



**Office of the President
Association of National Park Rangers
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Re: 2012 Rick Gale President's Award

Often the work performed for the benefit of all by individual members our organization receives no recognition. These individuals work quietly, tirelessly, and so proficiently their service is taken for granted. And perhaps that is how these individuals might wish it to be! They simply, out of a selfless desire to help, and with a deep sense of responsibility, perform and produce, not thinking about recognition, but do so for the consideration of others – their fellow members of the Association of National Park Rangers.

In most instances when this award is presented, it is done so to rightly recognize an individual whose contributions on the behalf and benefit of ANPR have covered many years of membership and service. Indeed, it is an award named for another member of our 35-year old Association who gave freely of their time, leadership skills, and experience to ensure ANPR developed into a professional organization comprised of stewards who serve and advocate for parks, visitors and each other. This year marks an exception to this practice, as we select to recognize the contributions demonstrated by one of the younger members of our Association. They are contributions that in a short brief period of time have materially assisted this organization to conduct business and move forward in our collective mission to be the best stewards we can strive to potentially be.

For the past two years, **Alison Steiner** has provided ANPR and its entire membership with such service as she consistently steps forward to tackle various business tasks for the Association. These include helping to craft, coordinate, and conduct now successful efforts to create a National Park Service employee oral history database. It is a compelling and meaningful stewardship effort that ANPR is partnering with National Park Service historians and the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees to produce and expand. Alison has worked closely with ANPR web-editor and business office manager Teresa Ford to implement innovative ANPR website redevelopment ideas; spent long tedious hours processing membership renewals; and has assumed a lead role in helping to coordinate, program and arrange annual Ranger Rendezvous activities.

In her service on the board of directors, Alison directs her talents, skills, and efforts to not only initiate business and projects for the benefit of the organization, but more importantly, she follows through on them, performing the work herself, even though she has a busy professional and personal schedule. She continues to push to reorganize the Association, and the manner in which we conduct our business practices, to be far more representative and effective in its advocacy for all employees and volunteers in the Second Century. She is an effective communicator, both internally and externally, and this is accomplished in spite of the fact that she is routinely assigned backcountry duties that carry her to remote national park locations where

communications, both by telephone and other social media technologies are extremely limited or otherwise nonexistent.

Alison Steiner is, quite simply, a breath of fresh air to our organization—representative of a core of younger members now poised to take full responsibility for and leadership of this Association. We need more members like them—who unselfishly give personal time, effort, and talents in large proportions—we need more members like Alison Steiner.

Therefore, in my capacity as President of the Association of National Park Rangers, I am extremely proud to present the **2012 ANPR Rick Gale President’s Award to Alison Steiner, “In recognition of Your Dedication and Outstanding Contributions to the Association of National Park Rangers.”**

Thank you Alison!

Stacy D. Allen
President, ANPR