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Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner Stephen Cummins Receives Distinctive Rank

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - The Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Board Member Development Program is for board members from IAPD member park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies. This program that began in 1997 gives recognition to those who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to better themselves as board members.

Participants accumulate Board Development Units (BDUs) for committee involvement, attendance at educational workshops, volunteer activities, meeting attendance, participation in special events and other activities on the local, state and national levels.

There are three levels one can achieve: Notable Board Member (100 BDUs), Distinctive Board Member (400 BDUs), and Master Board Member (750 BDUs).

In January, the IAPD informed Commissioner Stephen Cummins that he has reached the level of Distinctive Board Member.

"The IAPD Board Member Development Program has increased my engagement in Buffalo Grove Park District activities, and encouraged professional development that has benefitted me as a member of the Board. I would like to thank my fellow Commissioners for their encouragement, and for directing me to this worthwhile program. I hope to join my colleagues at the Master Board Member level at next year's conference," said Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner Steve Cummins.

In 2014, the Buffalo Grove Park District was the first park district in Illinois where an entire board of commissioners achieved Master Board Member status through the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Board Member Development Program.

Buffalo Grove Park District executive director Ryan Risinger said, "We are very fortunate to have Board members who go above and beyond, and show this level of dedication to our community, as well as being advocates for parks and recreation throughout the state." He added, "Since joining the Park Board in 2019, Commissioner Cummins hit the ground running. As a professional in the field at another district, he has a solid understanding of the role, and has contributed significantly in statewide efforts to advance legislation that benefits communities like ours."

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