



INLAND SEAS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Director

There are special times in life when things all seem to come together and align perfectly. In contrast to periods of good fortune or when something really good happens, I'm referring to those times where a great deal of thoughtful planning, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice all culminate to make the strongest impact possible.

We are in the midst of one of those special moments at ISEA. Organizational assets, new program options, increased audience base, and overall organizational capacity are all peaking at a time when students and teachers seem more accepting than ever of their role in stewarding our precious natural resources. The students we are working with today are incredibly thoughtful, intelligent, capable, and perhaps most importantly, willing to get involved and make a difference. As a result, I am very confident

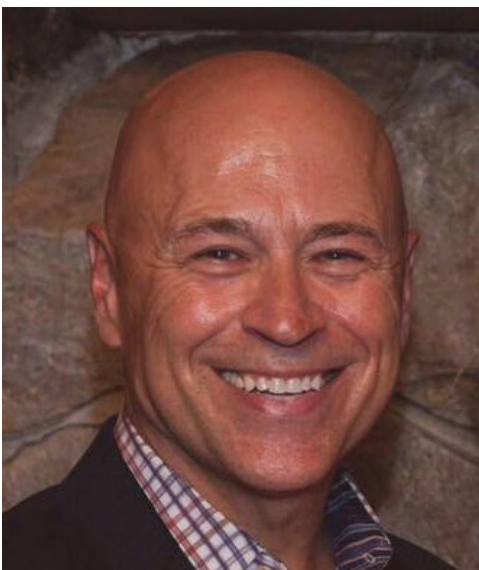
that the support and inspiration ISEA is able to provide these students today will make a huge difference on our Great Lakes long into the future.

I hope as you review this annual report that you take a moment to feel joy and pride for the important role you have played in equipping ISEA to have the greatest impact possible during this special period in time.

Fred Sitkins, ISEA Executive Director

Our Mission

Inspire Great Lakes curiosity, stewardship, and passion



Dear Friends of Inland Seas:

What an impactful year it has been at Inland Seas Education Association with new facilities, expanded programming options and a record-breaking number of participants who are curious to learn how to advance their stewardship of the Great Lakes. In June we celebrated the completion of the Captain Thomas M. Kelly Biological Station in Suttons Bay, MI. Named for our founder and visionary, the facility is equipped for multiple day learning experiences, expanding our educational offerings to all four seasons. This past summer our tall ship vessels *Inland Seas* and *Utopia* moved through the Great Lakes to ports such as Detroit, Cleveland, Green Bay and Duluth, exposing more communities to the learning opportunities available through our organization.

On behalf of our Board members, I want to thank our partners, guests, school and university participants, staff, volunteers and donors who make it all possible.

Patrick Reay, 2019 ISEA Board of Directors, President



2019 Impact

287
Programs

11,366
Participants



152 School Programs





Milestones

30-year Anniversary of Inland Seas Education Association
Opening of the Inland Seas Capt. Thomas M. Kelly Biological Station
Engaged 5,601 people in Cleveland, Green Bay, and Duluth with our message

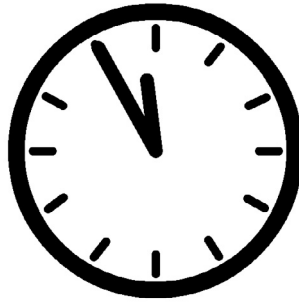


VOLUNTEER IMPACT



129

Volunteers



12,591

Hours

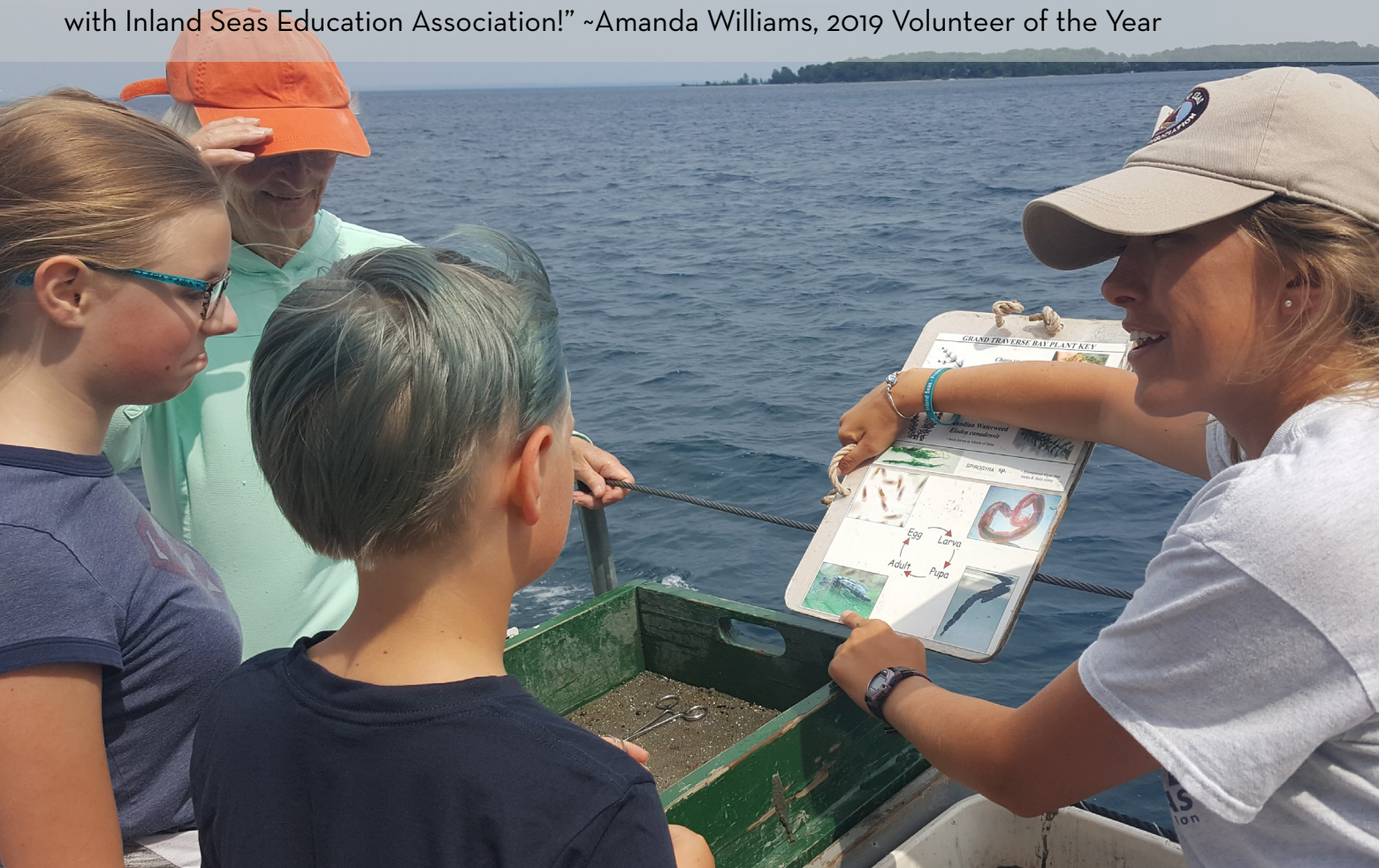


\$320,189

Value

(Based on estimated national value by
Independent Sector)

“Little did I know when I met [ISEA] at St. Helena Island Lighthouse in 2016 that this Ohio girl would be jumping on board a schooner many more times. Every day truly is an adventure when volunteering with Inland Seas Education Association!” ~Amanda Williams, 2019 Volunteer of the Year



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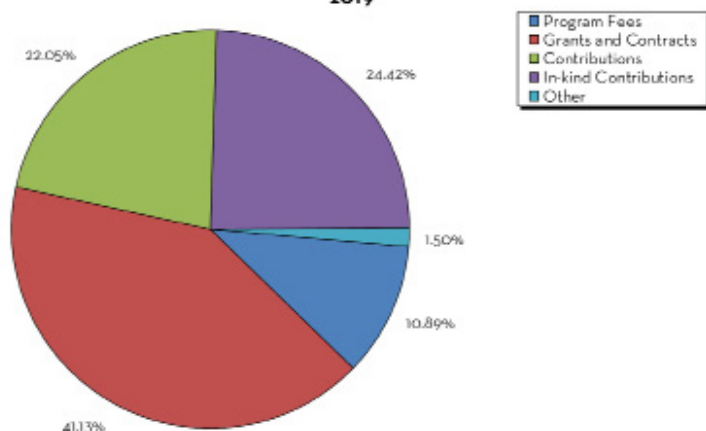
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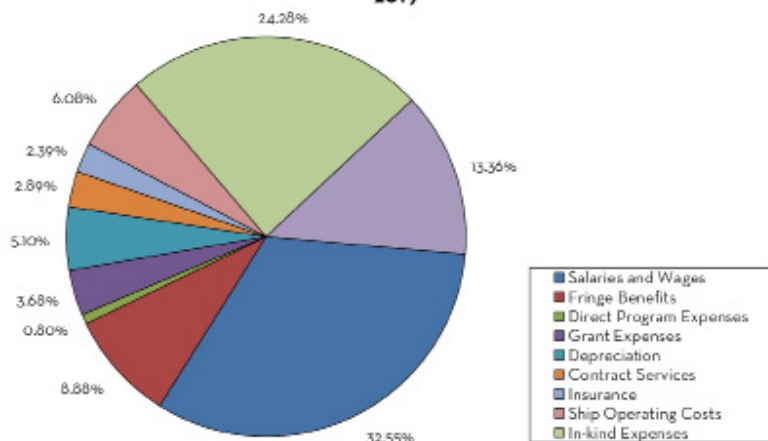
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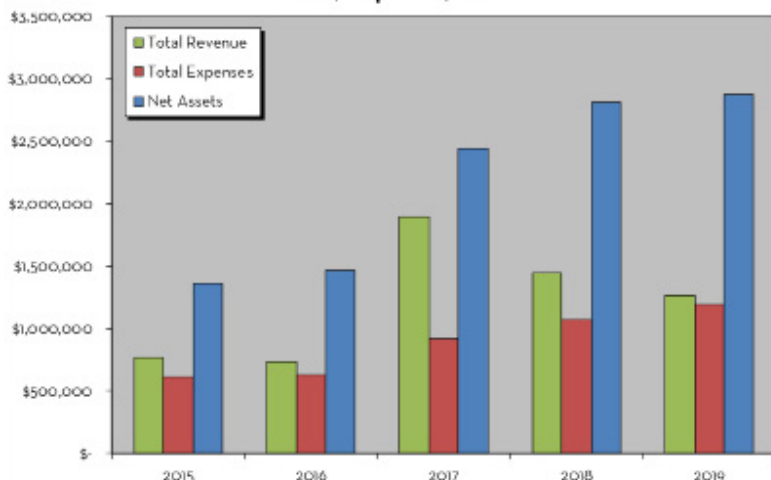
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Revenues
2019**



**Inland Seas Education Association
Expenses
2019**



**Inland Seas Education Association
Total Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets**



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