

Editorial board openings

Park Science needs to fill several vacancies on its editorial board. The superintendent slot, formerly occupied by Wrangell-St. Elias Superintendent Jonathan Jarvis, is now open. (Thanks, Jon, for your keen insights and experienced views). Also, the editorial board has decided to add two new positions to its ranks to help round out the expertise available to the editor. The new slots are for a social scientist and a natural resource interpreter. Terms are six years in length except for the superintendent term, which is three years. Terms are staggered to offer continuity. To fit in with the current staggered rotation, the superintendent will serve for three years, the social scientist six years, and the interpreter four years. New terms begin in January 1999.

Responsibilities

With a purpose of furthering the application of research in park management, *Park Science* relies on the expertise of its editorial board members to provide guidance on the technical content and general management of the publication. The primary responsibility of board members is to review articles submitted for publication and provide feedback on the general soundness of the research methods and findings. They also evaluate the implications of the research for park planning and management, ensuring the relevance of articles. Board members suggest topics for articles and thematic issues, contribute materials, and help funnel Highlights and other appropriate stories to the editor. They are also available for consultation in matters related to the routine management of the publication.

(e.g., planning, circulation, funding). Time commitment varies, but usually does not exceed 16-24 hours per year. Board meetings are usually conducted annually by phone and every other year at a gathering convenient to all (e.g., the George Wright Society conference). Routine business is conducted by e-mail and phone.

Eligibility

The superintendent who will serve on this editorial board must have a good understanding of the role of science in park management. The social scientist must be able to relate social science research to managing people and parks. The resource interpreter must be familiar with environmental education and outreach techniques to help improve the educational value of the information presented.

Nominations

Nominations for the superintendent, social scientist, and resource interpreter board positions are now being accepted by the *Park Science* editorial board chair. Please submit a brief (one to two paragraph) statement on your interest in serving on the editorial board, for which slot, and the skills you offer the group. Nominations are due August 15. Please forward them to Ron Hiebert; Associate Regional Director for Natural Resources; Midwest Region; 1709 Jackson Street; Omaha, Nebraska 68102; 402-221-4856; e-mail: ron_hiebert@nps.gov.