

April 2024 MINUTES: ANPR BOD Meeting



Link to Zoom:

Please note: Board members are expected to enter new business and BOD member reports at least seven days prior to the BOD meeting so that other members can consider information, issues and proposed actions prior to the meeting.

Date of Meeting: **Apr 23, 2024**

Time Meeting Called to Order: 6:34 PT

Meeting called to order by: Rick Mossman

Attendance:

BOD Member	Present or Absent
● Rick Mossman, President	● P
● Demmy Vigil, Secretary	● P
● Rick Harwell, Treasurer	● P
● Lauren DeGennaro, Strategic Planning	● A
● Mike Pflaum, Government Affairs	● P
● Rae Emerson, Education and Training	● P
● Max Farley, Professional Issues	● A
● Shannon Wilson, Membership Services	● A
● Troy Hunt, Seasonal Perspectives	● P
● Greta Ketchner, Internal Communications	● P
● Wendy Lauritzen, Fundraising Activities	● P
● Bill Wade, Executive Director (non-voting)	● P

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Melissa DeVaughn, Business Manager (non-voting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Others Present: Meg Weesner, International Liaison ● 	

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u5awVzS5HNzUM4FScAFqoCZP1StMxqzP/edit>

- Motion to Approve by: Pflaum
- Second by: Vigil
- Discussion: none
- Vote: passes

Business carried forward from previous meeting(s):

- [Mossman]: ANPR Citizens Award: Rick will work on this outside of meeting
- Update on Yellowstone Museum work: Wayne Newbeck and Joy Perious received a grant at \$200K and was hoping we would match the grant. ANPR doesn't have that much \$. YELL is looking at if they have to turn back funding due to lack of matching. ANPR has about \$13K right now. Paul is contacting the NP Foundation to see if they can help out. Paul also talked to Yellowstone Natural History Museum (Forever Yellowstone) to see if they can help out too.
- (Mossman) Research proposal: Bill provided an update on a PHD study out of U of Central Florida and in cooperation with a couple of U of Texas Dallas and San Antonio. Potentially they can look for a CESU to partner and have a link with NPS. Bill and Rick will discuss and look into what the issues are from the U of Florida.
- [DeGennaro]: Status of PIO: No notes
- [Weesner]: Status of WRC Scholarships:
 - Notice of the WRC scholarship opportunity has been sent in two e-newsletters, Ranger magazine, on the ANPR website, and on various social media.
 - Meg hasn't heard from anyone yet who is interested in applying, but there's still another week until May 1 deadline.
 - There is a panel to review the applications: Rebecca Harriett, Jeanette Meleen, Lauren Kopplin, and Meg Weesner.
 - If any of you are interested in interacting with rangers from around the world, or know anyone who is, please apply. And please spread the word to your colleagues. There's not much time until applications are due May 1. Contact Meg at mweesner@anpr.org.

New Business:

- [Wade]: **Motion**: Select the Wyndham Hotel at Virginia Beach as the venue for RR48 in 2025. Motion was seconded. Discussion included the location being well attended. Oct 10-17, 2025 date. Motion passes unanimously.
- Wendy has some leads in Branson, MO for the future.

Reports (Progress on Annual Work Plan and other activities):

- President:
 - Attended meeting with coalition and NPCA on membership workforce. Demmy I have the date for the next meeting for you.

- Met with Yellowstone staff and separately with Bill and Paul concerning Yellowstone museum.
- Responded to a request to nominate a person for Harry Yount Award.
- Secretary:
 - Using Ranger Magazine to get donations for super raffles.
- Treasurer:
 - I have reviewed the financials (Budget vs Actual, Profit/Loss detail, Balance Sheet Detail) provided by Bill including and found no discrepancies.
 - I encourage folks to donate to the Ranger Museum Fund so we can receive the \$10,000 match from our donor.
- Strategic Planning:
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- Professional Issues:
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- Government Affairs:
 - Minimal progress on annual work plan items
 - Have continued to work on planning for program and logistics for Ranger Rendezvous 47 in Rapid City in November
 - Confirmed or in some cases reconfirmed 6 or more presenters for the Rendezvous
 - Researched possibilities for transportation for RR Field Trips - Colleen Derber is taking this on, no final solution as of this writing
 - Researched possibilities for golf outing location / costs for RR. Two good public courses with availability unknown at this time due to late season weather and conditions. I will continue to follow up on this.
 - Participated in a RR program planning committee conference call on April 8
 - Participated in a RR planning conference call on April 16
 - Responded to a call from a past member / retired NPS Employee who has made more recent donations as to how to achieve Life Member status
 - Received and responded to information from Yellowstone NP NPS Management on possible matching Centennial Challenge funds for Ranger Museum at Norris. Relayed all information to ANPR President Mossman. Participated along with President Mossman on a conference call with Yellowstone management on April 16.
 - Received a second \$500 donation from the Badlands NP Conservancy for the Ranger Rendezvous
- Membership Services:
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- Seasonal Perspectives:
 - RR 47 Prep
 - Supernaugh Scholar questionnaire is ready. It will go live Jul 1, 2024
 - Looking for volunteers to help rate the applicants. Meg will help.
- Internal Communications:
 - Continuing to put out E newsletter on a biweekly basis.

- Working to get out information on Scholarship for World Ranger Conference. And information about Ranger Rendezvous and Supernaugh Scholarship as it becomes available.
- Thanks to Bill, Melissa, and all other contributors to content for Social media and newsletter.
- Education and Training:
 - Some work on Strategic Plan
 - RR47 activity
 - Participated in monthly RR meeting
 - Continue to reach out to potential pre-workshop presenters
 - Thanks to Greta for newsletter piece seeking ANPR members who would be interested in presenting a workshop
 - Targeting July to have all workshops finalized
 - Participated in Membership Retention Committee Will initiate member call in May
 - Restarting Tom Banks Zoom quarterly ANRP info/education/TBA topics mid July
 - Mentor program: one placement; one pending
- Fundraising Activities:
 - Melissa will help Wendy with BOD access problems.
- Executive Director and RR Manager:
 - Manage budget for FY2025: No new actions.
 - Manage finances for ANPR: March and end of FY2024 financials sent to BOD. We finished FY2024 with a nearly balanced budget.
 - Manage RR47 in Rapid City, SD: Management team meeting monthly now. Presenter applications are now being accepted. Pflaum, Wilson and Richards are moving ahead with the RR program. Program is about 75% full, but several presenters are still in the “invited” category and not confirmed.
 - Shannon and Mike will look for a T-Shirt vendor. Needed for registration on website.
 - Mike is looking for Transportation for the field trips. Needed for registration on the website. Looking for music for the award ceremony too.
 - Sign contract for venue for RR48: See New Business.
 - Seek venues for RR49 and RR50: No specific action so far.
 - Develop and manage contracts for Business Manager/Ranger Editor for FY2025: No new action.
 - Manage ANPR/Royal Caribbean cruise program: Fourteen cruises have been booked by ANPR members. Only eight cruises are still open for booking.
 - Melissa is Managing ANPR Super Raffle program: Plan to open for ticket purchase by May 15, 2024 . All BOD should look at significant contributions for the Super Raffle.
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- Business Manager and *Ranger* Editor:
 - I have received zero press releases to add to the website
 - I completed the Ranger Museum fundraiser trifold brochure
 - I have been working on securing Super Raffle prizes

- Two night stay in Denali, Arnberger Carving, three separate quilts. May 15th will start the online super raffle ticket sales.
- Attended committee retention meeting.
- Discussion about converting several “donations” to a life membership. After this discussion it was confirmed that the membership costs will remain the same.
- Committees and Task Groups:
 - International Liaison (Weesner): Report is under the continuing business section. I’m registered and have accommodations for my stay at the 10th World Ranger Congress in October in Hyeres, France on the French Riviera.
 - WRC is looking for a new North American representative.
 - Ranger Museum: Notes above.
 - Harry Yount Award (Townsend): still in progress.
 - Investment (Wade): Rebalanced the investment accounts according to the ISP.

Announcements:

- None

Adjournment and next meeting:

- Time Meeting Adjourned: 6:31 PT
- Next Meeting (Date and Time): May 28, 2024