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PRESQUE ISLE LIGHT STATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission



To shine a light on Erie's maritime history by providing engaging and inclusive public access and educational programming to the Presque Isle, North Pier and Land lighthouses for today's visitors and preserving the historic structures and their stories for future generations.



Board of Directors 2025

OFFICERS

Greg Henning, President

Eric Dahlstrand, Vice President

Amanda Spaeder, Treasurer

Becky Weiser, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

Holly Best, ex-officio

Jon Connole

Jim Hall

Emily Aloiz

Steve Hyde

Tom New

Steve Srnka

Hannah Moran

Geoff Domowicz

Ryan Astemborski



Staff Members

Averie Shaughnessy-Comfort
Executive Director

Deborah Lohr
Gift Shop & Events Manager

Rose Pregler
Site Manager and Curator

Kimberly McMahon
Site Manager and Development Manager

Sonya Kokus
Interpretation Assistant

Kate Kelly
Office Assistant

Derek Smith
Maintenance Associate

Interns 2025
Lauren Vargo, Helena Messenger, Sonya Kokus



Committees



Executive

Greg Henning, President
Eric Dahlstrand, Vice President
Amanda Spaeder, Treasurer
Becky Weiser. Secretary

Building and Grounds

Eric Dahlstrand, Chair
Emily Aloiz
Jim Hall
Steve Hyde
STAFF: Averie Shaughnessy-Comfort

Education

Becky Weiser, Chair
Melinda Meyer
Hannah Moran
Greg Henning
Vince DiMichele
Patti Rial
Holly Best
STAFF: Kim McMahon, Sonya Kokus, Rosie Pregler,
Averie Shaughnessy-Comfort

Committees



Finance

Amanda Spaeder, Chair

Ryan Astemborski

Greg Henning

Steve Srnka

STAFF: Averie Shaughnessy-Comfort

Personnel and Governance

Tom New, Chair

Geoff Domowicz

Jon Connole

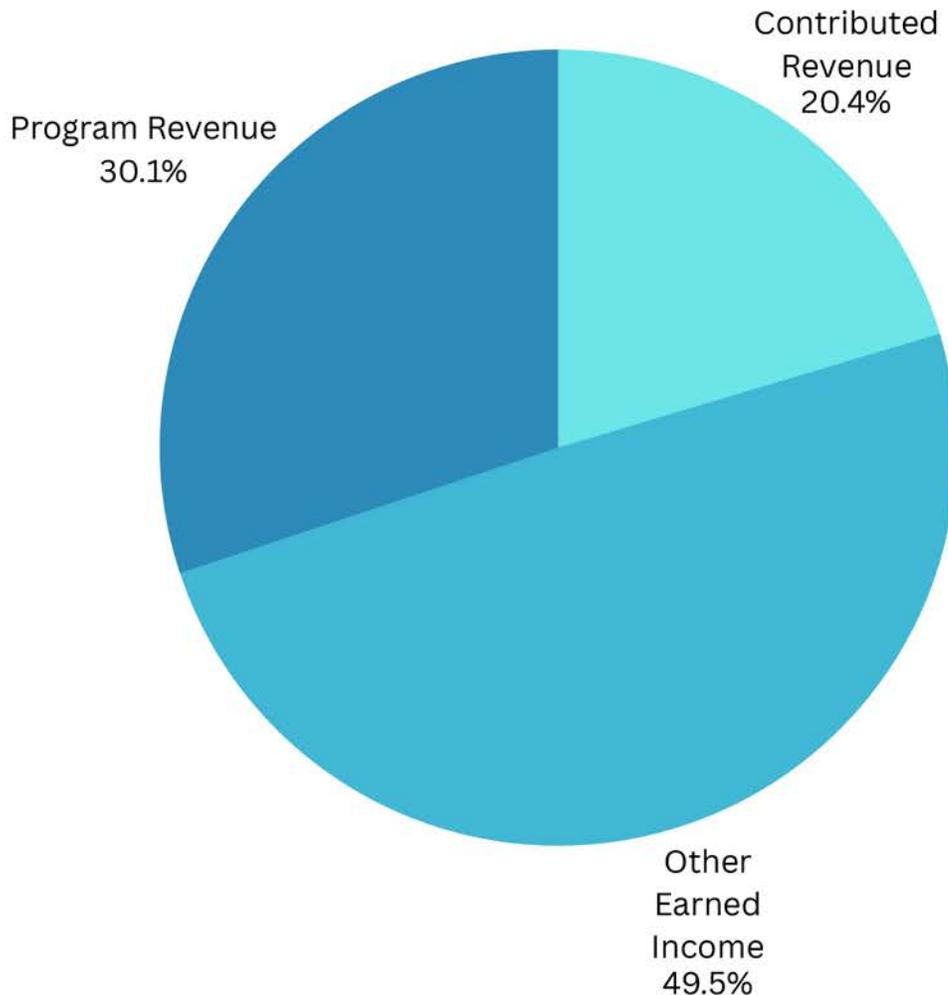
Greg Henning

STAFF: Averie Shaughnessy-Comfort



Year At A Glance

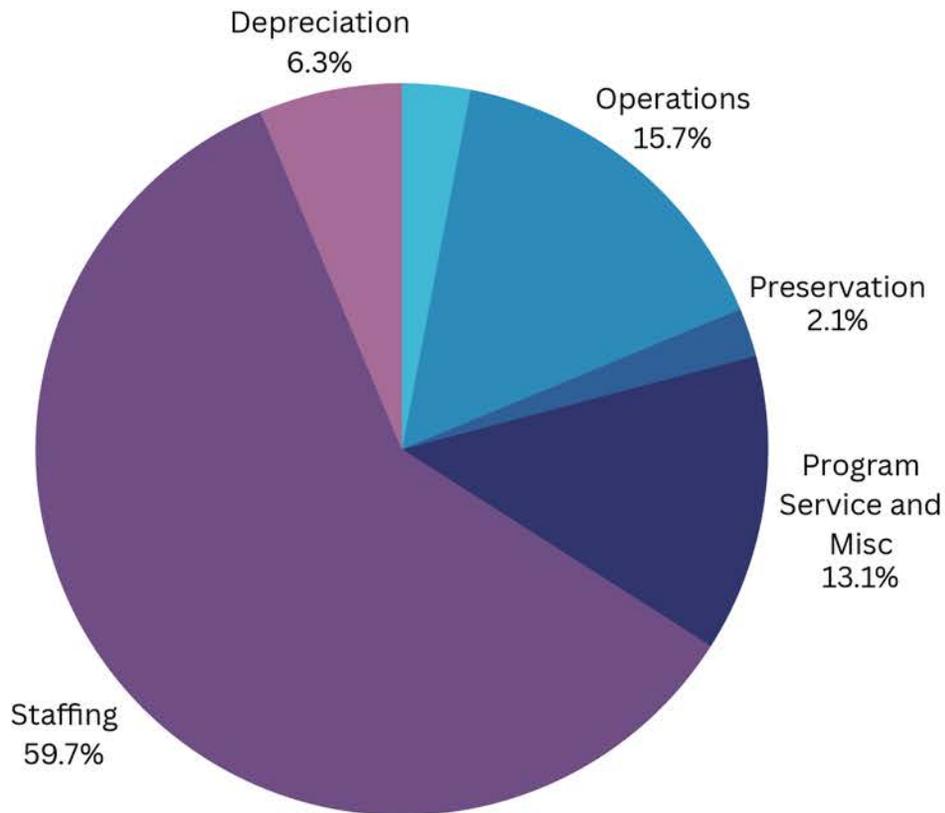
2025: Income \$357,633



- **Contributed Revenue** (donations, sponsorships, memberships, grants)
- **Program Revenue** (tours, community programs)
- **Other Earned Revenue** (rentals, gift shop)

Year At A Glance

2025: Expenses \$395,551



- Staffing - 3 FT, 2 PT and 3 Interns
- Fundraising - Event expenses, appeal
- Operations - Overhead, General Operating
- Preservation - Maintenance of Presque Isle and Land Lighthouse
- Program Service and Misc. - Community Programs, retail items
- **Depreciation - Non-cash expense**

Corporate Support

Erie Insurance

Erie Community Foundation

Creative Imprint Systems

Great Lakes Insurance

Highmark

UPMC Health Plan

WABTEC

Preservation Erie

Sponsors and In-Kind Donors

- Erie Ale Works
- Erie Distillery
- 6 Mile Cellars
- Erie Zoo
- Crayola
- Buffalo AKG Museum
- Pittsburgh Steelers
- Buffalo Bills
- Heinz History Center
- Holden Gardens and Arboretum
- Erie Seawolves

Sponsors and In-Kind Support

- Erie Unknown
- Andrew Huzar
- Brian Payne
- Cheryl Johnson
- Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture
- Werner Books and Coffee
- Johno Prascak and Maria DeSimone Prascak
- National Aviary
- Hagen History Center
- Scott Enterprises
- Sheetz
- Sara's Restaurant
- Erie Food Tours
- expERIENCE Children's Museum
- American Red Cross

Fast Facts

- Free Event Attendance: 1,066
- Youth and Groups - Individuals Served: 300
- Erie Gives 2025 Total: \$18,044

Grantors



**Historic Preservation Grants
Cultural Support Grant**



Safety - First Aid and CPR Training Supplies



Special Events 2025

Grantors



Marketing Support

Partners

PA DCNR, Presque Isle State Park
Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Presque Isle Partnership
Presque Isle Audobon
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
Regional Science Consortium
Erie Maritime Museum
Erie County Public Library
Penn State Master Gardeners
VisitErie
Smiley's Ice Cream
Eerie Unknown
Andrew Huzar
Brian Payne

NAVIGATING PERIL

Lake Erie's Shipwrecks & Beacons

Exhibit Opening Reception &
Film Premiere Launch

Saturday, August 23 - 6pm to 9pm



Strategic Plan

In 2022, the Board of Directors approved a 3-year strategic plan serving through 2025 focusing on these goals:

1. Preserve, maintain, and restore Erie's historic lighthouses
2. Engage the community, region, and tourists in Erie's historic lighthouses
3. Develop organizational capacity for management of all 3 lighthouses
4. Ensure financial sustainability

In 2026, we will be working on revising our strategic plan and updating our mission statement.

The Future

The Light Station plans to expand its mission. We have succeeded in becoming the steward of all three historic lights in Erie, PA after acquiring the Erie Harbor Pierhead Light (North Pier Light) in June of 2025.

This site, in combination with the other two, have the potential to be nationally significant and a source of great local pride. We have three audio tours for all three sites and we plan to further expand our educational programming to encompass the stories of the North Pier Light along with our Presque Isle Lighthouse and Erie Land Lighthouse.

Our staff and board work diligently to preserve and interpret these important sites to inspire community pride, drive economic growth in the region, and welcome tourists and lighthouse enthusiasts.

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