



# Annual Report

OCT.2023-SEPT.2024

# **A YEAR IN NUMBERS**



# EDUCATION PROGRAM

Held 13 educational webinars for organizations, companies, and federal agencies with hundreds of participants.





## WALK FOR THE WILD

Doubled the funds raised for wildlife refuges and non-profit partners compared to 2023.

\$65,000





#### **CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW**

660+ public lands professionals across nonprofits, land management agencies, and businesses convened for the 2024 Convention and Trade Show in San Fransico, CA.

660+



## PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Awarded 14 Partnership Awards to individuals and organizations.

14





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcomed three new board directors who are passionate about our nation's public lands.

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#### **NEW PLA STAFF**

PLA welcomed a Director of Philanthropy and a Development and Events Manager to its team.

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#### **NEW PLA MEMBERS**

- Friends of Silver Falls
- Friends of the Cherokee National Forest
- Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
- Oregon Parks Forever
- Partnership for the National Trails System
- Rim of the World Interpretive Association

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The iconic Golden Gate Bridge set the stage for the 2024 PLA Convention and Trade Show. This year focused on powerful themes for the public lands community, such as inclusive storytelling, community-led stewardship, and thriving in uncertain times.

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These themes were expertly woven throughout the 40 educational sessions spanning four days, bookended by engaging, thought-provoking sessions focused on codesigning outdoor spaces with local communities and why diversity in the outdoors is critical for environmental sustainability.







"PLA Conference is a great way to connect with peers, share best practices, and explore new ideas." -Emily Moore, Cabrillo National Monument Foundation

"PLA is THE place to come together and connect with public lands partners. Everyone here is friendly, helpful, collaborative, and passionate. It's a convention not to miss!" -Laurel Barnum, Leaf Consulting "I am feeling a new sense of hope after attending my first PLA Convention. I was able to connect with passionate leaders, sustainable business owners, and government representatives in a productive and meaningful way. I feel like my voice was actually heard, and feel ready to tackle systemic problems with new friends made!"

- Traveling Miss T.

#### **Celebrating an Icon**



With Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park just down the road, there was lots of "We Can Do it!" spirit throughout the convention.



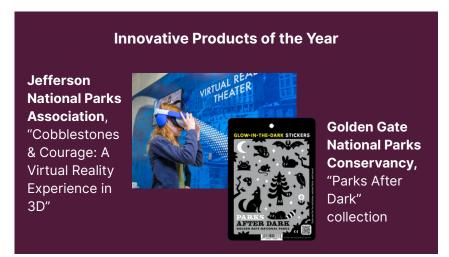
# **Partnership Awards**

This year, we recognized 14 Partnership Awards winners across six categories in a virtual celebration.

"Partnerships continue to grow in their importance to the vitality of America's public lands and the people who depend upon them," said Dan Puskar, President and CEO of PLA. "Each of our awardees has an incredible passion not only for the stewardship and enhancement of our public lands, but to serve their visitors and local communities."









# Public Lands Partner Award

The following organizations and their agency partners received the 2024 Public Lands Partner Award:

Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS) & U.S. Forest Service

Friends of Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex & Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association, Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park & Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park



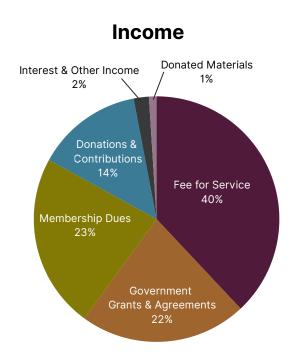






## **Financial Overview**

PLA had a successful year thanks to impactful programmatic work, strong stakeholder engagement, a dynamic convention and trade show, and continued momentum working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.



#### FY 2024 FY 2023 Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents \$556,273 \$648,722 Certificates of Deposit \$369,143 \$229,138 Accounts Receivable \$1,517 \$2,092 Promises Receivable \$124,888 \$101,471 Prepaid Expenses and Deposits \$31,957 \$8,305 Computer and Office Equiment \$10,848 \$10,906 **Total assets** \$1,094,626 \$1,000,634 **Liabilities & Net Assets** FY 2024 FY 2023 Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses \$62,716 \$46,704 Accrued Leave \$20,888 \$23,289 Deferred Revenue \$130,721 \$121,844 **Total Liabilities** \$214,325 \$191,837 Unrestricted \$401,556 \$424,324 Unrestricted - Board Designated \$408,462 \$306,356 With Donor Restrictions \$70,283 \$78,117 Total net assets \$880,301 \$808,797

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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** 

#### **Expenses**

