



**Alaska**  
**Recreation and Park Association**



Bob Robertson Director of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department from 1971-1989 is acknowledged as the “Father of Alaska Recreation & Parks Association” and was instrumental in establishing the organization. Robertson oversaw the rapid development and expansion of city parks, trails, and recreation opportunities, including the creation of the Fairview Recreation Center, Anchorage Golf Course, Spenard Recreation Center, Bicentennial Park, Fairview Lions Park, Sullivan Arena, Ben Boeke Ice Arena, Dempsey-Anderson Ice Arena, Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, and the Chester Creek Greenbelt.

# Robert "Bob" Robertson

# ARPA

State Branch of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)

## Goals 1

Providing a forum for interchange of ideas and information among parks, recreation and wildland professionals and supporters

## Goals 2

Promoting the personal, environmental, social and economic benefits of parks, recreation and wildlands

## Goals 3

Coordinating, organizing and promoting quality educational opportunities

## Goals 4

Preparing and providing educational information relating to parks, recreation and wildlands



# Annual ARPA Conference

thought-provoking keynote speakers, dynamic education sessions, dedicated sponsors and plenty of unique ways to network and connect with peers from across the state.







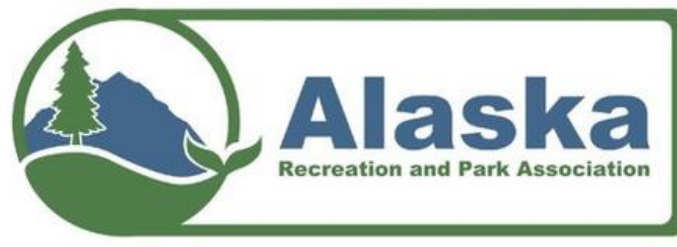












# Annual Conference



*Wrangell, Alaska*

**SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST, 2023**

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