

**Western Snow Conference
General Business Meeting
05 May 1997**

**MINUTES OF THE 1997 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
WESTERN SNOW CONFERENCE
BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA**

May 05, 1997

65.1 Welcome to the Conference

General Chair, Phyllis Snow, called to order the 65th General Business meeting of the Western Snow Conference (WCS) at 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, 1997. Phyllis welcomed everyone to the conference.

65.2 Minutes of 1996 Annual General Business

Minutes of 1996 Annual General Business were approved.

65.3 Secretary's Report

Little work has been needed by the secretary due to most of the work being done by the treasurer, the documents chair, and for the Banff meeting, by the committee for the joint meeting.

65.4 Treasurer's Report

Jack Pardee reported that the treasury had \$2,696 less at the end of 1996 than at the beginning of the year.

65.5 1998 Annual Meeting

Chuck Troendle presented information about the meeting at Snowbird Ski Resort in Utah from April 19 to 23, 1998. Snowbird is located about 29 miles from the Salt Lake City Airport. Room rates are expected to be about \$75. This will include a second party in the room. One hundred rooms have been reserved for WSC. If WSC registers for 80 rooms, facilities rooms will be free. Skiing will be available. The resort plans to offer attractive ski packages to WSC members and their families.

65.6 1999 Annual Meeting

Frank Gehrke reported the Lake Tahoe has been tentatively picked for the 1999 meeting. The Forest Service has meeting facilities at Camp Richardson. These facilities are being investigated. They are reportedly excellent.

65.7 Standing Committee Reports

65.7.1 Documents Committee

Three hundred and fifty copies of the 1996 proceedings were mailed. Several members did not receive the 1996 Proceedings, an oversight that will be corrected. It appears the members omitted from the proceedings mailing are Life Members who do not pay yearly dues and thus were not on the membership list for mailing proceedings.

Electronic submission for 1998 papers in Work Perfect format will be required. The necessary guidelines will go in advance to the authors. Prepublication of papers for the annual meeting will not occur. Much of the information presented at the annual meeting is gathered within a few days or weeks prior to the meeting date. Publications timelines will not permit inclusion of this information. Having recent information to present to the conference is one of the assets of the WSC.

65.7.2 Wilderness Committee

Frank Gehrke reported that the WSC will continue to hold the position paper regarding snow sensors in wilderness areas. He will, though, be pursuing with appropriate political entities how useful those sensors were in predicting floods in California this past year.

65.7.3 Awards

Jack Hannaford said that winners of the oral and poster paper awards will be announced in the proceedings. The Banff meeting has no appropriate time to announce the winners.

Jack asked that information on life members, as well as deceased members, be relayed to him.

Hal Klieforth reported that requirements for the Church Award are being revamped to be more in line with today's student situation. If time allows, the local committee for the Snowbird meeting will implement the redesigned Church Award.

Art Crook Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship in honor of Art Crook, recently deceased past General Chair of WSC has been established. It will be awarded soon.

65.7.4 Western Snow Conference Home Page

Peter Palmer presented a synopsis of history and recent discussions about the WSC Home Page. The home page will be maintained by Mark Williams at Colorado. A number of suggestions for the home page were made at the executive committee meeting. These will be incorporated. Future suggestions will be reviewed by the general chair, and forwarded to Mark Williams to include in the home page.

The WSC Home Page is located at
<http://snobear.colorado.edu/WSC/WSC.html>

65.7.5 Data Base

A revamped data base that will incorporate WSC finances with the membership list is expected to be ready for testing about July 1, 1997.

65.7.6 Snowshoe Thompson Stamp

Hal Klieforth reviewed the story of Snowshoe Thompson and his exploits on skis while carrying the U. S. mail. Efforts to have a stamp honoring Mr. Thompson will continue to be pursued. Hal Klieforth and Phyllis Snow will carry on this project.

65.7.7 New Member Recruitment:

Recruiting new members is an ongoing need. The local committee for each annual meeting will pursue colleges and universities and other professionals who might be interest in WSC who live in and near the meeting site. It is recognized that school schedules will preclude certain people from attending, even if they want to, because WSC commonly meets during finals week for some of the schools.

65.8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT THE 1997

WESTERN SNOW CONFERENCE

Beard, Jerry
Becker, Sue
Carroll, Tom
Cline, Don
Cooley, Keith
Cowling, Derrill
Davis, Bert
Demuth, Mike
Elder, Kelly
Farnes, Phil
Ford, Glenn
Freeman, Gary
Hannaford, Jack
Homan, Ron
Ingersoll, George
Jairell, Robert
Johnson, Tammy
Julander, Randall
Kite, Geoff
Kjosnes, Ole
Klieforth, Harold
Lynch, Frank
Marsh, Philip
Martinez, Manuel
McGurk, Bruce
Palmer, Peter
Pardee, Jack
Powell, Douglas
Roos, Maurice
Snow, Don
Snow, Phyllis
Strauss, Fred
Troendle, Charles
von der Heydt, Lisa
Wahl, Ken