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President's Message

I was very pleased and yet humbled to be sworn in as president of the association at the Recreation Rendezvous 2001 in Wasilla on September 21. Over the next year I will be striving to move ARPA in the direction, that you, the members, would like to see it go.

What a great conference! Hats off to Warren and his staff – and to everyone else involved helping to put the event together. A special thank you to and to Dee Dee Jonrowe and Governor Knowles for their support and inspiration. I heard lots of compliments about this year's program sessions and the venue. I know we are all appreciative and looking forward to Homer in 2002.

I mentioned earlier that I was humbled by the prospect of leading this outstanding and professional organization over the next year. In retrospect, I am reassured by the fact that we have many, many talented and dedicated members among us who can be counted to be there whenever they may be needed. Many of them were recognized for their outstanding service at the Awards ceremony, while others received recognition at the NRPA National in Denver. Congratulations to Janie West, Professional Service Award; Warren Templin, Bob Robertson Service Award; Ron Crenshaw, Bob Robertson Service Award; Ryan (Ziek) McFarland Young Professional Award. Nancy Peterson received the prestigious Meritorious Service from the American Recreation and Park Society while in Denver in early October and Wendie Marriot was elected to the National Board of Directors.

Two of my goals when I announced for office last year were to help get the Park Maintenance Section established and to broaden our membership to include more representatives from our fellow professionals in state and federal organizations. I am pleased to report that Park Maintenance became an official section of the Alaska Recreation and Park Association during the conference. Karl Kassel was elected chair of the section and Warren Templin is the Vice Chair. Chris Mishmash is the Secretary/Treasurer. At large members are Dan Chagnon, and Bob Frates.

I just spoke with Janie West, Chair of the Membership committee and she informed me that we have recently added 50 new members to the Association, bring our total membership to 166. I would like to specially thank Bill Overbaugh for encouraging 22 new members from BLM.

Your board meets in Anchorage on January 12, 2002. Contact me or any board member and let us know if there are items or issues that you would like us to discuss. If your community has special needs in the aftermath of September 11, I would urge you to visit www.parkyourheart.org to share your needs and efforts with others throughout the nation.

Sincerely, Earl J. Wiese

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Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic Torch Relay for the Salt Lake Winter Olympics is coming to Juneau on January 24, 2002. Wendie Marriot, the Unalaska Parks & Recreation Director, has been selected as a Olympic Torch Bearer.

Deadline for submitting
 information for the next
 edition of the
FLASH
 is December 16, 2001.

**PROPOSED
ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR OUTDOOR DEVELOPED AREAS**

(Web address: <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-recrpt.htm>)

**Report: Published Sep. 1999 with 90 days public comment period
Access Board will publish the standards at a later date**

APPLICATION OF PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

16.1 Newly designed or constructed and altered portions of trails and access routes must comply with this section

CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW DEPARTURE FROM PROVISIONS:

1. Where compliance would cause substantial harm to cultural, religious, or significant natural features or characteristics.
2. Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or purpose of the facility, or portion of the facility.
3. Where compliance would require construction methods or materials that are prohibited by Federal, State, or local regulations or statutes.
4. Where compliance would not be feasible due to terrain or the prevailing construction practices.

TRAILS

Definition: A route that is designed, designated, or constructed for recreational pedestrian use or provided as a pedestrian alternative to vehicular routes within a transportation system.

DESIGNATED TRAILHEAD

Definition: A designated point of access that may contain a parking area, information kiosks, restrooms, water hydrants, and may be reached by vehicular or pedestrian access.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

- 16.2.1 Surface must be firm and stable.
- 16.2.2 Clear trail tread width must be 36 inches minimum.
- 16.2.3 All openings must be no larger than 1/2 inch.
- 16.2.4 No protruding objects on trails, must have 80 inches minimum clear head room.
- 16.2.5 Tread obstacles shall not exceed 2 inches.
- 16.2.6 If trail width is less than 60 inches, passing space must be provided at 1,000 foot intervals.
- 16.2.7 Slopes
 - 16.2.7.1 Maximum cross slope of trail not to exceed 1:20 (5%).
 - 16.2.7.1.1.1 No more than 30% of the total trail length may exceed a 1:12 (8.3%) slope.
 - 16.2.7.1.1.2 Running slope shall be 1:20 (5%) or less (normally).
 - 16.2.7.1.1.2.1 Running slope shall be a maximum of 1:12 (8.3%) for 200 feet maximum resting intervals at 200 feet.
 - 16.2.7.1.1.2.2 Running slope shall be a maximum of 1:10 (10%) for 30 feet maximum, resting intervals at 30 feet.
 - 16.2.7.1.1.2.3 Running slope shall be a maximum of 1:8 (12.5%) for 10 feet maximum, resting intervals at 10 feet.
 - 16.2.8 Resting intervals shall be 60 inches wide with a slope less than 1:20 (5%).
 - 16.2.9 No edge protection is required along trails, if provided must be 3 inches.
 - 16.2.10 Accessible trails must have a symbol at trailhead and all access points. Sign shall identify distance to first point trail departs from technical provisions.

**HOW THE ADA WILL
EFFECT TRAILS**

Submitted by Paul F. Sandhofer

Over the past few years most multi-use trails have been constructed under the guidelines of the U.S. Forest Service under their Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) system. This philosophy analyzes the activities, settings, and experiences and allows a wide variety of levels of accessibility. Generally the ROS suggests an increasing level of challenge as a person with a disability travels from the trailhead. The ROS concept will change in the near future when trails fall under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

The Access Board has published "Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas". This publication proposes new standards for numerous outdoor activities including newly designed or constructed and altered portions of trails and access routes. When adopted, this regulation will trigger extensive changes in methods of building new trails and alterations to any existing trail. While paving of firm and stable trails is not required, the clear tread width must be a minimum of 36 inches and passing space must be provided every 1,000 feet on minimum width trails. Most Alaskan trails travel up or down some type of grade so resting areas must be constructed. Level resting areas must be provided at designated distances depending on the grade of the trail. Access routes to picnic areas, camping areas, and trailheads also have proposed standards that are more restrictive than the requirements for trails.

Now is the time to check your trails and review their construction in the light of these new proposed standards. The Access Board has allowed departure from the provisions under certain circumstances that may not trigger any changes for your trails. The proposed standards and the exceptions may be reviewed on the web at www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-rec-rpt.htm.

OUTDOOR RECREATION ACCESS ROUTES

Definition: The outdoor recreation access route is a continuous unobstructed path designated for pedestrian use that connects accessible elements within a picnic area, camping area, or designated trailhead.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

- 16.3.1 Surface must be firm and stable.
- 16.3.2 Clear tread width must be 36 inches minimum.
- 16.3.3 All openings must be less than 1/2 inch. Exception: 1/4 inch opening parallel to travel.
- 16.3.4 No protruding objects.
- 16.3.5 Tread obstacles may not exceed 1 inch.
- 16.3.6 If path is less than 60 inches passing space must be provided at 200-foot intervals
- 16.3.7 Slope, 1:33 (3%) maximum cross slope.
- 16.3.7.1 Running slope 1 20 (5%) or less.
- 16.3.7.2 Running slope 1 12 (8.3%) for 50 feet maximum, resting areas at 50 feet.
- 16.3.7.3 Running slope 1 10 (10%) for 30 feet maximum, resting areas at 30 feet.
- 16.3.8 Resting intervals to be 60 inches in width with a maximum slope of 1:33 (3%).
- 16.3.9 If edge protection is provided it must be 3 inches in height.

CAMPING SPACES

NUMBER	ACCESSIBLE SPACES
1	1
2 to 25	2
26 to 50	3
51 to 75	4

WARMING HUTS: Must be accessible.

**Park Maintenance
Section News**

The new Park Maintenance Section got off to a great start at the Recreation Rendezvous in Wasilla. Courtesy of Warren Templin, there was a fine array of parks oriented sessions at the conference, and all sessions were well attended. Elections for officers were conducted with the results being: Karl Kassel, Chair; Warren Templin, Vice-Chair; Chris Mishmash, Sec./Tres.; Bob Frates and Dan Chagnon, At-Large Board Members.

The group discussed hosting an educational workshop in the spring to offer a training opportunity for ARPA folks, and to try and draw in some new members. It was decided that a program specific to ballfield maintenance was sorely needed and provided the potential to draw in staff from school districts and volunteers from user groups. The weekend of April 20 & 21, 2002 has been selected as the time to present the workshop in Fairbanks. Topics will include: turf care, infield maintenance, equipment and tools-of-the-trade, and more. Stay tuned for future hot press releases in the next Flash. (That will be a hot Flash)

The new Park Maintenance Section promises to be a fun, exciting, and professional group to work with. (Many of the members are outstanding in their fields.) The humble Board estimates that it will soon be the largest section in ARPA. Join the big league, and make sure your maintenance division is represented at the ballfield workshop in April, and plan to bring a friend.

Michael Phillips, NRPA Public Policy

President Bush signed H.R. 2217 into public law (pl 107-63) on November 5. All FY 2002 amounts are the same as previously announced. \$144 million for LWCF with \$4 million for administration purposes, so \$140 million for state and local matching grants. LWCF has an increase of \$50 million. State apportionments are available through public policy or www.nrpa.org. The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery funding is \$30 million the same as last year (FY 2001).

More bills are up for completion shortly, to get the most up to date information DATE-LINE, in the Public Policy section of the website, is the best place to direct individuals or directly to the D.C. office. If you come across individuals that you know have advocated on behalf of LWCF and UPARR please thank them and let them know that their efforts are instrumental in this year's positive outcome.

**Alaska Recreation and
Park Association
Committees and Chairperson**

Education & Training: Bob Robertson & Dave Patterson

Membership: Janie West

Publications: Jerry Walton

Awards: Bob Frates

Nominations: Jeff Hawley

Legislation:

State & Local: Jim Stratton

National: Nancy Peterson

Constitution & By-laws: Jeff Hawley

Historical: Bob Robertson

Conference Host: Daryl Farrens

Publicity/Public Relations: Helen Clough

Benefits: Jeff Hawley

Intern: Nancy Peterson

Board & Commissions: Bob Robertson

Logo: Kim Kiefer

Scholarship: Karin Sturdy

Certification & Prof Development: Wendie Marriott

Web Page: Zieak McFarland-Young

Individuals and Industry Honored at ARPA Conference

Janie West-Professional Award

Janie is the Recreation and Facility Supervisor for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department and has been in the Park and Recreation field for 19 years. She is a 5 year member of the Association, has served on several committees and has been in charge of the ARPA Membership Program for 5 years. Thanks Janie!



Ryan (Zieak) McFarland-Young

Ryan is the Petersburg Parks and Recreation Director and one of the youngest Directors ever hired. Ryan has been an ARPA member for a couple years and is responsible for the ARPA web page and was recently elected by his peers to Chair the Youth Section for ARPA.

Warren Templin-Bob Robertson Service Award

Warren is the Recreation Specialist with the Matanuska Susitna Borough Parks and has been in the Parks and Recreation field for 22 years. He is a life member of the ARPA. Warren helped form the ARPA and is Chairman of the Maintenance Section of ARPA this past year. He has contributed substantially his time in different programs of the ARPA and served on several committees.



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what?



Ron Crenshaw-Bob Robertson Service Award

Ron is the Chief of Marine Recreation and Trails for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in State Parks. He has been in the field of Parks and Recreation for 25 years and a member of the ARPA for 18 years. His service to ARPA consisted of being the President Elect, President, Past President and he served on the board of Directors and other various committees and programs. He was a Park Commissioner for the Greater Anchorage Borough in 1975 and 1976. He is the founder and President of the Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition and has been involved in programs both in his community and with ARPA.

Phillips Petroleum Company received the Distinguished Service Award

This award was presented for their contributions to parks, recreation, and conservation on the Kenai Peninsula. Peter Micciche and Gina Luckey accepted the award on behalf of Phillips Petroleum.



Nancy receiving her National ARPS Meritorious Service Award at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference in Denver.

YOUTH SECTION REPORT

Lisa Deane and **Wendie Marriott** have just completed their term as the Youth Section chair and vice-chair positions, respectively. We would like to thank all those who have assisted us during the past two years in helping to serve you better. We are very pleased to announce that your new board of representatives for this section include:

Zieak McFarland	Petersburg	Chair	(907) 772-4224
Ken Zueger	Unalaska	Vice Chair	(907) 581-1297
Shari Aldemann	Seward	Secretary/Treasurer	(907) 224-4051

This will be **Shari's** second term as Secretary/Treasurer for the youth section. Your new board is very motivated and knowledgeable in current youth issues. They have a number of great ideas and ARPA is very fortunate to have such strong representation from three very distinct areas of the state.

We encourage you to contact your new board members should you have any concerns or ideas. Your new representatives are responsible for setting up educational sessions for the annual ARPA conference and being your voice for legislative issues. The section also has the option of organizing a spring or summer educational opportunity.

Again, it has been a pleasure serving on the ARPA board for the past two to four years. We leave you in excellent hands as our profession and services become more necessary and important than ever before. And always remember to ***Discover the Benefits!***

APRS Report

As your newly elected representative for the American Parks and Recreation Society, I will have the opportunity to represent the State of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest Region in NRPA's largest branch. Other states in the PNW Region include Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho. The other two representatives from our region are Jerry Sepich from Great Falls, Montana and Greg Jones from Medford, Oregon. Our job is to be your voice for our parent organization and for legislative initiatives that affect our profession. In addition, I will serve on the publications committee (specifically the "Bright Ideas" section of Keeping You Current), the educational section (which awards small scholarships for speakers at state or regional conferences), and the Congress Planning committee (which nominates topics and speakers for the NRPA congress). I look forward to serving our fine state for the next three years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. And thank you for the support that ARPA has given me over the many years!

Wendie Marriott, Director Parks, Culture and Recreation Department
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What was I thinking?

I could have and probably should have written something up to be published in the FLASH! If only I had the time and energy. I keep saying I will but never get around to doing it.

Look at this! What is it filler? Here is all this wasted available space. I could have made much better use of this space. I could have thanked a volunteer or co-worker for doing an outstanding job. I could have taken this opportunity to tell the rest of Alaska about my community and the programs and activities that are offered. Anything would be better than this lame article.

Why bother? No one wants to hear what I have to say. They will think I'm an fool or maybe even illiterate. Which is worse? Wait a minute what am I saying? I can spell and construct a sentence better than most of these people. Maybe I am a fool for not contributing something.

Now if I had really thought about it I could use this publication to attract visitor, help promote my organization and maybe increase revenue for my community or business. Look what has happened in Unalaska. All those photos and articles, I bet that helped change peoples perception of Unalaska. If I invested just a little time and effort, I could be a hero!

(related story in the Flash Pan)

2002

ARPA Conference

Although Homer may be at the end of the road, there is no better place to practice the three Rs: REJUVENATE, RECHARGE, RECREATE. Join us by the Bay at Land's End Resort, September 18-21 for the 2002 conference. For more info and/or to schedule a session con-

Up Coming Events

Mar 5-8, 2002	Administrator's Academy	Port Townsend, WA
Mar 7-12, 2002	National Aquatic Conference	Palm Springs, CA
Mar 11-14, 2002	AK Wilderness Recreation & Tourism Association Conference	Fairbanks, AK
Mar 20-22, 2002	National Playground Safety Institute	Tuckwila, WA
April 1-7, 2002	Alaska Sports Show & ARPA Outdoor Recreation Summit on Motorized Recreation with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)	Anchorage, AK.
April 16-19, 2002	Washington Recreation & Parks Association Conference	Wenatchee, WA

ALASKA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday September 19, 2001

Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla, AK

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at about 7:00 p.m. by president Karin Sturdy.
- III. **Approval of Board Minutes** - Nancy moved, and Earl seconded a motion to approve minutes of Friday, April 27, 2001 as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Nancy moved, Helen seconded, motion passed to approve agenda as amended.
- V. **Unfinished Business**

A. Annual Conferences

1. **2001** - Warren reported that 205 people were registered with \$30,500 collected so far. Seven were in the CPO course; 11 signed up for the field trip on Friday, 4 paid for the raft trip though only one went. Warren estimates that there will be about \$10,000 "profit" from the conference to be available for other ARPA activities in the future.

2. **2002** - Homer, Joint with AACE - Daryl Farrens: Tim Daugherty is the program chair. Daryl will contact the section chairs for representation on the program committee. The board requested that Daryl have the program chair attend the education and training committee meeting in January. Karin will get Daryl a list of the new section chairs. We need an ARPA liaison to AACE for the meeting. Bob Robertson will provide a list of vendors. Warren Templin is contact for Green Star designation info. The board handbook has a lot of good information about putting on the annual conference. The section lunches should be on the second day for better participation. All board members should send Daryl info on ARPA "traditions" to be included in the 2002 conference. Daryl will see if the TRAAK board and maybe the new trails group would like to participate. Judy Chapman is the TRAAK board staff.

At the end of the meeting, Daryl asked about inviting the River Management Society to participate. It was also suggested that moving the conference to October would be better timing for some participants; especially those on fiscal years that begin October 1. Daryl will check into changing the date and let us know.

3. **2003** - Anchorage? John McCleary reported that we have a commitment from Anchorage to host 2003. The city would like to see us tie in the Pacific Rim connection including Russia and Canada, maybe other nations. Would like to see us tie in with other organizations. Having another trails symposium and/or meeting of the news trails group following would be a great tradition to start. Bob Robertson has Russian contacts, maybe Japan, Korea, and Australia, too. Perhaps there could be an international trails and greenways meeting in Alaska. Jack Mosby will check into it.

4. **2004** - Juneau? May 1-5 with NRPA's Board of Trustees? Rob reported that the Trustees still haven't made up their mind. The cost of transportation to Juneau is a question.

5. **2005** - Fairbanks would be a possibility.

VI. New Business

A. National Playground Safety Institute. Bob reported about 25 people have signed up. They are looking for 40 participants. Must make sure to get more people or the trainers won't want to come. It will be at the Captain Cook Hotel and the fee includes two lunches. Yesterday was the deadline but late applications will be accepted. Want to hold annually in Alaska because people need to re-certify every three years.

B. AML (Alaska Municipal League). Nancy recommended a subcommittee of Janie, Karin, and Nancy to map out specifics. We need to figure out what we want to do. The subcommittee will bring a proposal to the January board meeting. AML is open to storing our stuff. Some services would be provided at no cost and others for a fee. We could start small and get going. Bob would like to have the records stored elsewhere. If people have ideas of what services they would like from AML, talk to Janie, Nancy or Karin. We will have our display at the AML conference at the Anchorage Hilton

C. Resolution to Support Southeast Alaska Trails System (SEATrails). Jack Mosby said there is a lot of support and interest. There could be up to 20 communities and organizations signing the MOU. Zieak and Jack are both involved. Jack presented a resolution. Nancy moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the resolution. There was discussion of the resolution and all supported the concept but did not want ARPA's resolution to be used as support for grant or other funding applications where other Parks and Recreation departments/organizations would be in direct competition with SEATrails.

Earl moved, John seconded a motion to postpone the discussion. The motion passed. Jack, Helen, and John will revise the resolution for January to address board concerns and present it then.

D. Mugs, Flutes, Medallions, Silent Auction. Nancy reported that there are only a few mugs left and they were available for \$10.00. Champagne flutes and medallions are also available for \$10.00. We agreed to have the silent auction material available as soon as possible.

E. Software for ARPA web site. Zieak described a software we could purchase that would allow us to set up forums on the web site. The fee is \$160. per year. Wendy moved that ARPA purchase the software and test it for one year. John seconded the motion and it was passed.

VII. President's Report

A. Karin encouraged committee chairs to obtain committee members.

B. Karin thanked the ARPA board for the past four years together. She also thanked the committee members, section leaders, and especially those leaving service of the board: Janie West and John McCleary. Of course, Janie is leaving the board, but continues her key role as membership chair.

C. Karin reminded all that the new leadership training was scheduled for Saturday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This training is for new board members.

D. The election for two new board members, Karen Kester and Kim Kiefer, was officially certified.

VIII. Treasurer's Report. Nancy presented the treasurer's report. She thanked Jeff for helping her with the information. John moved to accept the report and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Section Reports

A. Wildlands. Bill Overbaugh reported that the Wildlands Section had nine people attend their luncheon. They plan to continue their agenda of enhancing alliances with other groups including those interested in rivers, trails, and interpretation. Wildlands has started a monthly electronic newsletter - Wildlands E-news. They will also re-establish their monthly teleconferences for the 2001-2002 term.

The Wildlands section will be sponsoring a spring summit in conjunction with the Sportsmen's show in Anchorage. We will handle the educational program. The National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council will be working with Wildlands putting together speakers, etc. This will be the first weekend in April.

On March, 14, 2002 Wildlands will sponsor a one-day workshop in conjunction with the AWRTA (Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association) meeting in Fairbanks. Marti Marshall is heading this up. The workshop is entitled Recreation and Tourism Research Looking for Common Ground and Uncommon Opportunities.

Future training topics being considered by Wildlands include carrying capacity, collaboration, role/function study – the entire recreation delivery system – restudy of one done in 1983, and business planning and prospectuses for permit holders, etc.

B. Youth Services. Lisa Deane reported that eight people attended their luncheon. Zieak McFarland is the new chair, Ken Zueger is the vice-chair, and Shari Adelman is the secretary. The Youth Services sessions have been well-attended. In late winter or early spring they hope to officer an educational session in Anchorage.

C. Aquatics. Marci Robertson reported that they worked on the field trip and hope to have more in the future. They have great opportunities for next year. The section thanked Karen Kester and Paige for helping out. Youth Services and Aquatics could collaborate as aquatics programs provide so many services to youth. Unalaska has an opening for an aquatics manager.

D. Maintenance. Warren Templin reported that they have eight sessions at the conference. Warren thanked Earl's staff for all their support. The section meeting was scheduled for Thursday night. [*Note: Karl Kassel was elected section chair Thursday.*]

X. Committee Reports

A. Education & Training – Bob Robertson reported they will meet prior to the January board meeting. No meeting at the conference. Bob encouraged board members to attend.

B. Membership - Janie West. Janie reported we have 119 members as of today. Wildlands - 31 members, Aquatics - 18 members, Therapeutic - members, Youth Services 19 members, Maintenance - 21 members. 25 members have no section affiliation. In the future Bob will send membership forms directly to Janie then Janie will forward money to Nancy. We have only two organizational members; others are agency members. They apparently didn't understand the difference.

C. Publications - the next Flash deadline is October 1. Everyone should send something to Jerry.

D. Awards - Bob reported that he will present as Bob Frates was unable to attend. They have all the awards. Bob encouraged board members to nominate people – need more interest in the awards. Need to put award form on the web page. Put awards on the agenda for January or May meeting – each board member bring names/ideas for awards.

E. Nominations - Jeff Hawley - election went well - good number of candidates. As Jeff was running for office, ballots were returned to the secretary.

F. Legislation - no report.

G. Constitution and Bylaws – Earl reported that 43 ballots were returned and all changes were adopted. The most dissenters for any item was 4. Earl also brought up the confusion over switching the membership dues date from January to October. Earl moved that we bill people for 3/4 year (at the full rate) for 2002. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

H. Historical - Bob needs pictures for the exhibit – needs prints (5 by 7). He has been too busy with other activities to finish the historical book.

I. Benefits – Jeff. The benefits program is changing. There is a new marketing firm. Jeff will attend a workshop in October at national and will have a report on the changes at the January board meeting.

J. Intern - Nancy - no one has an intern. The King Career Center in Anchorage has high school students interested in non-paid internships related to school. This is an opportunity for folks in Southcentral. This would be an excellent tie in to the 2003 conference in Anchorage.

K. Boards & Commissions - Bob reported that they had to drop the workshop at the conference as only 3 people had signed up. Ted will come to Homer. Maybe will have a workshop in January or February in Anchorage. Would like to get people signed up. Could include members of other types of boards and commissions in the training. Ted would also like to do a session for directors on how to work with boards and commissions.

L. Logo - Karin reported that Kim had found a graphic artist who would design a new logo for \$900. The money had to be paid in advance, then the artist would provide several designs to choose from. Nancy moved to postpone a decision until January. Jeff seconded and the motion passed. Karin, Kim, and Nancy are a subcommittee. If people have suggestions, they should get to this subcommittee before January – especially if ideas of people who would do logo for less. Some of the ideas discussed including having a contest. Some board members didn't see a need to change the logo or to change it significantly. ARPA has just purchased a banner and new stationary with the existing logo.

M. Scholarship - Warren reported that a lot of applications were received. The committee (including representatives from the other sponsoring organizations) will meet on Saturday and decide on recipients.

N. Certification & Professional Development - Wendie Marriott - reported that she has the 2 CPRP study guides. Denver will be the last time that the test will be offered at NRPA.

O. Web Page - Zieak reported that he is trying to update the web page. He is looking into getting our own domain name. He will get in touch with Pam Earle again to get a link on the Regional page.

XI. Board & Visitor Comments

Jack Mosby (and several others) thanked Warren and his crew for the outstanding work on this year's conference. Dixon mentioned that if Janie receives any yellow membership applications they were provided by him. He has been trying to recruit new members in the Forest Service. Warren thanked everyone for their support. Nancy congratulated Wendie Marriott the new PNW representative. Bob reported that Nancy will be receiving the meritorious service award from American Parks and Rec.

Earl said he is looking forward to the next year. Earl is planning to attend mid-year and the president elect (Jeff) will attend national.

John announced that John Rodda will be the Division Manager of Parks and Recreation in Anchorage. The city is re-establishing Parks and Recreation. Maintenance remains separate.

XII. Board Calendar

A. **Next Board Meeting will be** January 11 and 12 in Anchorage. It will be at AMC or McCleary's "hide-away."

Items carried over from this meeting include

- AML contract services
- SEATrails resolution
- Logo

B. NRPA Congress in Denver, CO Oct 2-6

C. NRPA Mid-Year, Washington, DC - date to be announced

XII. Adjournment

Karin adjourned the meeting about 9:35 p.m..

Members attending:

Karin Sturdy	Earl Wiese	John McCleary	Nancy Peterson	Helen Clough	Jeff Hawley	Janie West
Dixon Sherman	Bill Overbaugh	Bob Robertson	Warren Templin	Daryl Farrens	Arn Albrecht	Marcie Robinson
Jack Mosby	Lisa Deane	Ken Zueger	Wendie Marriott	Ryan "Zieak" McFarland		

Recreation and Tourism Research Looking for Common Ground and Uncommon Opportunities

What: A one-day workshop to bring together Alaska tourism and eco-tourism operators, land management agencies, and others interested in the latest recreation and tourism research that has been completed or currently occurring in this Great Land. Some national efforts and perspectives may also be shared.

This workshop will also provide opportunities to:

- ◆ Work together to form alliances.
- ◆ Develop creative, cooperative efforts in research.
- ◆ Identify additional research and data needs.
- ◆ Develop a network for further information sharing.

When: Thursday, March 14, 2002 (directly after the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association (AWRTA) Eco-tourism Conference)

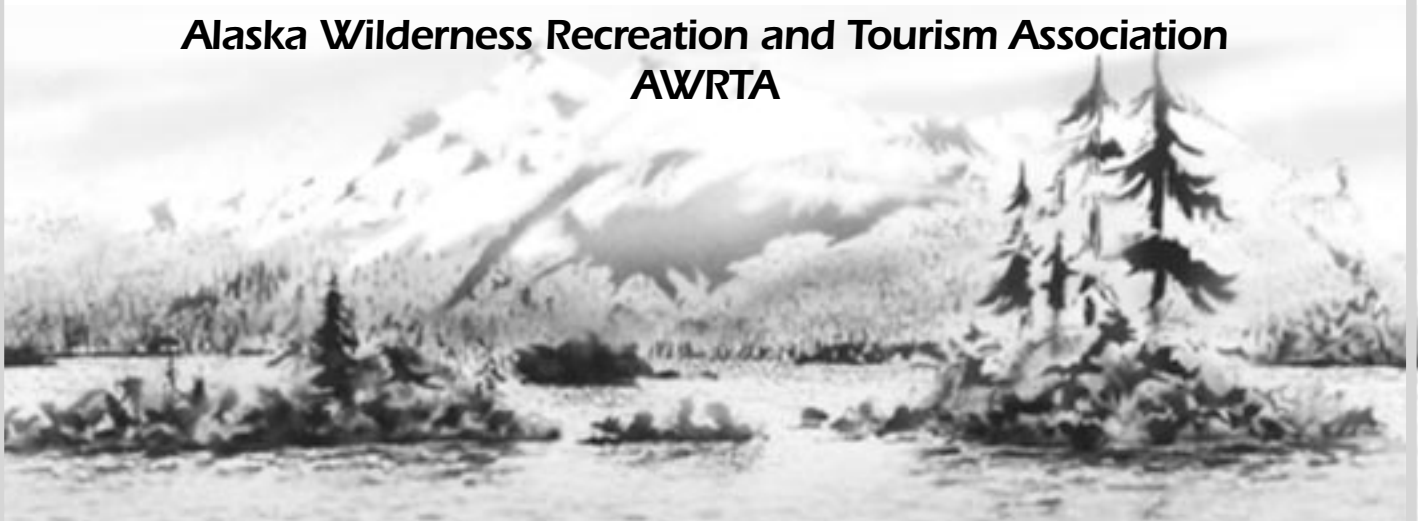
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The Flash Pan!

The **deadline** for submission of articles will be **December 16, 2001** (the Flashmans 50th birthday).

Please submit your information on disk or email in text format (.txt), or Microsoft Word for windows 2000 or earlier. Graphic are preferred in JPEG or TIFF formats. Submit your items by email as an attachment and as part of the message (in case your program encodes attachments). You can submit articles in pencil, pen, magic marker, crayon, or on napkins (please use a clean napkins!).

A man is laying on the operating table, about to be operated on by his son, the surgeon. The father says, "Son, remember... If anything happens to me, your mother is coming to live with you."

Once upon a time, there were four people; Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place

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