

ANPR Business Meeting

BOD meeting (Annual meeting at Ranger Rendezvous XXXIV)

Addressing the Membership

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Crowne Plaza Hotel @ Williamsburg, VA

Call to Order: President Stacy Allen

An Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Williamsburg, VA on October 10-14, 2011. The meeting re-convened on October 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Board Members Attending:

Stacy Allen, President
Paula Alexander, Secretary
Rebecca Harriett
Jan Lemons
Amy Gilbert
Liam Strain
Alison Steiner
Scot McElveen

BOD members not present: Jessica Korhut, Jennifer Champagne (Treasurer), and Jason Allen

Other Attendees: approximately 30 ANPR members present

Quorum present

New Business:

Purpose of this meeting/Presentation of Board Positions Open for Nominations:

President Stacy Allen informed the membership that this session is the time for members to bring business concerns to the board. This is an election year with four positions open for nominations: Treasurer, Education and Training, Internal Communication, and Strategic Planning. These positions will be open for one week upon close of Ranger Rendezvous, they will close on October 21. Please submit bio and why you believe you would like to do business on behalf of the organization.

World Ranger Congress

Background information from ANPR members and International Ranger Federation members shared with the board and association members.

Motion: Moved by Meg Weesner that:

1. ANPR submit a proposal for hosting the International Ranger Federation's 8th World Ranger Congress in 2015 or 2016; and
2. That if selected, ANPR accepts the selection as the host ranger association; and
3. If selected, that a task group be formed to organize the Congress.

Tim Moore seconded the motion.

Motion is open for discussion.

Discussion of the motion:

Liam: Speaking as a board member in favor. Suggested breaking into 3 separate motions. Membership should have the opportunity evaluate the conditions and deal with the situations as they come.

Kathy Williams: Problem of breaking up the motion. We need to keep it together and back it. We have enthusiastic people and the opportunity to discuss. This is a step by step process. A once in a lifetime chance.

Helen Scully: IRF? Who is it? How do other countries define rangers? Who will be the presenters?

Stacy Allen: The term "ranger" is a standard broad iconic, generic term for a person in uniform working at the park. At the entrance station, administration, etc. To the visiting public, everyone who works at the park is a ranger. People from various backgrounds as well as members of their countries association may present.

Meg Weesner: The Notion that LE officers are rangers is the exception not the rule in other countries. A ranger is an educator or scientist in other countries.

Deanne Adams: Each ranger association decides who can join. Many countries are strict on who can be a member.

Ted Underhill: We are stewards of our parks. We have the opportunity to show what parks can be. The National Parks are "America's best idea". We ought to support and bring this to the world.

Amy Gilbert: This is an opportunity to work with other rangers all over the world. 2016 is a huge year for us. Bring people in and share the passion. We have motivated and dedicated people in this room and organization. This is an experience that all here can value and in the corporate setting we can get partners out there and sponsorships may be hard or easy but with time and effort we can do this.

Gordon Miller: 300 privileged people attending the previous congress. This is a chance to work alongside others and share wealth of experience to developing countries.

Stacy: Question directed to Liam Strain regarding his caution. If we submit the nomination it is with the promise that we fully accept the job.

Liam: The implication is that we would follow through with it. The other 2 motions are unnecessary. Not prudent for the organization.

Deanne Adams: One recommendation to amend. If the IRF accepts and says yes then we work on agreement.

Liam: Implied application that ANPR will carry through and there would then be negotiations. If offered we must accept without the agreement process. Just leave the first part of the motion but leave out the 2nd and 3rd.

Ed Rizzotto: Recognizes Liam's concern. Don't know what will happen. Don't know the details, or even the economy. This could be a chance for other countries to see us, join with us and share with us. No need to worry about getting it done. This is no different from committing the next year's Ranger Rendezvous. It will come together.

Motion Amended: Moved by Tony Sisto that:

1. ANPR submit a proposal for hosting the International Ranger Federation's 8th World Ranger Congress in 2015 or 2016; and
2. If selected, that a task group be formed to organize the Congress.

(Keep 1 and 3. Not accepting something we haven't seen.)

Meg Weesner seconded the motion.

Motion open for discussion.

Discussion:

Liam: 100% agrees with motion as read.

Stacy: Since a quorum is present (7 of 11 voting members are present) I will entertain a vote on the motion at this time. The vote is unanimous.

After amendment, a motion by Tony Sisto was adopted, "that ANPR submit a proposal for hosting the International Ranger Federation's 8th World Ranger Congress in 2015 or 2016; and if selected, that a task group be formed to organize the Congress."

Motion carried

Stacy: Motion to suspend.

Meg seconded the motion.

The meeting was suspended.

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Announcements:

Cat Davis of Pendleton Oregon asking for ANPR retirees (airfare and lodging provided) presenters to provide programs in their library. They are invited to fulfill her desire for more educational programming for the Pendleton area.

New Business:

ANPR 2011 elections

Stacy: There are four positions are coming to full term at the close of this year. The election period is open through Ranger Rendezvous until October 21 at midnight. We are entertaining nominations from the floor at this time. Written nominations for any further nominations can be made. Those who accept the nomination and provide a write up with credentials, biography, and reason, then the ballot is made up and sent out.

Nominations for the position of Education and Training:

Demmy Vigil nominated Roger Anderson. Seconded by Liam Strain (Demmy will coerce him into submitting paperwork.)

Nominations for the position of Internal Communication:

Kendell Thompson nominated Jeremy Kaufman. Seconded by Tim Moore.

Nominations for the position of Strategic Planning:

Emily Thompson nominated Alison Stiner. Seconded by Jin Prugsawan.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer:

Jamie Bertram was nominated by Tim Moore. Seconded by Liz Roberts.

Reminder that the positions are still open for nomination through October 21. Sessions can still be called open through the end of Ranger Rendezvous. After Ranger Rendezvous ends paper nominations are accepted. Self nomination is permitted.

Ranger Rendezvous 35

Jan Lemons suggested getting a work group for Ranger Rendezvous 35. She would like to be a part of planning. Stacy mentioned that Ashley Berry will be a part of this event as well. The core team will be established by the end of November. Demmy Vigil suggested someone close by the location assist with Ranger Rendezvous 35. Jeff Ohlfs has committed to assist with the planning.

Stacy: Motion to suspend.

The meeting suspended at 11:15.

Call to Order: President Stacy Allen

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Old Business

ANPR 2011 elections

Stacy asked for any additional nominations for vacant board positions.

Nominations for the position of Internal Communication and Strategic Planning:

Demmy Vigil nominated Tod Underhill.

(Stacy insisted on waiting to let Tod decide on which position he would be interested in. Tod could potentially be elected for both positions.)

Seconded by Kurt Topham.

New Business

Clair Roberts asked about the location for 2013 Ranger Rendezvous. Stacy Allen named potential locations, i.e. San Antonio, New Orleans, Mobile, Nashville, Memphis, and St. Louis. He also stated that Miramonte Resort and Spa is looking into conference locations for the 36th Ranger Rendezvous.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.