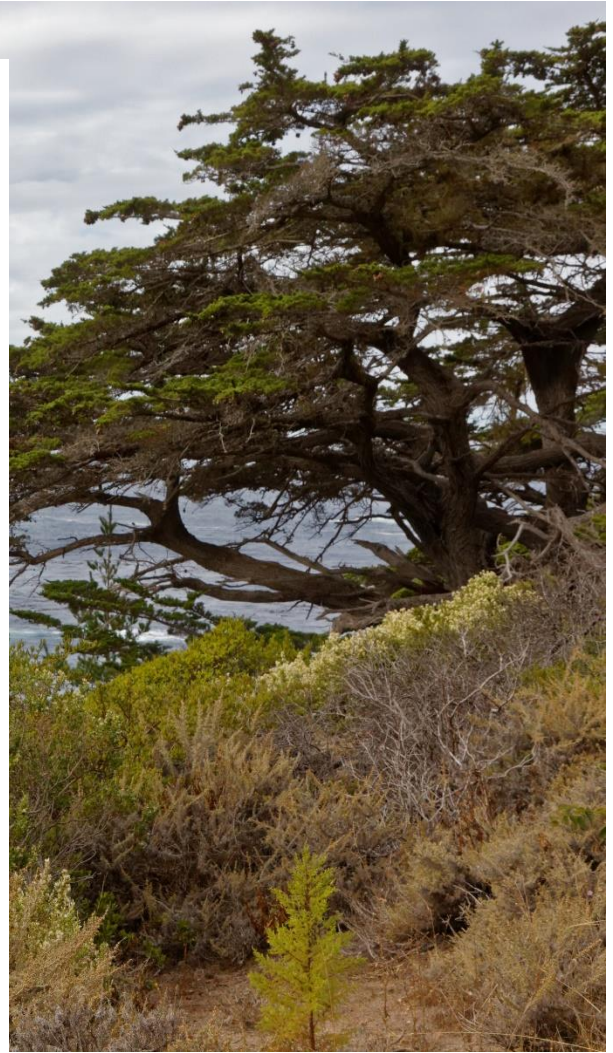


Status of the Corporation, 2023



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Annual Report of the Corporation

California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners & Board Members

The California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners & Board Members is a 501©3 nonprofit corporation incorporated in California and registered with the California Secretary of State, Attorney General Office of Charitable Trusts, and the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt corporation. The governing documents are on file with the California Secretary of State and annual registrations and reporting documents are attached to this report and filed at the office of the Association.

The Mission of the Association is to “provide education, networking and advocacy that enhance the role of commissioners and board members in California”

The Association is affiliated, by agreement, with the National Recreation and Park Association and the California Park and Recreation Society.



Summary

The intent of this report is to present a non-biased assessment of the current status of the Association.

Financial conditions for nonprofit organizations have significantly changed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. In most cases, nonprofits have re-evaluated their income stream and internal expenditures. Some nonprofits were eligible for federal “pandemic” funds to compensate for losses in income. Others, like CAPRCBM, did not qualify for funding. Consequently, the Association needed to completely evaluate its relevancy, income sources, available funds and expenditures to determine its status. These past two years, beginning in March 2020 and continuing on today, have been the most difficult time period in the history of the Association. This report reflects on the challenges that have confronted CAPRCBM and resulting actions.

Legal Status

The Association continues to comply with California nonprofit law including those laws that apply to Workers Compensation Insurance. Annual filing with the Secretary of State and the Office of Charitable Trust at the State Attorney General’s Office was completed on schedule and is on record with those agencies respectively. Taxes returns associated with nonprofits were filed prior to the end of the Association’s fiscal year with the California Franchise Board and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Liability insurance to protect the Association and their employees is in effect with Arch Insurance Company (Policy #NFP0125978-04).

Financials

Budget

The annual budget was adopted at the Spring meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Association By-laws. This year, the Association received over \$4,000 from donations. Although our primary income source is membership income, the donations were a welcomed addition to the budget. As a result of controlled spending, expenditures and income balanced and \$4,000 was carried over to the 2022-23 fiscal year. The two “Reserve Accounts” were untapped and again carried over without monetary reductions to the accounts.

Banking

The Association continues to maintain three bank accounts at Wells Fargo Bank. Each account has the protection of restricted access and two Officers have the ability to review the account balances at any moment by online access. The Executive Director is the principal person who pays bills and deposits income; and, he provides a financial statement at each meeting of the Executive Committee and at the regular Board of Director meetings.

Scholarship

The Association offers an annual scholarship partnering with the California Foundation for Park and Recreation. Although the amount of the scholarship is now fixed at \$1,500 and the income to cover the award is generated by donations. David Nigel continues to be the principal fundraiser for the scholarship and has generated over \$62,000 in donations. The Scholarship recipient for 2022 was Elizabeth Arciniega from California State University, Long Beach. More information about Elizabeth is available at <https://www.capr cbm.org/scholarship> .

Membership

The By-laws specify the Association membership categories and define eligibility requirements. Currently, there is one Officer seat vacant and the Secretary and Treasurer positions is combined into one Secretary/Treasurer seat. All other Officer seats are filled. There are six Board member seats vacant.

The Board of Directors meet three times each year and the Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers and three delegated members of the Board, continues to meet monthly to conduct the business of the Association.

State of the Association

Undoubtedly, the previous pandemic and the current economic conditions have had a long-term impact on the Association. The Board of Directors met in Santa Monica during October, 2022 to discuss the current financial conditions, limited membership, and membership apathy that is prevalent today. The Sustainability report shared last

year was also discussed. Without the generosity of many individuals, the Association may not have survived another year.

Unfortunately, the realization of the limitations is requiring difficult choices. The economy has worsened and membership has stayed consistently low without growth. Local government continues with the reality of slow recovery in sales tax revenue and employee growth. Sustainability is a challenge and member benefits no longer have value. Consequently, at the October meeting, the Board voted to continue without change in management and structure of the Association until a proposal can be presented to CPRS for future restructuring. Past President Betsy Truax volunteered to prepare the proposal for submittal to the CPRS Board in 2023. If accepted, it may take a year, or longer, for the Association to become assimilated into CPRS. That assimilation will also include dissolution of the Association.

The various filings and statements, insurance policies, current Roster, list of Past Presidents, 2021-22 budget, and the Sustainability Report can be viewed in the 2021-22 Annual Report.