

ANPR business meeting
Sunday, October 22, 2017
Ranger Rendezvous 40, Estes Park, CO

In attendance: Jan, Tom, Marin, Will, Cadence, Jamie, Ben

Not in attendance: Kat, Nick, Scott, Kate

Note: 11 voting members – quorum is 60% or 7 members

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am MT

General announcements:

- Don't forget to fill out and submit your RR evaluations.
- Please let board members know of possible future RR sites – we'll need four conference rooms at the site and the ability to do raffles.

Nominations for upcoming board vacancies:

- Internal Communications – Elsa Hansen
- Education and Training – Ahmed Toure (withdrawn after Kayla Sanders nominated)
- Strategic Planning – Jonathan Shafer
- Treasurer – Tom Banks (withdrawn after Bill Wade nominated)

Additional nominations will be taken until November 30th.

Sites for future rendezvous:

- Bob Krumenaker nominated the Apostle Islands/Great Lakes region in mid-October. Georjean was also enthusiastic about this location.
- Bill Wade mentioned concern about low attendance at past north Midwest locations.
- Jamie mentioned the New England area.
- Brian Forist nominated the Indiana Dunes area.
- Other suggestions included NCTC/Harpers Ferry, Hot Springs, Plymouth/Boston.
- When we choose the locations, we need to play up the surrounding park units in the magazine to better entice members into attending.
- Bill reminded all that the marketing info we request must show costs to include average airfares and room rates.
- Scott McElveen has offered to help with the research.
- Tom Cherry has conference/hotel group connections he could share.

Question posed – what has ANPR done for you lately?

- In order to retain members and gain members, we need to market ourselves better – what can ANPR provide someone for the membership fee they pay?
- Hannah Malvin mentioned coordination with the Employee Resources Groups (ERGs) for recruitment.

- Ed Rizzoto is considering offering a gift membership to the Boston area superintendents.
- Jan asked the membership for creative ideas to up membership and perhaps a revamping of membership fees which might include a student rate as well.

Communications:

- Georjean McKeeman reminded us to make sure that any info the board wants to share with the membership gets into both the newsletter and the magazine.

Updates from the board:

President (Jan):

- We had a successful six-hour board meeting earlier in the week and some of the topics will come again in this one.
- Bruce McKeeman made a motion to use the ~\$32K in the Wells Fargo account for scholarships for ANPR members to attend the 9th WRC in Nepal in 2019. Bill Wade seconded the motion and there was a good deal of discussion. It was mentioned that typically approximately 45% of WRC attendees are from the host country. There is currently no cap on how many people could attend from any one country. Jan stated that we would give this further discussion in a future board meeting call.

Treasurer (Tom):

- ANPR received \$100K from World Ranger Congress (WRC) in 2016 which is in our investment fund. We may eventually seek proposals to spend that part of that money. In the meantime, it generates dividends to help support general expenses of ANPR. Big thanks to Bob, Meg, and Bruce (WRC 2016 leadership).
- We'll have various campaigns coming up to raise funds – these include Supernaugh scholarships and fall fund campaign.
- Our profit/loss statement showed a loss of \$3,850, as is typical this time of the fiscal year before our fall fund campaign and January membership renewals. The profit/loss statements for the last three years are printed and available to view.
- Earned at RR: \$1,179.00 on raffle, \$2069.74 on the silent auction, and \$812 for Supernaugh scholarships.

Secretary (Marin):

- Working to make sure we have the most current bylaws available for member viewing.
- Tom, Marin and Scott drafted three policy documents that need finalizing and posting – travel and expense reimbursement, document retention, and conflict of interest.

Special concerns (Ben):

- Asked the membership to let him know if you come across info on issues that are important to the organization and to the NPS.
- Jeff Karraker suggested looking at the Indivisibles organization (www.indivisible.org) as they are actively tracking issues, bills, movements, etc.