

## **Southern Council Meeting January 18, 2011**

**Attending:** Carrie Bryant, Coleen Ryan, Tom Drake, Amy Erickson, Bryan Snyder

**Welcome Amy Erickson:** New Chair Elect is now officially on the board; this was her first southern council meeting. We are happy you are here... Yeah Amy!

**Past Chair:** This position is now vacant as Steve Morris resigned before the term was over. Carrie will be the past chair in April. Until then do we need to try and fill that or since we are not hosting the spring conference and our work load is less is it ok to keep vacant? Carrie will see what Ryan suggests.

**Chair Elect:** We do have a person interested in taking on the chair elect position in April. That is great since that would mean we have a full board ready to go at the start of the new term (In April at the spring conference in person meeting)

**Spring 2010 Conference:** Carrie sent out a list of the open volunteer jobs for the 2010 spring conference. You can also contact Jymn directly to see what jobs still need to be filled. Thank you for helping out!

**2011 Southern Fall Conference:** Still looking for the location. George \_\_\_?\_\_\_ of the Wildlands Conservancy had talked to Carrie about possibly hosting. Rancho Allegre has hosted a couple times in the past (3 and 6 yrs ago) and may be able to give a good deal to AEOE. Carrie will check in with George. Bryan will check into Rancho Allegre. Make sure to check on parking accommodations as that has been a problem in the past with some locations. Any other location ideas please send to Carrie.

**2012 Statewide Spring Conference:** Had been discussing Boy Scout site in Irvine. May have issues with the noise levels and alcohol consumption on site. They are located in a suburban area. Gregory Lewis had presented a Boy Scout camp that he works at as a possible location. It is 2 hours NE of Bakersfield, CA. Called Whitsett Camp. Can accommodate up to 300 people in both cabins and camping options. Many outdoor and indoor workshop locations available. Need to ask about drinking and noise policies. Is there are location similar to the tennis courts in Malibu that we could use late night and not disturb the quiet camping and dorms? Carrie will follow up with that. Check out their website at [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org)

**Canoe Trip:** The outfitters that we have used in the past are now out of business. Bryan was able to get 14 permits for the Feb 5-6 weekend. Spent \$250. Earlier than we have done in the past but the other weekends were not available. Newsletter is not out yet, Helen did email out a message to all members on the 18<sup>th</sup> advertising trip. But at this point Bryan is unsure if it will fill. Will wait and see if he gets any more reservations and then communicate via the list serve about how to proceed (cancel, reschedule or run as planned)

**Next Meeting: February 8, 2011 @ 7pm**