

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

2018 Board of Trustees



President – Ernie O-Toole: Ernie has been a resident of Colorado for 48 years and moved to Pagosa Springs 2 years ago. He is a retired aerospace engineer/wildlife biologist with a BS in mechanical engineering, a BS in biology and an MS in ecology. He has had an interest in Ancestral Puebloans since first visiting Mesa Verde in 1968. Becoming a tour guide at CR has again piqued his passion for this work. Ernie worked seasonally for the US Forest Service in recreation and biology from 2004 to 2011.

Vice President – Alan Saltzstein: Alan has lived in Pagosa Springs for the past seven years. He and his wife, Grace, moved here from Southern California to enjoy the mountains, clean air, and less man made craziness and to be closer to family members in Albuquerque. He is a retired Professor of Political Science from California State University, Fullerton. Alan's teaching and research emphasized urban politics and management and Public Administration. He developed and, for many years, headed a Masters program in Public Administration. He served as Chair of the Political Science Department in his last few years at Fullerton and as Chair of the Division of Politics Administration and Justice. That position included oversight and coordination of programs in Political Science, Public Administration, and Criminal Justice. He also wrote two books and several professional publications. Alan loves being a tour guide at Chimney Rock. He finds it a wonderful experience for an ex teacher because it includes the best features of teaching; learning new things, meeting people and explaining sometimes difficult concepts; and none of the negative features; no papers to grade, no students who really don't want to be there, and no musty classrooms.

Treasurer – Lynn Steinert: Lynn has been enchanted with Chimney Rock since the first tour she took when the Forest Service was providing them. Before CRIA, she joined Glen Raby's Chimney Rock Archeological Group and was on the Board when the organization made the transition from San Juan Mountain Association to the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. She served until 2005. Lynn started doing tours in 2000 and continues to do so. She also helped with special programs such as Lunar Standstill, Pueblo dances, Life at Chimney Rock, night programs, and several others. She enjoys working with the volunteers and meeting guests from all over the world. She would like to continue to help CRIA meet challenges in the future.

Secretary – Phyllis Webb: Phyllis moved to Pagosa Springs three years ago when she retired from working as a Registered Nurse in Los Alamos, New Mexico. During her time in New Mexico she became interested in and studied Pueblo culture, both contemporary and historic, as a hobby. She has enjoyed working as a Mesa Host the last two seasons and she hopes to continue that involvement as a member of the Board.

Trustee at Large – Bob Curvey :Bob has lived in Pagosa Springs for 47 years. After 5 years of active duty military in the US Navy, he moved to Pagosa Springs where he had a variety of employment experiences. You may recognize him from his 20 – year career with City Market. Since retirement in 2014, he has been an active volunteer at Chimney Rock in a variety of roles: cabin host, mesa host, Life at Chimney Rock, and the Night Sky Program. He’s been called the local atlatl expert and it gives him great pleasure to give demonstrations and instructions on using an atlatl.

Trustee at Large – Pat Hasenbuhler: Prior to becoming a full-time resident of Pagosa Springs in 2014, Pat worked for Department of Defense Schools in Germany for 32 years where he taught science and social studies. He has a BS in Anthropology and worked for 7 years as an archaeologist at Salmon Ruins and with Dr Irwain-Williams on her Anasazi Origin Project. He has a MS in Earth Science and has been active volunteer with CRIA as a tour guide and with the night sky program for two seasons.

Trustee at Large - Rex Kemp: Rex and his wife, Anne Marie, moved to Pagosa Springs immediately after his retirement in 2015. They had visited Pagosa regularly for many years and were excited to become residents. They have both completed their second year as CRIA volunteers, having spent much of their time doing maintenance, but also participating in Night Sky programs and other special events. Rex graduated with a BS - Zoology, but spent 43 years in management with a transportation company. That required living in a number of locations; California, Arizona, Saudi Arabia, Wisconsin, and Texas. He primarily managed a number of operation employees numbering as many as 7000+. He also participated in Labor Contract negotiations for over 30 years. In addition to his activities with CRIA, he is also a Docent on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR, where he typically volunteers once a week.

Trustee at Large - Joanne Lucariello: Originally from New Jersey and now permanent residents, Joanne and her husband purchased their Pagosa Springs property in 2009 and began building their home in 2012. That same year Joanne began volunteering at Chimney Rock as a cabin host and now she is also a mesa host. Additionally, this year was her first year assisting with the cabin inventory and helping on the fundraising committee. Joanne is married and has two grown children and three grandchildren. After graduating from high school, she earned her certification as a Medical Assistant and Laboratory Technician and was employed by a pediatrician for eight years. Later she received an Associate’s Degree in Studio Art focusing on photography and printmaking. After several years, she returned to college and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature. Joanne worked for the Clinton Township, NJ School District for 18 years, first as a teaching assistant for special education and later taught middle school language arts. While in New Jersey, she was a member of the Printmaking Council of New Jersey and was involved with their fundraising efforts. She was also a member of the BMW Car Club, New Jersey Chapter, and was the social chairperson for eight years arranging club

picnics, banquets, and activities at various driving events. Her long term goals are to continue to volunteer at Chimney Rock, provide support and input to CRIA, resume her printmaking and photography, continue writing poetry and create a glorious garden for their new home.

Trustee at Large – Lynne Stinchfield: Lynne and her husband, Rick, arrived in Pagosa Springs 10 years ago from Iowa, by way of Fort Collins. In Iowa, she operated an antique shop for 15 years and volunteered at her neighborhood elementary school in the library and the Talented & Gifted program. While in Fort Collins, the Stinchfields began spending Aprils and Octobers volunteering as interpretive park rangers at Capitol Reef NP in Utah and, 13 years later, continue to enjoy the experience. Here in Pagosa, Lynne served as a library board member for 5 years and continues to help with shelving and summer reading programs. For the past 6 years, she has volunteered at the information desk at the Forest Service office and conducted summer programs and guided hikes in the Forest. Though she has only volunteered at Chimney Rock for two years, her knowledge of the Forest Service and her interpretive experience at Capitol Reef NP might be useful in helping CRIA through the transition to, and growth caused by, designation as a National Monument.