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Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner Stephen Cummins Receives Master 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. The program began in 1997, and 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).

This past December, IAPD informed Commissioner Stephen Cummins that he has reached the level of Master Board Member.

"I want to thank my Board colleagues for instilling the value of professional development as a commissioner, and being present at our outstanding park district programs. I will continue to grow my capacity to better serve our Buffalo Grove community and the BGPD staff," said Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner Stephen 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, "In a relatively short period of time since joining the Park Board, Commissioner Cummins has made an effort learn more about the field of parks and recreation, and get involved in statewide efforts to advance legislation that benefits communities like ours."

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