MISSION & HISTORY

NDANO’s mission is to educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits.

NDANO was founded in 1997 by state nonprofit leaders who recognized the need to strengthen nonprofit organizations in North Dakota and their ability to serve the needs of individuals and communities.

NDANO is the statewide membership association for the North Dakota nonprofit sector. Our members work in all mission areas, from human services and the environment to education and the arts, and represent all sizes, from small volunteer-run nonprofits to multi-million-dollar organizations, in all corners of the state.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EDUCATE: A variety of learning opportunities, sector news and best practice resources

- Held the annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference in Fargo.
- Shared more than 100 learning opportunities offered by partners, including Idealware, Nonprofit VOTE, AFP ND Northern Plains and the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.
- Hosted the pilot Online Learning Cohort: Evaluation for members.
- Expanded the online Best Practices Resource Center.
- Provided technical assistance and referrals to members and potential members.
- Published the monthly Nonprofit Network newsletter and distributed information via email and social media on timely nonprofit issues.

ADVOCATE: A voice for member organizations and the North Dakota nonprofit sector

- Represented nonprofits in the Main Street Initiative, including presenting volunteer engagement sessions at the summit.
- Advocated for charitable giving incentives, the Nonprofit Relief Act and repeal of the tax on nonprofit transportation benefits at the federal level.

CONNECT: A network of members throughout North Dakota and across the country

- Engaged 200 North Dakota nonprofits as member organizations and 27 businesses, government agencies and individuals as associate members.
- Presented the Walt Odegaard Leadership Award to Franklin G. Larson, the Partnership Building Award to FirstLink’s Suicide Follow Up Call Team, and the Emerging Leader Award to Billi Jo Zielinski.
- Posted member job openings on the website and shared via the newsletter as a free member benefit.
- Offered cost-saving/preferred partner programs for members.
- Connected North Dakota nonprofits to national issues through membership in the National Council of Nonprofits, the largest network of charitable nonprofits in the nation that serves to spot trends and share information critical to every nonprofits’ mission advancement.

NORTH DAKOTA NONPROFIT SECTOR IMPACT

The North Dakota nonprofit sector strengthens the economy, improves communities and engages diverse stakeholders to enhance quality of life.
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- Maintained a positive cash reserve ($150,129) and ended the fiscal year with revenue of $125,492 and expenses of $117,154.
- Secured funds for programs and projects through membership dues, earned income and grants.
- Received major operational support from the Otto Bremer Trust and additional project support from the Bush Foundation and Consensus Council.

2019 Board of Directors

- Kara Geiger, CFRE, President, North Dakota Community Foundation, Bismarck
- Myrna Hanson, Vice President, Community of Care, Casselton
- Cynthia Shabb, Secretary, Global Friends Coalition, Grand Forks
- Brent Ekstrom, MBA, CED, EDFP, Treasurer, Lewis and Clark Development Group, Mandan
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- Scott Burlingame, Independence Inc., Minot
- Dayna Del Val, The Arts Partnership, Fargo
- Tim Eissinger, Anne Carlsen Center, Jamestown
- Dan Madler, Beyond Shelter Inc., Fargo
- Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting, Dickinson
- Gayla Sherman, Charles Hall Youth Services, Bismarck
- Kurt Stoner, Bethel Lutheran Foundation, Williston

NDANO expresses its thanks to Murray Sagsveen, Bismarck, who completed his board service in 2019.

REVENUE

- Contributions 2%
- Earned Income 20%
- Dues 47%
- Grants 31%

EXPENSES

- Professional Development 36%
- Membership & Support Services 24%
- Advocacy 21%
- Resources 19%

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