

**Eighty-Eighth
Annual Report
of the
New Hampshire Chapter
Appalachian Mountain Club**



October 4, 2008

The Chapter wishes to recognize and thank the following long-time members for their support:

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Chapter Chair Report

As the 2007 – 2008 comes to an end it is time to look back and also to look forward. On a sad note, we lost a dear friend and leader with the passing of Bill Bowden. In memory of Bill, a library of many of his books is being made available to visitors at Cardigan Lodge. Thanks to all of those who helped to make this happen.

Shortly after the year started, the New Hampshire Chapter hosted the AMC Fall Gathering the Highland Center in October. With hard work by both the AMC Staff and Volunteers, we held a very successful weekend that was very well attended. Also in October we held a Cardigan Weekend Workshop for potential leaders. Rick Silverberg worked with other leader/trainers to put on a great weekend. Unfortunately it was not well attended and we have decided not to offer it again this year. If there is interest, we can consider it again in the future.

At our Chapter Annual Meeting, we updated the by-laws to allow for the creation of temporary committees to help initiate new activities. As Tony Schmidt mentions below in his Ski Committee report, the temporary Ski Committee had a very successful year. As a result, we are proposing that the Ski Committee be made a Standing Committee. We also created a Temporary Walks and Short Hikes Committee. Time will tell if that group will grow to a Standing Committee.

The Executive Committee has been working on several items with the help of AMC Staff, including newsletter distribution (see Renée Robertie’s Newsletter report, below). We are also trying ways to accept credit card purchases via our web pages. AMC Membership Staff has implemented a way for people to ‘click through’ from our web pages and join the AMC as new members. When people join in this way, New Hampshire Chapter gets fifty percent of their first year dues. This has provided a nice reward to the Chapter.

The year has passed quickly. As your Chapter Chair, I have had an opportunity to work with a lot of great people. I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the NH Chapter Executive Committee, the AMC Volunteers, and the AMC Staff for making my job easier. I look forward to another great year in 2009.

Paul Berry, Chapter Chair
chair@amc-nh.org

Treasurer's Report

We have had a year of good financial stability, with activity committees continuing to be largely self-supporting. The chapter contributes to their success by supporting leadership training and certification, principally bi-annual participation in SOLO Wilderness First Aid training for the leaders.

Our income continues to derive almost exclusively from thrice-yearly AMC dues allocations, based upon chapter membership, and some donations. We continue as the AMC's third largest chapter, after Boston and NY-NJ.

The major expense that we charge to our AMC dues allocations revenue continues to be that of printing and mailing *Mountain Passages*, our chapter newsletter, which consumes most of our dues allocation. While this expenditure reflects the continued excellence, size and frequency of the publication, and there's no wish to limit them, the Treasury would benefit substantially from greater electronic distribution. The printing and postage costs constitute a large part of that expenditure. With the help of new AMC addressee software, we hope to substantially reduce the number of snail-mailed copies over time. And if your household receives more than one copy in the mail, please consider deleting that requirement.

The chapter does occasionally receive donations, often with matching employer contributions, in memory of a member who died, or as a bequest. We received many such donations in memory of Bill Bowden, an active member who led many hikes and climbs. We put some of these donations to work in establishing the Bill Bowden Collection, a library of Bill's books in the main Cardigan Lodge dining room. These donations may be designated to support ongoing chapter activities or for a specific purpose. If you can help the chapter in this way, please contact me and I'll be happy to inform and assist you.

Mitch Manseau, Treasurer
treasurer@amc-nh.org

Secretary's Report

The 87th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, New Hampshire on October 6, 2007. The following slate of nominees was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2007-2008 New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee:

Chair:	Paul Berry
Vice-chair:	Eric Savage
Treasurer:	Mitch Manseau
Secretary:	David Ross
Conservation:	Bob & Mary Harrington
Education:	Scott Maxner
Excursions:	Wes Tucker
Hospitality:	Kathy Ratcliffe & Janice Bremer
Membership:	Bob Humphrey & Kathy Ratcliffe
Mountaineering:	Jed Eliades
Newsletter:	Renée Robertie
Paddling:	Julia Steed Mawson, Karen Klawiter
Programs:	Ron Janowitz & Louise Provan
Trails:	Bill Darcy & Tim Doucette
Young Members:	Ross Garofalo & Mary Schmidt

Ex-officio members: Past Chair, Sam Jamke; Regional Director, John Dolloff

Nine meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the 2007-2008 season. Minutes were recorded and distributed to the committee members. The Annual Report was completed and printed for the Annual Meeting.

David Ross, Secretary
secretary@amc-nh.org

Committee Reports

Conservation

This past year was a slow one for the Conservation Committee. The highlight of the year was the Chapter Activity Day that was held at Cardigan Lodge on May third. We had a good group interested in the nature hike and we were pleased to find a number of early blooms in spite of its being early in the season.

The coming year will be one of transition, as Co-Chair Mary Harrington is stepping down, and we have not yet identified someone to replace her. Obviously, there are a great many opportunities presented by the renewed interest in our environment that range from encouraging advocacy in conservation issues on the local, state, regional and national levels to conducting conservation and naturalist education through hikes and workshops.

What is needed in our New Hampshire Chapter now is a new infusion of interest and energy to the Conservation Committee, so anyone with ideas and suggestions please bring them to the committee or any of the members of the Executive Committee.

Robert Harrington & Mary Harrington, Co Chairs

Education

The Education Committee took on a new committee chair this past year with Bob Humphrey shifting responsibilities as Membership Co-chair to Education Chair. The Winter Hiking Series is now the responsibility of this committee; formerly it fell under the aegis of the Excursions Committee.

We are seeking a co-chair and are in the process of formulating guidelines which the committee hopes to adopt to meet its goals.

Upcoming Programs

- The first education committee offering will be a map and compass training session to be held October 18th.
- The Winter Hiking Series begins on October 25th.
- Plans are now being formulated to offer another map and compass training session in April.
- A beginner Backpack training session may be offered, with the possibility of a backpacking trip for those who attend.
- In May the committee will be sponsoring Chapter Activity Day at Cardigan and hopes to improve upon last year's attendance figures.

Request for Suggestions

In the July issue of Mountain Passages Bob submitted an article asking for input from chapter members in an effort to offer educational opportunities that members would

support. A number of suggestions were included in the article in hopes of sparking some interest in programs that might be offered in the future.

Thus far input from chapter members has been weak, so the committee is going to offer programs and hope that they will be attended. If programs are listed on the AMC and NH Chapter websites, in addition to publication in *AMC Outdoors*, people will be able to reserve program dates and attend those that interest them. The committee will happily consider any ideas from anyone in the hiking community.

Our goal is to offer fun and educational programs and at the same time to teach skills to enhance members' enjoyment of chapter activities.

Bob Humphrey, Chair

Excursions

The NH Chapter excursions committee is made up of approximately 100 dedicated Trip Leaders who are involved in leading trips, staffing workshops, or both. They give up a lot of their time to ensure that every participant on a NH Chapter trip has a fun, but more importantly, a safe experience. I wish I could list them all individually, but the list is just too long. The trail to becoming a NH Chapter Trip Leader is not an easy one, but it does ensure that when a hiker goes on a NH Chapter trip, that person is going with one of the best Trip Leaders the AMC has to offer.

We've had another very active year. In addition to the 250+ trips our Trip Leaders offered to AMC members this year, here are a few events that took place this year that I would like to highlight:

Workshops: The Annual Cardigan Workshops were not quite as busy this year as last. But that is no surprise after the record breaking year we had in '07. This year, 125 students signed up for the 3 sessions. Lynda Caine completed her first full year as the Workshop Registrar. Working closely with Co-Director Rick Silverberg, Lynda was instrumental in keeping the students organized and making sure they got all the information they needed to make the most of their experience. Bob Humphrey also stepped in to help out as a Co-Director of the Workshop. We introduced a new on-line registration system this year. It still needs some fine tuning, but overall it has been a great help in keeping the workshop organized. We are now working on the way to accepting credit card payments.

Family Group: The FG continued its tradition of offering outings and activities for families with children of all ages and abilities. Under the guidance of Dave Passios, they have offered weekends at Joe Dodge and Cardigan Lodges, AMC huts, and Tanglewood. They even had a weekend of trail maintenance. A highlight of the FG offerings is the

Staying Found Workshops. They continue to be very popular and important educational event. The search dog demonstrations are particularly impressive.

Over 55 Group: Since 1992, the O-55's have offered trips at a kinder, gentler pace. Nancy Seavey and Linda Holton have completed their first year at the reins and they have done a wonderful job at it. They are continuing to expand the variety of trips offered and increasing the stable of regular O-55 Leaders.

Hut Nights & Presidential Range Hike: Tim Kennedy did his usual superb job putting together two Chapter Hut Nights at Carter Notch and Greenleaf, and he did an exceptionally fine job in his 4th year as director of the week long Annual Presidential Range Hike (PRH) in July. We always knew he was somewhat of a magician when it comes to organizing the PRH, but this year he managed to pull an entire bus out of thin air for his participants! Ask him about it the next time you see him. 2009 will likely be his last year as director of the Hut Nights & PRH.

Training: In November, we held a Wilderness First Aid training course for our Leaders at SOLO in Conway. This training is invaluable in terms of making our trips as safe as possible for our participants.

Finally, to all of our Trip Leaders and workshop staff, thank you for all you have given to the NH Chapter. Grassroots volunteer efforts like yours are the heart and soul of the chapter. You have every right to be proud of the contributions you have made in making the NH Chapter Excursions Committee a standard of trip leadership in the AMC.

Wesley Tucker, Chair

Hospitality and Programs

The New Hampshire Chapter conducted three dinner programs during the 2007 - 2008 year. The dinner programs were held on Saturday evenings at different locations throughout the state and focused on diverse topics.

The 87th Annual Meeting and dinner was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, NH, on October 6, 2007. The program speaker was Ray Turmelle, who gave an interesting talk and audiovisual presentation, "Peru, Home of the Incas," on his travels to the ruins of Machu Picchu.

In April we met at the Cat 'N Fiddle Restaurant in Concord, NH, where Past New Hampshire Chair Sam Jamke gave a fascinating presentation to a sold out audience on her hiking trip to New Zealand, "Trekking New Zealand's Great Walks." Sam's wonderful displays of maps, books, and items made by local craftspeople added another dimension to the evening.

The May program, held at Canterbury Woods Country Club in Canterbury, NH, featured author Michael J. Tougias, who has written a number of widely acclaimed books on various topics. The subject of the evening's talk was "A Story of Survival at Sea off the Massachusetts Coast," based on his recent book *Fatal Forecast*.

The programs and locations for the dinners are planned over a year ahead. For up to date information, please contact our Chapter Web Page at <http://www.amc-nh.org>. We're looking for input from members on formats and topics for dinner programs that will appeal to a broad audience, as well as thoughts on venues for our events. Please contact us and share your feedback and suggestions!

We thank everyone who participated this past year and hope that you will continue to attend our programs in the future.

Ron Janowitz and Louise Provan, Programs Co-Chairs

Kathy Ratcliffe and Janice Bremer, Hospitality Co-Chairs

Membership

Our chapter began its reporting year with 9,991 members in September 2007 and reports 9,932 as of September 2008. We remain the third largest chapter after the Boston and the New York-North Jersey chapters.

We sent out 1,859 new member letters in the 12-month reporting period. The new member letters include material welcoming new members and also contain information about the activity committees with contact names and phone numbers to help new members become involved. We also insert trip listings to tide new members over until they receive their first AMC *Outdoors* magazine.

We sent 82 certificates of appreciation to 25 and 50 year New Hampshire Chapter members thanking them for their continuing support.

We sold individual and family memberships through the Membership in a Bottle program and via our new facility for purchasing memberships on-line.

Kathy Ratcliffe and Keely Norton, Co-chairs

Mountaineering

This year the Mountaineering Committee continued its trip offerings. We ran a beginner ice climbing clinic with IME, a 2 day avalanche awareness workshop, a 3 day glacier travel workshop, a rock/ice trips leadership course (Top Rope Site Management), a 3 day lead climbing clinic, and a top rope set-up clinic. We sent Jed Eliades to update his AMGA one pitch leadership certification, and paid ½ tuition for a 2 day self-rescue course for 6 of our 12 active rock leaders.

Since January 2008, we have offered a total of 26 trips; 5 were cancelled due to inclement weather. All of our trips and trainings were well subscribed (with the exceptions of “Pawtuckaway After Work” trips and Beginner Climbing Clinic) and for most of them, we had to create waiting lists. We have continued to run a weekly indoor climbing night at Vertical Dreams in Manchester.

The Committee welcomes one new leader, Tom Meredith, and one new co-leader, Faith Knapp. Jackie Veal and Larry Krutko took over as co-chairs of the Mountaineering Committee in January, 2008. Jed Eliades stepped down as chairman after 5 years of exemplary leadership. He continues to contribute his enthusiasm, expertise and ideas to the Committee.

We updated our criteria for our Rock/Ice trip leaders and drafted requirements for Glacier Travel Instructors that will go into effect for the 2009 season. In the past, all of our Rock/Ice leaders were AMGA-trained. Since that time, we have designed our own program, and we pay in part or in full for several members to receive additional instruction each year. Our updates reflect that change.

The Committee purchased 2 ropes, 11 wind shirts for glacier travel instructors, 12 carabiners, 4 slings, 2 small duffel bags, 2 harnesses and 3 cordelettes

Phyllis Bowden donated her late husband Bill’s climbing equipment to the Committee. Bill had been an active member of the Mountaineering Committee for over 10 years. The Committee greatly appreciates this donation and will put the gear to good use.
Larry Krutko and Jackie Veal, Co-chairs

Newsletter

The Chapter published six issues of *Mountain Passages* during the 2007-08 program year. The newsletter continues to be a key resource for informing members of the many activities and other opportunities for getting involved in the Chapter and connecting with other outdoor enthusiasts. This year, there was an extra effort to include more photos.

The Executive Committee once again did a thorough evaluation of the newsletter costs, the single most expensive budget item. After thoughtful review of cost estimates received from printers, the Executive Committee made the decision to change the print and fulfillment vendors to Ben Franklin Printers and First Resort Marketing, both of Manchester. Additional savings were made by changing the postal indicia to mail the newsletter from Manchester post office, rather than Nashua.

In an effort to reduce print and postage costs, promotion of electronic distribution of *Mountain Passages* has been included in each issue. This resulted in 233 AMC-NH members requesting to receive the newsletter in electronic format in the first year. With AMC Headquarters' development of a system for members to elect their newsletter format and manage distribution, the number of members expected to elect electronic distribution is expected to grow, thereby further reducing the cost of publishing the newsletter.

In addition to reducing costs, revenue-generating advertising was encouraged in each issue. The March/April 2008 issue included the first paid advertising! Ad revenue for this first year was \$933. This helps off set the cost of publishing the newsletter. Additional ad revenue will be sought in the coming year.

Renée Robertie, Editor
Mountain Passages

Paddling

The Paddling Committee of the New Hampshire Chapter posted over 100 trips and events in 2008, including touring trips on flat and moving water; whitewater river trips; sea kayaking trips; and recreational evening paddles. Most of our trips were single day trips, and we also ran a number of overnight and multi-day trips (wilderness excursions as well as base camp paddles).

In 2007, we had begun to move towards using the On-Line Trip Listing system (OLTL) on the AMC website as the central entry point for all paddling committee trips. It was our goal that the trip schedule would flow from that single point of entry to the AMC Outdoors magazine, to our paddling website, and to the weekly email which keeps us in touch with our members. As this paddling season comes to a close, we have realized

that goal. At first, every 2008 trip was initially entered via OLTL and also on our paddling website. Ultimately, we revised our website to capture and display OLTL trip data directly from the listings on trips.outdoors.org, eliminating inconsistencies and redundant data entry. The same listings are captured and sent out in our emailed weekly notices.

We now enter each new trip directly into the OLTL system as soon as it is scheduled. Our trip leaders are becoming more familiar with the system, and with increasing frequency they are entering their own trip details. When entered, new trips are automatically routed to trip approvers for final processing – this is a tremendous time saver, and allows trip leaders to post additional trips throughout the season to take advantage of favorable water and weather conditions as they arise.

Twice a year, we host meetings (fall and spring) for our General Membership to conduct committee business, hear sub-committee reports, schedule upcoming trips, and socialize over potluck dinner. This year we also held a third General Meeting in the summertime, at which we incorporated paddling and picnicking as well as conducting business and committee reports.

In addition to our 2008 paddling trips and General Meetings, we offered educational courses in safety and rescue, leadership, and whitewater skills.

Thirty-one students and more than 50 dedicated volunteers came together for our annual Spring Class II Whitewater School. Most of those students have returned to paddle with the club on many subsequent trips, and have become regular whitewater paddlers with the AMC.

Several new leaders completed our training program and began leading and co-leading trips this season, joining the amazing group of active trip leaders who give so freely of themselves to bring their valuable experience and wonderful enthusiasm to the benefit of our members and participants.

We also continued our very successful Wednesday Evening Recreational Paddle series. These trips provided terrific opportunities for new members to join up with more experienced paddlers to try out paddling and demo a variety of boats. Many of our regular paddlers started out as newcomers on Wednesday nights.

Paddling on rivers, lakes, and ponds throughout New England, we offer organized trips, courses, instruction, and great fun for canoeists and kayakers of all experience levels. Come paddle with us!

Karen Klawiter, Co-chair

Ski

History

NH Chapter ski trips have historically been offered either by the Excursions committee or more recently by the Mountaineering committee (MC). The MC had an unofficial “ski-coordinator” position, and when that position was vacated last fall, Tony Schmidt was asked to step in.

Subsequently, it was suggested that there was enough interest to form a full committee, and at the November meeting the Executive Committee voted to form a temporary Ski Committee to see if there was enough interest in skiing in New Hampshire.

Not only was there interest, but the committee was an overwhelming success! As a result, the Executive Committee voted to amend the chapter’s by-laws to make the temporary Ski Committee permanent (see below).

Trips

We offered 16 back country trips with 91 participants and 6 telemark clinics with 31 participants.

The Ski Committee has requested that it be established as a full committee. As such, a by-laws change was submitted to the Executive Committee, as follows:

The Ski Committee shall be responsible for planning, scheduling and implementing safe skiing and related activities. This committee shall ensure that all activities are conducted in a manner that promotes the safety of all participants and engenders a sense of responsibility for the ecology of traversed areas.

This committee shall be responsible for its leader training, skills workshops, and related events. All skiing activities shall be led by trip leaders who have been approved under criteria established by this committee and approved by the Executive Committee. This committee shall be responsible for gathering and submitting skiing trip notices for publication.

The change was approved by the Executive Committee and will go to a member vote at the annual meeting in October.

Tony Schmidt, Chair

Trails

People are getting the message. If you're using trails for recreating (hiking, biking, skiing, whatever) you should also contribute to their maintenance. Just one day a year is all that's necessary if everyone pitches in. Don't be surprised if you find trail work as fun, creative, interesting and compelling as the rest of us who return time and time again –for one day a year, or more.

What do we do? We do and teach everything that trails need to stay in good shape to protect the land you travel on, including: digging in the dirt, clipping branches, painting blazes, moving rocks, building steps and bridges, changing and building trails. It's all so simple; we can teach you the how and why while we're working on any project.

Where? We work from May to October on many projects throughout New Hampshire including: the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch, the Sunapee Ridge section of the NH Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (the New Hampshire chapter's adopted trails), AMC's Cardigan Lodge, Pawtuckaway State Park, the Davis Path and more.

Why? So it's easier for you to hike? No. To protect the trails from the damage done by boots, rain, and melting snow. Join us to learn how. Many people have earned rewards for doing trail work with the New Hampshire chapter: bandanas (for 1.5 days of work), short sleeve T-Shirts (for three days), long sleeve T-shirts (for five days).

This year, chapter volunteers contributed over 500 hours to the following projects:

- Old Bridle Path (the chapter's White Mountain adopted trail): spring and fall basic maintenance plus the continuous work rebuilding the many rock staircases.
- Basic maintenance on the Sunapee ridge section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway.
- Basic and construction projects on the Davis Path.
- Constructed a new section of trail on Meredith, NH Conservation land
- Installed new drainage at Pawtuckaway State Park.
- Participated in volunteer trail work weekends at Three Mile Island, Cold River Camp and Cardigan Lodge

If this sounds fun, that's because it is (we wouldn't do it if it weren't). We're ready to teach you how and why, if you have no experience, and challenge you (both mentally and physically) when you're ready. Every project is different and every project has work for everyone. We have all the tools you'll need (funded by part of your AMC membership dues). So, all you have to bring is yourself. To join us, look for our events on the chapter's web site and newsletter and in the AMC Outdoors magazine.

Bill Darcy & Tim Doucette, Co-chairs

Website

NH AMC website URL is: www.amc-nh.org. The site contains descriptions of the committees, highlights of upcoming events, and other information for Chapter members.

New this year:

- Email addresses for all committee positions
- Online store allows the public to purchase NH AMC items
- Simplified maintenance features: linking in a global header & footer, automated index of "Notes from the Chair"
- *Mountain Passages* Newsletter is available in the site for member download, with automated index.

We run over our disk space allowance 4 out of 12 months. This costs the club an average of \$5.00 per overage month. Primary cause of disk space overage is email storage.

Website Traffic, Per Month:

Unique Visits: 3,200

- 3000 US (from 40 states), of which 950 were from MA, 850 from NH
- 200 non-US visitors

Length of Visit:

- 53% look at the home page for 10 seconds and leave the site
- 22% look at a second page (in order of popularity):
 - Walks page: 700 views
 - Executive Committee page: 500 views
 - Links page: 200 views
 - Other pages
 - Average time on site 2min 18 sec.

Connection Speed: 75% Cable/DSL/T1; 20% unknown; 5% dial up

Next Steps:

- 1) Expand the online store to sell tickets for dinner programs.
- 2) Re-design the Web Site. Design objectives are: a more attractive style; featuring outdoor photography; including real-time data from OLTL (activities, educational programs, conservation); including current content; increasing the ease of maintenance. We expect the new site will be rolled out in September/October 2008.

Karen Klawiter and Kim Rexford, Co-chairs

Young Members

The goal of the committee is to draw people in their 20s and 30s into the AMC by offering trips and workshops, social events, and leadership and volunteer opportunities.

In addition to the two co-chairs, there is an Advisory Board that meets about four times a year to organize trips and events. The Advisory Board has a liaison for each of the

other chapter committee and appoints the co-chairs to the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year.

The past year was a very active one for us. We offered the Spring Hiking Series for the third year. This program has been very well received. The series is geared toward beginner hikers with each succeeding hike increasing in difficulty. This offers a way for new members to appreciate the outdoors, learn basic outdoors skills and safety, and to meet other members. It also prepares them to try more challenging hikes for summer and fall seasons.

Socials are held each month in Portsmouth, Manchester, and Concord. The socials are an informal gathering for members to meet and discuss outdoor activities. We also held a potluck in November, a dinner in March and our Annual Picnic in June. Our Annual Campton Car Camp Weekend in August was well attended despite the monsoon-like weather conditions, and the Barnes Field Car Camp Weekend in September continues to build in popularity. All these activities have generated interest and new members to the AMC.

The Young Members committee continues to foster leadership among its members. We had two Young Members go through the Excursions leadership training weekend in the fall and an additional one in April. There are also a few young members who are finishing their mentored co-leads and we look forward to having them serve as Excursions leaders for the AMC.

We have continued to maintain our adopted trail, the lower section of the Castle Trail on Mt. Jefferson through the Adopt-a-Trail program. We offer a couple trail days a year that are open to all members to help support this program.

Our email list, maintained through Yahoo! Groups, continues to grow. This has been a very effective tool in communicating upcoming events and activities.

Although geared toward younger adults, we welcome fun-loving, outdoors folk of all ages. Our hope is that young members will help strengthen the AMC by bringing in new members who will contribute their time and skills for many years to come. To find out more, visit our web page, www.amc-nh.org/youngmemb.html, where you can learn about upcoming events and find out how to join our email group. You can also contact the Co-chairs by emailing youngmembers@amc-nh.org.

Mary Schmidt and Ross Garofalo, Co-chairs

Nominating

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Bruce Healey, Bill Burke and Rick Silverberg, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 4, 2008. All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October of 2009.

Chair	Paul Berry
Vice-chair	Eric Savage
Secretary	Karen Thurston
Treasurer	Mitch Manseau

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Bob Harrington
Excursions	David Ross
Education	Bob Humphrey
Hospitality	Janice Bremer & Kathy Ratcliffe
Membership	Kathy Ratcliffe & Keely Norton
Mountaineering	Larry Krutko & Thor Smith
Newsletter	Renée Robertie
Paddling	Karen Klawiter & Joe Correia
Programs	Ron Janowitz & Janice Bremer
Trails	Bill Darcy & Tim Doucette
Webmasters	Kim Rexford & Karen Klawiter
Young Members	Ross Garofalo & Mary Schmidt

Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee: Past Chair Ruth "Sam" Jamke and Regional Director John Dolloff

25 Year Members Continued

James Moore

Cynthia Morrison

Alfred Moskal

Jack Pare

Rebecca Powell

Steve Powell

Richard Raff

Frances Rhoads

George Rhoads

Bruce Richards

Dorothy Richards

June Ann Rogier

Vahan Sarkisian

William Slauson

Dennis Spurling

David St. Jean

Richard Stockdale

Bradley Thayer

Mildred Thayer

Chris Thoma

Barbara Thornbrough

Nancy Tremblay

Christopher Voss

Betty Ward

Donald Ware

Susan Ware

Dave Webster

John Wood

Past Chapter Chairs

1921	Frank E. Heald	1977	Holly Anderson
1921	John R. McLane	1978-79	Robert C. Hansen
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1980-81	Paul S. Shaw
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1982-83	Harry Wescott
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1984-85	Henry Peterson
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1986	Jay Seavey
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1990-91	David L. Harrigan
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1992-93	D. Kurt Piper
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper
1935	Clifton A Smith	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1936	Julius C. Sturm	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1941	Avis Cross	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1942-43	Elizabeth Crosby	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
1944-45	Arnold Perreton		
1946-47	Earnest C. Goland		
1948-49	Osgood E. Waite		
1950-51	Almon G. Harris		
1952	H. Shirley Dwyer		
1953	Harry Birch		
1954-55	Charles V. Tallman		
1956-57	Florence W. Harris		
1958-60	J. Clifford Gallant		
1961	Dr. Harry C. McDade		
1962-63	Mrs. Luther G Dearborn		
1964	Robert Hill		
1965	Dr. Ursula Sanders		
1966-67	Mrs. Miriam Underhill		
1968-69	Terence P. Frost		
1970-71	Dorothy G. Burak		
1972	S. Robert Colby		
1973-74	E.H.B. Bartelink		
1975-76	Ruth Houghton		