

PRAC NEWSLETTER

Affiliation Agreement: As per a vote of both the Park Rangers' Association of California and the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) Executive Boards, an affiliation agreement was signed by your president, and Denzil Verardo, President of CSPRA. PRAC is now affiliated with CSPRA; and they with us. Included in the agreement were mutual conferences, and other items that will be of mutual benefit of both organizations, while having each organization maintain their own identity. I feel that this is an important step in consolidating professional park rangers roles in California. We are looking forward to a long and productive life as an affiliate of CSPRA. It is indeed a dream come true for all of us that have been involved in the organizational beginnings of PRAC.

The Spring Conference: The spring conference will be held in the first weekend in March in Ventura. It will be a mutual conference with CSPRA. The cost is \$25/member. There are many activities planned. We have a lot to do that will affect the organizational structure of PRAC at the conference and I urge you to attend. Our constitution will get an overhaul, committee structures need to be discussed as to member involvement, etc. We will be asking for time in the conference schedule for a couple of workshops for PRAC people and others. If you are a Southern Section member, please do all you can to recruit memberships in PRAC and get these people to attend the conference. Our organization is weak in the south. Our contacts tell us that there are a lot of issues in this section that PRAC can help to deal with. I will be driving a 14 passenger van to Ventura, so your transportation could be taken care of. Camping is available nearby. There will be activities for husbands and wives so bring your wife, husband or friend and make a weekend of it.

Constitution The constitution is being revised. We will have this revised document in your hands in time for you to look over and to offer suggestions before it is voted upon at the conference. Changes will be pointed out to you. New sections will be standing committees. We would like all members to get in an active mode and serve on a committee in their area of expertise.

Association of National Park Rangers: This association, also new, will hold their fourth annual "Ranger Rendezvous" in October at Lake Tahoe. It is hoped that we will be asked to participate in some of their activities. We are working on this and will have more information later.

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