

Region 9 Regional Meeting

November 8th, 2006

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- *Agenda:*
 - *Welcome, Introduction of Attendees*
 - *NAI Fellow Award*
 - *Elections*
 - *Spring Workshop 2007*
 - *Strategic Plan*
 - *Treasurers Report*
 - *Scholarship Report*
 - *Complimentary Membership*
 - *Directors Awards*
 - *Wrap Up, Q&A*

The regional business meeting was called to order by Director Lester (Additional officers present: Treasurer Nancy Rogers, Secretary Sara M. Skinner, Westwinds Editor Mary Loan, Elections Chair Christine Revelas, and Scholarship Chair Cam Wolff) on November 8th, 2006 with approximately 65 members present.

- Lester Hodgins had the group introduce themselves. He then acknowledged that we were fortunate to have the recipient of the NAI Fellow Award for 2006 in our Region; Donna Pozzi, Chief of Interpretation for California State Parks. The group congratulated Donna on being awarded this prestigious honor.
- Christine Revelas announced the 2007 Board. Director: Alan Kaplan, Deputy Director-Frank Binney, Secretary-Sara M. Skinner, and Treasurer-Marianne Emmendorfer. She also stated that this was her last time as Elections Chair and encouraged the members in attendance to think about doing it for the Region.
- The 2007 Spring Workshop, Exploring Diversity on Land and Sea, will be held May 11th-13th, 2007 at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA. Pat Clark-Gray, Lisa Bradford, Christine Revelas, and Jim Covell are among many on the steering committee. The Call for Papers went out and the submission was December 1st, 2006.
- Lester Hodgins discussed the Strategic Plan for the Region and passed out a copy. There are ongoing items needing to be refined. As well, there are Sponsors and Champions needed.
- Nancy Rogers spoke about the status of the treasury. There is about \$1500 in the scholarship fund and two scholarships for NIW 2006 were sponsored. There is

about \$18,000 in the Regional fund. The Region has done well with the scholarship auctions at the workshops. The Stone Imagery Plaque honoring Josh Barker will be about \$2,000 spread out over 2 years. There is a discussion of maybe subsidizing the 2007 Spring Workshop to bring down the prices.

- Jim Covell spoke about the LTF and the new innovations that NAI is doing. There are three major ones: Legacy, more National scholarships, and paying down the building fees. He mentioned that Christine and he would be willing to teach another CIG course and donate the instructor fees to Region 9 to use for LTF, but need a minimum of 10 people. There was a group discussion about doing it in Yosemite again and there seemed to be interest.
- Cam Wolff discussed the scholarship status, as part of the rewarding of the two scholarships for NIW 2006 the awardees they have to volunteer at NIW and write a report/article for the newsletter. The two winners this year were Jennifer Ferreira and Janice Kelley. She announced and thanked the scholarship committee, Jon Hooper, Mary Loan, Nancy Hadlock, and Pat Clark-Gray. Cam is encouraging scholarship applications for the 2007 Spring Workshop. She is encouraging applicants and auction items for future workshops. There are many possibilities besides items; people can donate site tours and more. The workshop in Sonora raised about \$1200 for the scholarship fund.
- Lester Hodgins reminded the group that NAI provides two complimentary memberships for the region to give out per year. If you have someone in mind, please let Lester know by December 1st.
- Directors Award-The Director is allowed, with committee approval to give out two awards per year to members within the Region that have provided exemplary service, gone above and beyond, and/or are outstanding interpreters. This year Lester presented two awards. The first was to Mary Loan for her outstanding service to the Region as Newsletter Chair. The second was for Julie Miller, who is leaving Yosemite in December to relocate to the Santa Rosa area, for her gift of talent and time to host the CIG workshops in Yosemite.

Meeting was adjourned by 5 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted 12/28/2006 by Sara M. Skinner, Region 9 Secretary
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