



california state park rangers association

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CSPRA NEWSLETTER

Dick Brock Is New CSPRA President

Kirk Wallace Wins in VP Runoff

Election results listed below indicate new CSPRA Officers seated effective January 1, 1968. Brock won by a substantial margin on the first ballot.

Kirk Wallace, one of CSPRA's original Board members, has been elected Vice President in a close runoff race.

The first ballot split the votes among Jack Welch, Kirk Wallace and Bob Pugh, none receiving a majority required by Association Bylaws.

Election results sent in a special report to all members erroneously indicated that Jack Welch had been elected since he received the largest number of votes.

To meet requirements specified in the Bylaws, a runoff election was held between Kirk Wallace and Jack Welch. Results on the first ballot were:

Jack Welch	93
Kirk Wallace	79
Bob Pugh	47
Louis Wakefield	34

Runoff results were:

Kirk Wallace	125
Jack Welch	116

The complete election results are as follows:

PRESIDENT

Richard L. Brock - Elected
L. Paul Griffith
Neil Power

VICE PRESIDENT

Kirk Wallace - Elected
Jack Welch

BYLAWS AMENDMENT - Reduction of Retired Members' Dues to \$9 a Year

Yes - 242 votes
No - 6 votes

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Establishment of Supporting Membership

Yes - 186 votes

No - 60 votes

REGIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

REGION 1

Delegate (one)

K. G. Moltzner, Jr. - Elected

Mike O'Rourke

Robert W. Freese

T. W. Griffith

REGION 3

Delegates (two)

Doug Bryce - Elected

Fred Spicer - Elected

Les McKnight

Jack Mason

Joe McCall

Roy Mealey

Joe Hood

REGION 4

Regional Director

Clyde Ray - Elected

Dana Long

Dick Felty

Delegates (two)

Jim Markusen - Elected

Jim Caldwell - Elected

Bill Williams

REGION 5

Delegates (two)

Ronald McCall - Elected

Warren Beers - Elected

Cliff Wade

Allen Oliver

Charles Potthast

Patrick Watkins

Kirby Morgan

J. P. Welch

REGION 6

Regional Director

Eugene Velzy - Elected

Alternate Regional Director

Jack W. Schlotter - Elected

Jack Stowe

Delegates (three)

Curtis Mitchell - Elected

John Walstrom - Elected

Jack Stowe - Elected

Ronald McCullough

Richard Menefee

James Neider

Board of Directors to Meet in Fresno

The CSPRA Board of Directors will hold their first meeting of 1968 in Fresno on Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, 1968. The meeting will be held at the Hacienda Motel located on Highway 99 at Clinton Avenue. Saturday's meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. to allow those close enough to drive in that day.

The tentative agenda will include the following items:

1. Introduction and installation of newly-elected Officers and Board members.
2. Discussion of Executive Secretary duties.
3. Committee Reports.
4. Consideration of changing the site of the 1968 GEC. It now appears that the Queen Mary will not be ready as a convention center next October and so there is a move to postpone our Long Beach GEC until 1969 when we can be assured the novelty of a convention "cruise" aboard the Queen Mary.
5. Under new business to be discussed will be the Department of Parks and Recreation's reorganization and proposed reclassification of field positions. It is hoped because of the interest of our Association in this reclassification that a representative of the Department's Personnel Office will be present to discuss this item and to clarify points of concern.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Region News

Region 5 has been very active since the GEC. They have held three meetings to discuss such items as law enforcement, "Statement of Professional Standards," and the location of the 1968 GEC.

Jim Neal, Regional Director, states that Region 5 has found dinner meetings to be popular and well attended.

It should be pointed out that all Regions should be discussing the "Statement of Professional Standards" and forwarding comments to the Code of Ethics Committee in order to assist them in drawing up the final document. The mailing address for this committee is 2211 Garden Road, Del Monte Research Park, Monterey, California 93940.



President Salzgeber

President's Message

In concluding his term in office, President Al Salzgeber would like to express the following:

"I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as president of the Association this past term. It has been an experience I will long remember and will cherish forever.

"My term in office has passed rapidly and there are still many projects yet to accomplish; in particular, projects which I was hoping could be realized while I was in office.

"I wish to thank most sincerely my fellow officers, including our Executive Secretary, for their fine support and cooperation, and the members of the various committees who have carried out their assignments so diligently. Lastly, I want to thank all you members for support, without which our Association could not exist. Needless to say, I urge each of you to continue with your fine support.

"To my successor, President Dick Brock, I extend every good wish. I'm sure the future of our Association is in good hands. As Jr. Past President, I will be pleased to assist the Association in any way possible.

"And finally, I would like to extend to each and everyone of you and your families the very best of good health and good luck for the future."

CSPRA News

As most of you may know by now a column, CSPRA News, is being carried monthly in News and Views, which relates activities of the California State Park Rangers Association. This column will attempt to keep members current on CSPRA activities and will also carry information on CSPRA to those outside our association and, for that matter, outside the Department.

In order to be current and informative, this column must have news from the Regions on activities which are taking place, from committees on the progress they are making, and general information from the membership.

These items should be mailed to Editor, CSPRA News, P. O. Box 206, Sacramento, California 95801.

Your support is necessary to keep this column in News and Views.

The information received will also be used in our CSPRA Newsletter.

Editors' Comments

by Gerald H. Ramsdell and Ross Henry

The last issue, December, of News and Views introduced us to the new reorganization and reclassification of field personnel which is being proposed by the Department.

This reorganization and reclassification is actually moving quickly toward adoption. In fact, some phases of it are already being carried out; i.e., terminating our present seasonal naturalist program and developing and upgrading our interpretive skills in year-round ranger assignments.

Our Association, which is dedicated to the advancement of the professionalism of the State Park Ranger and the development of efficient and effective public service in our State parks, must carefully analyze a proposal which has such an impact upon the duties and responsibilities of park personnel.

There are many problems inherent with personnel adjustments of a magnitude proposed by the Department. It is our duty to assess these proposals with understanding and logic, and to make constructive suggestions which will insure the integrity and dedication of ranger personnel, as well as enhance their opportunities for self improvement and advancement. These suggestions should be forwarded to the Department in order to assist them in the final development of the reclassification and reorganization.

One of the questions which arises when reviewing this program as it was outlined in News and Views is that there appears to be no opportunity for the State Park Attendant, ne State Park Maintenance Man, to advance into the ranger class.

It has been apparent for many years that there was a need for promotional opportunities within a maintenance class. But there will nevertheless continue to remain many individuals who wish to use this maintenance class as an entry level into the ranger series.

Is the non-college graduate limited to the maintenance class? If this is the case the State Park System will be depriving itself of many individuals whose dedication, interest and enthusiasm for their work is far more valuable than the theory received in college classes.

Another obvious question is: Does the Seasonal Park Ranger have peace officer powers? If he does, when and how will he be trained and how effective will he be? If he doesn't, will the permanent staff of the supervisory ranger class at individual units be sufficient to carry out this responsibility?

Since time is of the essence, Regional Directors should be prepared to discuss this subject, reflecting the views of their Regions, at the Board meeting in Fresno in January.

The Visiting Ranger

The following are excerpts from an article which was printed in Parks and Recreation, "The Police Can Make the Difference," by Floyd Nevling.

Park security and police protection, especially in populous areas, are a necessity. In well-policed parks, the users give little thought to protection and can enjoy their visit without fear of unpleasant incidents.

In Allegheny County, a metropolitan area in Western Pennsylvania consisting of 129 municipalities, including the City of Pittsburgh, security is maintained in county parks by members of the county police force assigned to park duty.

A barracks has been established at each of the county's two oldest parks (North Park and South Park, about 2,000 acres apiece) from which around-the-clock patrols are made. At two newly opened regional parks, a county policeman lives on the grounds, makes scheduled patrols and is always on call.

A police problem common to all departments is the protection of unoccupied buildings. In Allegheny County parks, an irregular but frequent building check minimizes vandalism. Doors are rattled and windows inspected. Patrol officers, when discovering unauthorized persons near park buildings, request that they move to other areas. License plate numbers of cars parked around unused buildings are recorded.

Grove permits are issued for the use of shelter and its surrounding space. The police have a master list and pick up the permit holder's copy at the grove. The information on a permit, besides being helpful in locating a specific group or person, may spot possible troublesome groups who will be watched more closely.

Easily recognized police cars (black with white door panels and red flasher) are used for patrol. Marked cars can make it easier to locate the police; and picnickers, particularly women, are comforted by the sight of a police car.

Like a beat man on a city police department, the patrol officer establishes personal contact with the people along his patrol. Being close to the scene affords an officer the opportunity to see and judge where trouble may arise. Immediate corrective action can prevent later unpleasantness.

Most park users are average citizens out for a day of relaxation. It is a police function to insure their safety and to enforce the law. Many times arrests for minor infractions can be avoided. It is preferable - and good police practice - to politely warn a potential wrongdoer early than to have him suffer the embarrassment of a misdemeanor arrest later.

After dark, the biggest police concern is the "parkers." "Lovers," themselves, are not a problem - protecting them is. Aggressive and frequent patrols are maintained in areas where parkers congregate. Any cars parked in dark, out-of-the-way places are checked, and the driver politely advised to park in one of the parking lots.

The Visiting Ranger (Continued)

Allegheny County officers take pride in keeping their districts free of any element that might mar the public's enjoyment of park facilities. Through the use of vigorous police patrols, Allegheny County parks can be safely walked in, night or day, without fear of being bothered - except possibly by an inquiring county policeman.

Lapel Pins

Lillian Hill, District 5 Headquarters, has kindly offered to handle the sales of the Association pins and Bear tie tacs. Description and prices are as follows:

Association lapel pin	\$3.00
Bear tie tac with chain	1.50
Bear lapel pin	1.25
Mailing costs for each item	.10

All orders should be sent with a check payable to the California State Park Rangers Association to Lillian Hill, 111 La Patera Lane, Goleta, California 93017.

Peace Officer Questionnaire

The following members have been appointed to the Peace Officer Committee: Darrell Knoefler, Chairman, Folsom Lake SRA; Neil Power, Columbia SHP; Glen Jones, Calaveras Big Trees SP; Warren Beers, Carpinteria SB.

Darrell Knoefler has asked that all field personnel forward a reply to the following questions to him at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, California 95630:

1. Where did you receive your peace officer training?
2. Has the training you received been sufficient to handle situations in the parks you have been assigned?
3. What recommendations do you have for peace officer training and in what ways do you think law enforcement in state parks could be improved?

Replies should reach the committee before January 15, 1968. Your replies will provide the basis for CSPRA recommendations to the Department on peace officer training needs.