

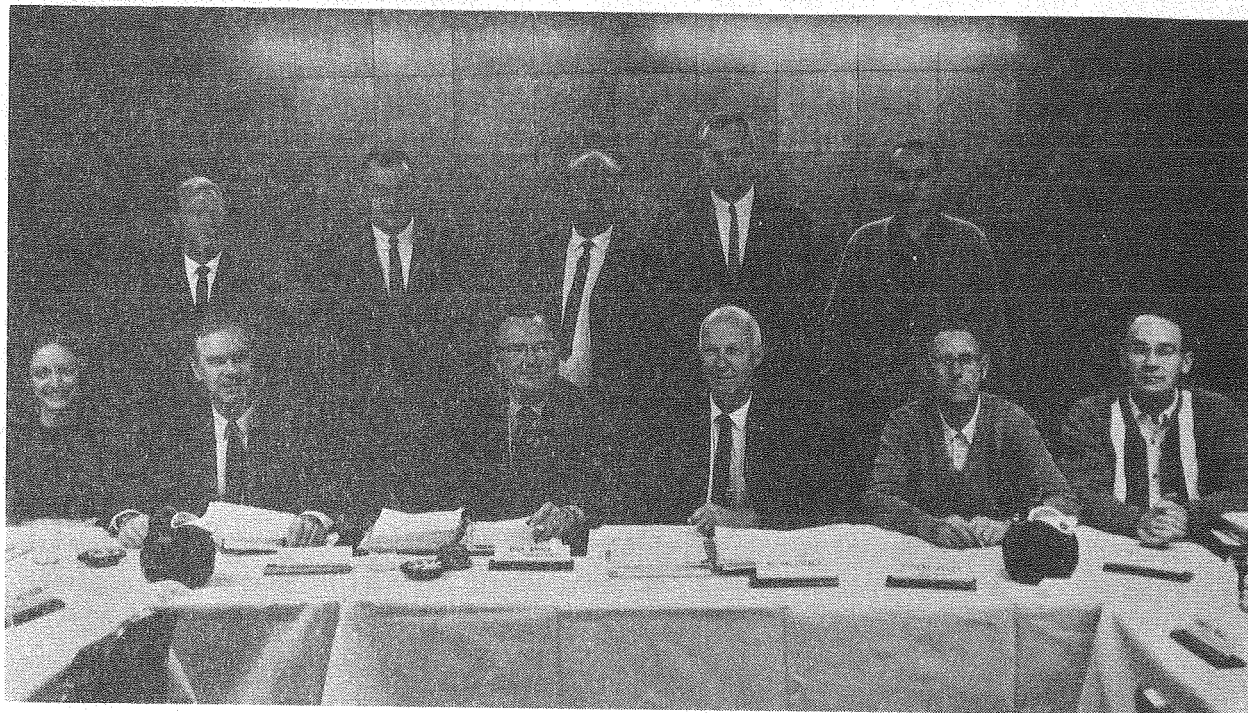


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# CSPRA NEWSLETTER



Board of Directors: Standing left to right - Jerry Ramsdell, Region 7; Kirk Wallace, Vice President; Clyde Ray, Region 4; Jim Neal, Region 5; Bill Allison, Region 2-Pro Tem. Sitting left to right - Maureen Schauss, Recording Secretary; Phil Gelger, Executive Secretary; Dick Brock, President, Al Salzgeber, Jr. Past President; Gene Velzy, Region 6; Chuck Lyden, Region 3. Absent - Henry Saddler, Region 1.

## Fresno Chosen for 1968 GEC

The Board of Directors held their initial meeting of 1968 in Fresno on January 20 and 21. First order of business was the installation of new officers. Past President Al Salzgeber turned the gavel over to our new President, Dick Brock. Other officers to be installed were Kirk Wallace, Vice President and Clyde Ray, Regional Director - Region 4.

The 1968 GEC Committee reported that the Queen Mary would not be ready in time for our GEC this year, so the Board decided to change the place of the 1968 GEC to Fresno and to go ahead with arrangements for the 1969 GEC to be in Long Beach aboard the Queen Mary. The original 1968 GEC Committee was converted to the 1969 GEC Committee and a new 1968 GEC Committee was appointed with Al Salzgeber as Chairman.

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## Editor's Comments - Ross Henry

I recall the concern of many members during the 1966 GEC at Santa Barbara that the Association did not seem to be moving forward. These concerns were soothed with the statement that ours was a young organization and it took time to develop the stature and character to really begin making significant progress. Last October at our 1967 GEC, I was personally impressed with the gains of the Association and felt that we were on the threshold of some worthwhile accomplishments.

It now appears that the stature and character of our organization is developing and being recognized. The four months since our 1967 GEC have seen the Association recognized as a professional organization by the Department, obtain space for a monthly column in News and Views which has a distribution of some 2,500 copies, and has become a forum for management to meet with the spokesman for State Park Rangers in matters affecting professionalism.

The most important of these is the Department's recent request for our Association's "professional" recommendations in regards to the Department's Peace Officer Program. Here is an excellent opportunity to illustrate our capabilities as professionals by producing a recommendation which speaks for all of us and which has considered both the goals of our Association and the needs of the Department.

A quality, professional recommendation could well set the precedent for other such requests from the Department. I am sure all of us will assist Darrel Knoefler and his committee in any way possible in the development of this recommendation.

## Earl Hanson Honored

Earl P. Hanson, retired Chief of California's Division of Beaches and Parks, has been awarded the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Silver Medal for his outstanding work in the development of the California State Park System. Mr. Hanson is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Recreation and Park Association and of the Board of Directors of the National Conference on State Parks.

## Legislative News

The following bill has been introduced by Assemblyman Karabian:

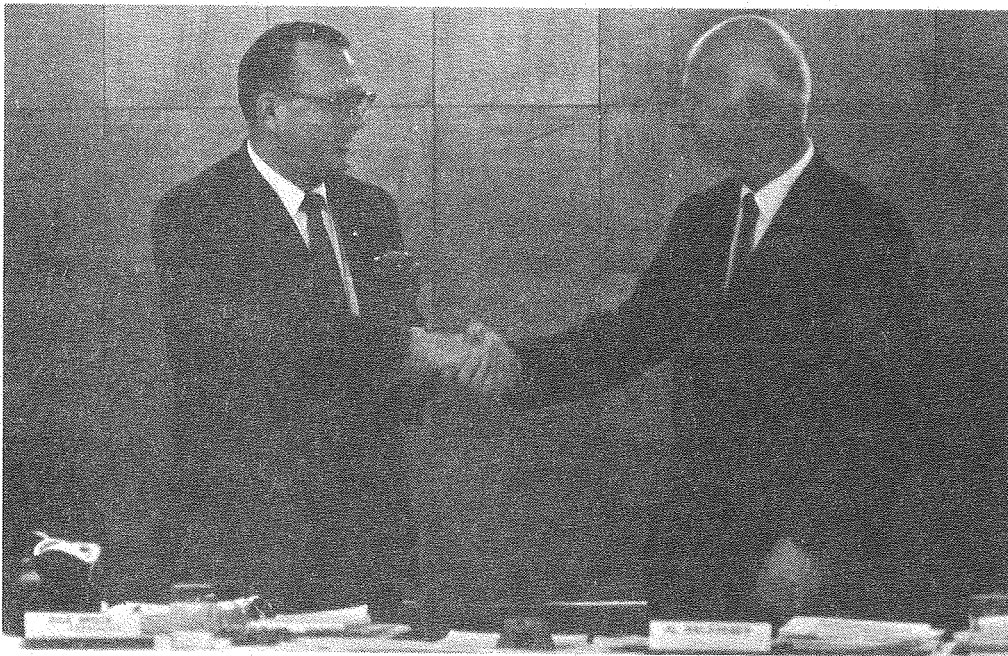
"SECTION 1. Section 19262 is added to the Government Code, to read:

"19262. The appointing power shall provide an allowance to be paid to employees for the initial cost of any distinctive uniforms and distinctive accessories required to be worn by such employees and for the initial cost of any ordered change in uniform and accessory requirements. The amount of the allowance therefor and the manner in which such allowance shall be paid shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Control."

Other committee reports included a lengthy written report of the findings of the Peace Officer Training Committee in answer to 1967 GEC resolutions. The Board instructed Darrel Knoefler, chairman of that committee, to continue the study of the law enforcement situation in our parks and to prepare a CSPRA recommendation to be submitted to the Department to assist them in the development of their Peace Officer program.

Jack Knight, Chief of Operations, met with the Board on Saturday afternoon and clarified some points on the impending reorganization and reclassification of the field units and personnel.

The entire minutes of the Board meeting are attached.



Al Salzgeber turning over gavel to Dick Brock.

## President's Message

I wish to express my thanks for your confidence in me to serve as your Association President for the next two years. I will do my best to further the aims and objectives of the Rangers Association. I have a fine corps of officers and a hard-working Jr. Past President, Al Salzgeber. However, as Al pointed out in his President's Message for the GEC, you as members must take an active interest in your Association; speak up and be heard! I sincerely hope that all of you will attend your regional meetings and let your thoughts and ideas be known to your Regional Director. We, as officers, cannot truly represent you in the many issues we will be encountering as we strive for true professionalism as California State Park Rangers, unless we speak for all of you.

