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

## Just A Note...

"Live with an attitude of gratitude." A simple catch phrase, a Facebook meme, a slogan. One that I often see and repost or say to myself, "I need to do that." It is so much more than a catch phrase though. I have been trying to remind myself every day to live with an attitude of gratitude. Honestly, some days it is easy, some days I just forget and on other days, it is downright difficult.

So, why am I sharing this with you? When I am in a grateful mindset it helps me keep things in perspective when they are not going my way or when everything is going my way. That can be especially vital when dealing with a demanding visitor, a personnel issue or an unreasonable co-worker or boss. We work in some of the most beautiful places, work with some of the greatest people around and have opportunities others don't even know exist!

Some of the best opportunities we have come from our membership in NAI: webinars, Legacy, Journal of Interpretation, regional, national, and international workshops, a network of peers to collaborate with on program ideas, management issues and more. I encourage you to use them!

This is the 30th year of NAI and a time to celebrate all of the great things that are NAI and be grateful for its existence. Mostly, to be grateful for you, the members! It is you and your involvement that makes this organization what it is. I thank you for all the help and fun you have provided to me over the years! Here's to you!!



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## Interpreter's Road Show

Join us on the Interpreter's Road Show in New Orleans! NAI's Nature Center Directors and Administrators Section will be visiting the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Northlake Nature Center, newly opened Audubon Louisiana Nature Center, and Barataria Preserve. This professional development opportunity will explore how these organizations manage volunteers, programs, building and facility development, habitat restoration, funding, unique partnerships, creative new exhibits and much more. Participants will have the time to network with their peers during meals and travel time between locations. This opportunity is open to all interpreters and provides a unique look at a variety of interpretive properties.

All transportation, lunch both days and dinner Monday 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 Monday night at their hotel of choice for the NAI National Conference.

## NAI Elections

This year, NAI members will be voting on a revision of NAI's Bylaws and the creation of a NAI Constitution as part of the regular election cycle.



Please make sure you vote! We must have 10% of the membership vote for the changes to Bylaws and Constitution to be validated.

In mid-September, electronic ballots will be mailed to all current members of NAI.

## Helpful Tidbits!

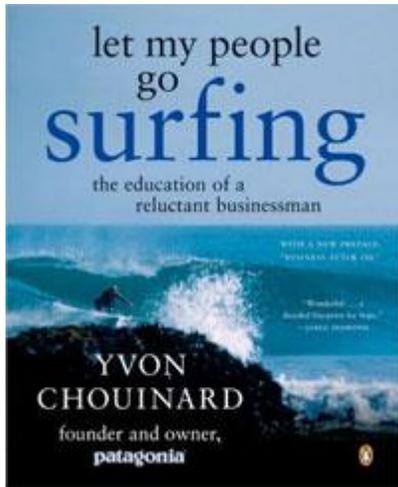
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**Suggested Book to Read:**

Let My People Go Surfing, by Yvon Chouinard

**Inspiring Quotes:**

"Don't believe everything you think." - B.J. Miller, M.D.

"What would my best self do?" - Father James Martin

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care" - Theodore Roosevelt.



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