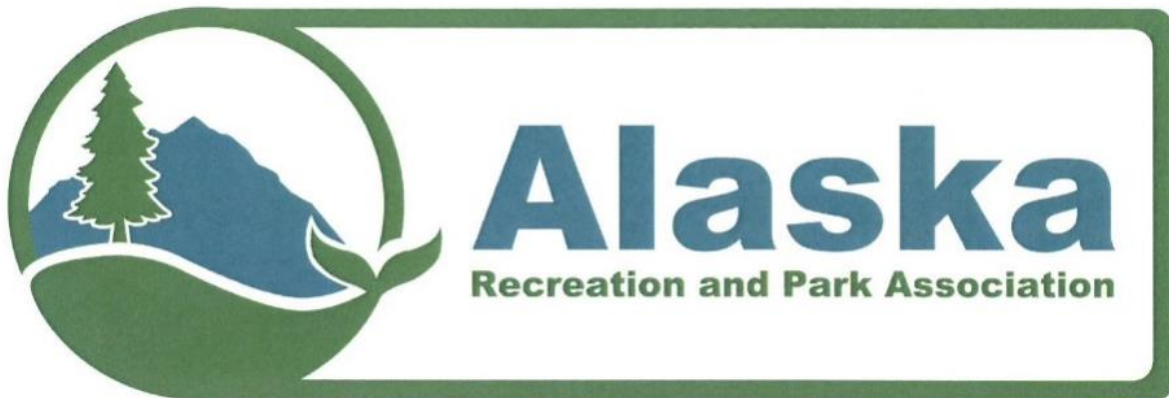
A recipient who receives this award shall have made note-worthy and measureable positive contributions to ARPA. Past recipients have made contributions such as procedures manuals, template formatting, led a specific campaign or training or other such tangible results. LAA winners have created, chaired and then bequeathed ARPA standing or special committees. While many ARPA members are willing and able to contribute monumental services, a recipient of this LAA has volunteered to serve in the most demanding of offices and ARPA work.

- A. The recipient shall have been a life-time member by either category or practical assessment. Shall have been an active ARPA member for more than two decades.
- B. Shall have served as ARPA President
- C. Shall have served in multiple positions on the Board
- D. Meets the minimum criteria of the ARPA Professional Award (or has received this award.)

An ARPA logo gold pan will be presented to the recipient.

Past Recipients

2007	Nancy Peterson	Valdez/Unalaska
2009	Bob Robertson	"Father of ARPA"
2013	Jeff Hawley	Cordova / Unalaska
2015	Shareen Adelmann	Seward Parks & Recreation
2016	Helen Clough	Juneau / Anchorage



New Professional Award *(Previously Young Professional Award)*

These professionals are not necessarily the superintendents or leaders that have been visible in the field, but are the “up and coming” leaders. They should possess all of those qualities and talents that will eventually place them in the top leadership, but at this time in their careers, they are climbing.

- A. Must be a member of ARPA.
- B. Minimum 5 years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant, or a combination of these services in the field of parks/recreation.
- C. Contributed to the profession through allied fields of arts, crafts, sports, health and safety education, design, park maintenance, horticulture, education and consulting services.
- D. High recommendations and respect from staff within the agency the individual now works.

Past Recipients

1979	John Alder	Bethel
1981	Jane Boubel	Ketchikan
1981	Kristine Moeller	Seward
1982	Jim Hall	Juneau
1982	Merilee Watts	Anchorage
1983	Chuck Kaucic	Fort Richardson
1984	Brenda Schimmeyer	Anchorage
1985	Steve Weber	Valdez
1987	Kevin Finney	Ketchikan
1988	Bill Musson	Kenai
1989	Kim Kiefer	Juneau
1990	Les Westenberg	Tok
1991	Sharon Reed	Anchorage
1992	Diane Fehring	Anchorage
1993	Teri Peters	Anchorage
1994	Karin Sturdy	Seward
1995	Fred Hill	Valdez
1996	Shareen Adelman	Seward
1997	Rick Bittick	Seward
1998	Myiia Whistler	Juneau
1999	Lisa Deane	Unalaska
2001	Ryan Zieak McFarland	Petersburg
2004	Jennifer McWilliams	Unalaska
2005	Mike Bork	Valdez
2007	Jason Avery	Fairbanks
2008	Mike Illg	Homer
2009	Matt Steffy	Fairbanks
2010	Josie Ronne	Seward
2011	Maggie Wilkins	Seward
2012	David Jones	Fairbanks
2013	Mike Kinney	Seward
2014	Luke Kline	Fairbanks
2015	Albert Burnham	Unalaska
2016	Ricky Borland	Fairbanks
2017	Brandon Harker	Anchorage



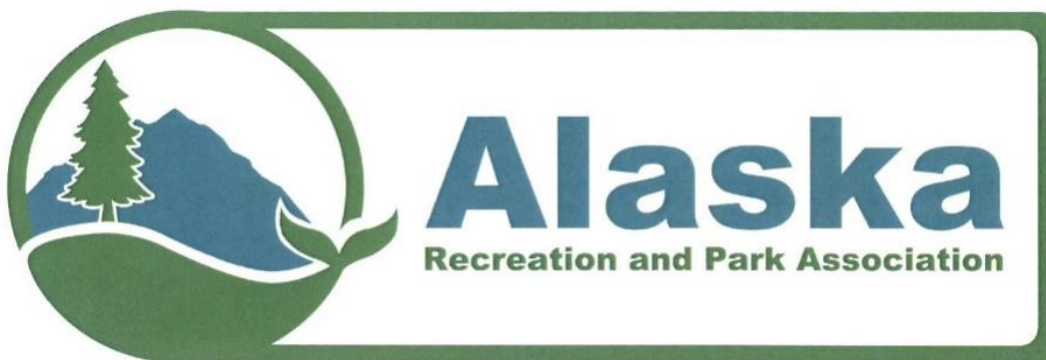
Outstanding Organization Award

This award recognizes the agencies, departments, and organizations that make great contributions to their community and to the improvement of recreation in Alaska. Clubs, federal and state agencies, municipal departments, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible.

- A. The contributions or improvement of recreation must have taken place during the calendar year of the award or prior. (Ex: in 2012, nominators will be selecting organizations which were active before January 1, 2012, to align with the other awards achievements made in 2011.
- B. A written description shall include the organization's contributions and recreation improvements within their community or Alaska.
- C. Support materials will be considered:
 - 1. Press coverage documenting accomplishment, events, programs, or other;
 - 2. Formal acknowledgement from local municipalities, Boroughs, state or Federal recognition, proclamations or other
- D. The Awards committee will select the organization that most reflect outstanding contributions to their community or the state of Alaska.

Past Recipients

2009	Teen Council of the Seward Teen and Youth Center
2010	Chugach National Forest Glacier District Backcountry Rangers
2011	City of Homer, Community Recreation Program & Parks
2012	Homer Hockey Association
2013	Arctic Winter Games Host Society Fairbanks
2014	HoWL Homer Wilderness Leaders
2015	Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
2016	Seward Prevention Coalition
2017	Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad, FNSB



Professional Award

This is the highest recognition that ARPA can bestow upon a deserving candidate. The person will be carefully chosen. In considering a candidate for the Professional Award, he/she must meet the qualifications as set forth in the criteria for this high award.

- A. Must be an ARPA member.
- B. Minimum of 10 years of experience in the field of park and recreation.
- C. Demonstrated leadership role: (Must complete five of the nine categories listed below.)
 1. An elected officer in ARPA (Name office held and year)
 2. An elected office holder in NRPA or affiliated society (Name office held and year)
 3. Chairman of a committee in ARPA. (Name committee and year)
 4. Chairman of a committee in NRPA. (Name committee and year)
 5. Representative of the Regional Council of NRPA or affiliated Society. (Name region and year)
 6. Committee work with local, state, national organization which is affiliated with or promoting same objective as ARPA. (Name committee and organization.)
 7. Five or more speeches on recreation and parks before groups or conventions, assemblies, luncheons, radio or television presentations, and such other meetings held in interest or promotion of recreation and parks. (State when and where.)
 8. Systematic research which has helped advance the profession. (List research and how it appeared.)
 9. Books published or articles written on recreation or parks for handbooks, newspapers, magazines, etc. (List books, articles, and publications name, publication dates.)An ARPA logo goldpan will be presented to the recipient.

Past Recipients

1977	Bill Creighton	Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation
1978	Bob Robertson	Anchorage Parks and Recreation
1982	Jill Waters	Anchorage Parks and Recreation
1985	Loren Smith	Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation
1986	Jim Hall	Juneau Parks and Recreation
1987	Kayo McGillivray	Kenai Parks and Recreation
1988	Sylvia Harvey	Juneau Parks and Recreation
1989	Ian Fulp	Kodiak Parks and Recreation
1991	Arnold Albrecht	USDA Forest Service, Juneau
1992	Jim Dumont	Juneau Parks and Recreation
1993	Dave Patterson	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage
1994	Jack Mosby	National Park Service, Anchorage
1995	Nancy Peterson	Valdez Parks and Recreation
1996	Bill Musson	Petersburg Parks and Recreation
1997	Bill Lindsey	Anchorage Parks and Recreation
1998	Helen Clough	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Juneau
1999	Jeff Hawley	Cordova Parks and Recreation
2000	John McCleary	Anchorage Parks and Recreation
2001	Janie West	Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation
2002	Karl Kassel	Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation
2004	Karen Kester	Nikiski
2006	Wendie Marriott	Juneau Parks and Recreation
2007	Bob Gronchow	Juneau
2008	Jeff Dick	Anchorage
2009	Melanie Hauze	Seward Parks and Recreation
2010	Cindy Aldridge	Kenai Peninsula Borough
2011	Thomas Martin	Fairbanks North Star Borough
2012	Michael Bork	Fairbanks North Star Borough
2013	Rachel Parra	North Peninsula Recreation Service Area
2014	Mike Illg	City of Homer
2015	D. Tyrell McGirt	Unalaska Parks, Culture & Recreation
2016	Jason Avery	Fairbanks North Star Borough
2017	Donnie Hayes	Fairbanks North Star Borough