



Representatives of KRPA Participate in NRPA Legislative Forum

Eight KRPA representatives were among nearly 400 advocates from across the nation who participated in the annual National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Legislative Forum, March 12-14, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Representing KRPA and their agencies were KRPA President Dawn Grosdidier (Lenexa), Past President Tom McEvoy (Emporia), Doug Kupper (Wichita), Michael Meadors and Bill Maasen (Johnson County), Bob Johnson, Jr. (citizen, Blue Valley), Mark Mergen (citizen, Leawood) and KRPA Executive Director Doug Vance.

The event included a day of educational programming followed by a day of visits by attendees with their state legislators and congressional staff.

The KRPA delegation met individually with Rep. Jerry Moran and with a staff legislative aide for Sen. Sam Brownback, Sen. Pat Roberts, Rep. Dennis Moore, Rep. Todd Tiahrt and Rep. Nancy Boyda.

Among the legislative priorities discussed during the meetings were restoring funding for the Land and Water Conservation Act, restoring funding for the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act, support of passage of the Play Every Day Act and No Child Left Inside Act.

Johnson and Mergen serve as citizen board members of the NRPA Board of Trustees.