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Welcome to *The Center*, the newsletter of the Nature Center Directors and Administrators Section of the National Association for Interpretation.



Call for NCDA Nominations

Deadline: September 5

Elections will happen soon and NCDA is putting out a call for nominations to fill the section treasurer and secretary positions.

If interested, send a bio of no more than 500 words to Amy Roell by September 5. The first part of the statement should be biographical, the latter part should have two or three specific ways they will strengthen the mission of the Section.

Qualifications: must be a current member of both NAI and NCDA

PLEASE NOTE:

NCDA purpose statement:

The NCDA Section is a forum for veterans and up and coming Managers of interpretive centers to network with, learn from, discuss with and mentor/be mentored by other interpretive site managers.

How we serve our members:

The NCDA Section offers the Interpreter's Road Show pre-workshop tour at the National Workshop, relevant articles in current NAI publications, network opportunities, scholarships, and a roundtable or discussion time at National Workshop.

Benefit:

Our section is a place where new and veteran managers/directors can come and share information related to our field.

Section governing

Current Board structure - Director, Deputy Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. The board determines the direction of the Section with input from members at section meetings and through newsletters. The Board positions are currently staggered so that Director and Deputy Director are elected in the same year and Treasurer and Secretary are elected in the next year. We are held accountable through a section scorecard and summary which is sent twice a year to NAI.

Treasurer:

Fills out NAI paperwork after Roadshow and for scholarships or grants, reviews section financial Reports, commits to up to 4 Board conference calls per year, makes effort to attend the National Workshop Section meeting and help with the Interpreter's Roundtable presentation.

Secretary:

Takes and distributes notes on conference calls, National Workshop Section meeting and Interpreter's Roundtable presentation, sends paperwork for the Interpreter's Roundtable Presentation, commits to up to 4 Board conference calls per year, makes effort to attend the National Workshop Section meeting and help with the Interpreter's Roundtable presentation.

Contact Amy Roell, 513-521-7275, aroell@greatparks.org with any questions.

**2013 Interpreter's Road Show**

Join us on the Interpreter's Road Show in Nevada as we visit five unique sites in and around the Reno area that have a little bit of something for all participants.

During this year's Road Show, we will visit the highly interactive Nevada Discovery Museum; Oxbow Nature Study Area, a local model for wildlife education; Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary and Nature Center, combining wildlife education with their captive wildlife collection; the Galena Creek Visitor Center and Recreation Area with its unique partnerships; and finally the Thomas Long Education Center located at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Studies "green" facility where science research and education are forefront.

This professional development opportunity will include time to talk with staff to learn how they manage volunteers, programs, building and facility development, master planning, funding development, unique partnerships, creative new exhibits, and much more. Participants will have time to discuss things they see along with their particular situation during meals and travel time between locations. The Road Show will enable the participants to network and learn from their fellow NAI interpreters and administrators.

All transportation, lunch both days, and dinner Tuesday night are included in this trip. There will be no off-site, overnight lodging during this trip. Participants should make sure they reserve lodging for Tuesday night.

Register now. This popular preworkshop fills up quickly!



NAI Workshop registration is open

Registration for the 2013 NAI National Workshop, November 6-9 in Reno, Nevada, has opened. We hope you'll join us to commemorate our 25th anniversary at this very special Workshop! Register early for discounted registration rates and to secure your place in events with limited availability. Download complete information and register online at www.interpnet.com/workshop.

Regular Registration closes October 10.

NCDA Mission: To provide leadership and inspire excellence in nature center administration

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