

Academy of Leisure Sciences
Historian-Elect Report (assuming I was really elected/acclaimed)

I have no formal training related to historic research, but telling the story(ies) of people and organizations near-and-dear represents an area of passion for me (perhaps serious leisure). I look forward to serving the ALS in this capacity and trust that said service will, in-perpetuity, exempt me from consideration from other offices such as President and Treasurer! Ed Jackson's excellent work on the ALS Web site provides a valuable platform for most of this work. Some ideas for consideration:

1. I would like to chair a committee of people interested in developing and posting on-line a history of the Academy. Ed Jackson and Roger Mannell have volunteered to serve. Actually, they initiated the idea and I'm just jumping on board. It sounds like an exciting project. Are others interested? If so, drop me a note. A brief history already exists under the Introduction to the ALS link. Once our committee is struck, we can meet (probably via e-mail) to review suggestions and determine the desired level of depth for this proposed history.

2. We will continue to collect and post relevant materials pertaining to members of the Academy and their activities. As well, we will continue to post, on-line, obituary information on deceased members of the Academy. On that topic, I would like to systematically review our "In Memory" section to ensure continuity and to add details regarding the life work of these individuals. I think it is important to accurately, and in some detail, chronicle the contributions of the first generation of ALS scholars.

3. I'd like to develop a section (again on-line) featuring the Derby and Lucille Dustin Future Scholars program which would include (at a minimum) a brief history of the program and a year-by-year roster of Future Scholars. Currently, we only post the current scholars and their institutional affiliations, but this information will be quickly lost if we don't create an enduring archive.

I suspect I will generate more ideas once I receive and review the "Historian's box". Your ideas and suggestions are welcome as well. Thanks for entrusting me with this important responsibility.

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