



Rangers and Lifeguards

I'd like to join in the praise for Sal Goshorn. Sal served SPPOAC well in his 7+ year tenure, always keeping SPPOAC's issues at the forefront with CAUSE/CSLEA. Through some lean years Sal made sure that Rangers and Lifeguards always got their share, and he executed his duties with honor and professionalism. I hope that Sal will remain an active participant in SPPOAC – his institutional knowledge is invaluable.

At Monday's board meeting, prior to Sal's resignation and per our bylaws, I was appointed and confirmed as Vice-President of SPPOAC, and have now stepped in as President. Our board, which has suffered due to promotion and CSLEA trusteeship, has withered to the team of James Valdez, Jeremy Burn, and Natalie Lohi, with Jim Pence serving as treasurer. They should be commended for their energy and perseverance over the last year, keeping SPPOAC moving forward.

Now is the time for SPPOAC to rise again as the voice of State Park Rangers and Lifeguards. Elections will be held over the next two months to fill the SPPOAC Board of Directors – we expect to seat a full board by January. We're looking for people who want to get involved, who want to help steer our future, who want to advance Ranger and Lifeguard interests and the interests of State Parks as a whole.

Nomination forms will be available in the next few days via the reflector and at www.sppoac.com. Member update forms will also be available – we need to rebuild our database of members and need to hear from everyone.

Please consider running for a position on the board, serving as a Job Steward, or offering up other services. By joining together and sharing the load we can accomplish great things.

Richard Bergstresser

SPPOAC President