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to Karla, wstewart, Alan, Diane

Folks, I just wanted to keep you in the loop with regard to some ALS business.

First, the ALS/NRPA Best Student Paper Award is moving forward very nicely (see attachment). Dan William and Fran McGuire have agreed to serve on the ALS side of this new initiative. Dan worked closely with Monica Stodolska and Jason Bocarro to put together the attached guidelines. Fran agreed only week to serve on the committee. It's nice to have him involved. He has moved away from NRPA and ALS. He brings a lot of skills and dedication to student development. NRPA has agreed to waive the conference registration for the winner. ALS will award the winner \$200, a plaque, and a lunch at our annual meeting. Laura Payne and the Educators' Network is fully behind this. Thanks for your input on this new ALS initiative.

I have asked Dan Dustin to chair a committee to look at the benefits of ALS. He may be contacting some of you to help. However, I anticipate he will be recruiting non-Fellows (e.g., Danielle Timmerman). Dan tells me he will have something to share in early 2012.

Also, Dan is hosting a symposium in the spring of 2012 called, Speaking Up and Speaking Out: Working for Social and Environmental Justice in Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Leisure. I agreed we would co-sponsor the event or some event within the event (a coffee break). Our commitment would be about \$200. Because we are up in the air about dues (see Karla's note from 11/13), it could be that Dan asks participants to make a donation to the Future Scholar's Fund. Dan and I will figure out the details later.

Bill Stewart is working with Sagamore to create a mechanism for recruiting and maintaining members. (He has agreed to serve as our membership Chair—we on the executive committee will provide him support.) Sagamore has done its homework on how to create a database, which means we don't need to spend time learning new. Plus, Sagamore is doing this on their nickel. So, for now, we will use Sagamore as a vehicle for recruiting and keeping tabs of new members.

I really like Karla's idea of letting non-Fellows join ALS at no cost the first year. We can encourage them to donate to the Future's Scholar fund (e.g., \$25 to \$50). In essence, we will allow Fellows to be members gratis the first year. We are basically extending Fellow privileges to non-Fellows the first year.

Once we have worked out the benefits (again, I expect to have something from Dan in early 2012) and we have a mechanism in place for taking on new members, I will send out, with your assistance, another call via SPRE and other list-serves.

My best and thanks for your support.
