

2014 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park System Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2014
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park System Advisory Board	559

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/30/2013	12/30/2015	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue		

11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Sec 3 of PL 91-383 (16 U.S.C. Sec 1a-2(c))	08/18/1970	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date	Report Title
01/10/2014	Vision Paper/21st Century National Park Service Intepretive Skills

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
2	0	0	0	2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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To review and make recommendations on proposed designations and other actions regarding the National Historic Landmarks Program, the National Natural Landmarks Program, and the National Historic Trails Program; to receive remarks of Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell; to receive remarks and status updates from National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis and other National Park Service officials; and to review and develop plans to accomplish the Board's 2013-2016 agenda. 01/08/2014 - 01/09/2014

To review and make recommendations on proposed designations and other actions regarding the National Historic Landmarks Program, and the National Natural Landmarks Program; to receive remarks and status updates from National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis and other National Park Service officials; and to receive status reports on matters pending in committees of the Board. 05/21/2014 - 05/22/2014

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$51,200.00	\$52,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$16,700.00	\$17,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$15,000.00	\$17,000.00
18e. Total Costs	\$232,900.00	\$236,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.50	1.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board meets in an open, public forum receiving briefings and status updates from National Park Service officials regarding matters which have been or are scheduled to come before the Board, and/or issues in which the Board has expressed interest. Opportunity is provided for public response/comment on issues for consideration by the Board in formulating its recommendations. The use of a committee structure has enabled the Board to reach beyond its membership and tap expertise of non-members, greatly facilitating broadened accomplishments.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is composed of up to 12 citizens of the United States who have demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service. Members are selected to represent various geographic areas, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. At least six of the members have outstanding expertise in one or more of the

following fields--history, archaeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, marine science or social science; at least four of the members have outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or State parks or protected areas, or natural or cultural resource management. The remaining members have outstanding expertise in one or more of the areas described above or in another professional or scientific discipline important to the mission of the National Park Service. At least one of the members is a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings of the full Board generally are scheduled twice a year, with interim meetings of committees as needed to conduct research and fact finding relevant to matters to come before the Board. The Board advice includes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on the designation of national historic landmarks (NHL), national natural landmarks (NNL), and recommendations as to the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails (NHT). In FY 2014, the Board conducted two meetings. A meeting on January 9, 2014, included the review and development of recommendations regarding (a) 4 nominations for NHL designation; (b) consideration of the national historic significance of a proposed National Historic Trail; and (c) one nomination for NNL designation. A meeting on May 21-22, 2014, included the deliberation and development of recommendations regarding (a) 10 nominations for NHL designation, the proposed boundary/name change for an existing NHL, and the proposed withdrawal of designation for 2

existing NHLs; and (b) deliberation and approval of a report of its Education Committee titled, Vision Paper/21st Century National Park Service/Interpretative Skills.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The National Park System Advisory Board to date is the only advisory body of its kind within the Department of the Interior with a mandate to advise the Secretary on issues relating to the National Park System in general. The Board has met regularly since its inception in 1935 with the exception of four lapses in its legislative authority. In each instance, procedures were implemented to administratively re-establish the Board by authority of the Secretary of the Interior. (1) The most recent instance occurred following the Board's statutory sunset on January 1, 2010. The Board was administratively re-established in January 2010. (2) On January 1, 2009, the Board's statutory authority expired. However, while the administrative rechartering was in progress, the Board's statutory authority was extended on March 11, 2009, with a sunset date of January 1, 2010. (3) The Board was administratively re-established on November 26, 2007, following a statutory sunset date of January 1, 2007. Immediately thereafter, the Board was statutorily re-authorized on December 26, 2007, and subsequently rechartered under the legislative authority. (4) Another lapse occurred between the Board's statutory sunset on January 1, 1995, and its administrative re-establishment on December 6, 1995. The administrative establishment continued until the Board's legislative reauthorization and reestablishment under Public Law 104-333, November 12, 1996.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings of the Board are open.

21. Remarks

(1) ESTABLISHMENT AUTHORITY--On January 1, 2010, the statutory authority establishing the National Park System Advisory Board (Section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 667; 16 U.S.C. 463)) expired. Pending congressional action to further extend the legislative authorization, the Board was re-established as a discretionary committee beginning January 2010 by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. Sec 1a-2c). (2) MEMBERSHIP--In accordance with Department of the Interior guidelines regarding discretionary committees, members of the Board currently serve as special government employees (SGEs).

Designated Federal Officer

Jonathan B. Jarvis Director, National Park Service

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bardacke, Paul	07/23/2013	07/23/2017	Senior Partner, Sutin, Thayer & Browne, P.C; Santa Fe, NM	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bilmes, Linda	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Professor, Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Cambridge, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blitz, Leonore	07/23/2013	07/23/2017	President, Leonore Blitz Consultants, Ltd; Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Burke, Judy	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Mayor of Grand Lake, Colorado; adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Chen, Milton	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Senior Fellow and Executive Director Emeritus, The George Lucas Educational Foundation; Nicasio, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Colwell, Rita	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology; College Park, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Faustinos, Belinda	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Senate Pro Tem alternate to the California Coastal Commission; board member on the Land Trust Alliance, California Audubon, Eastside Heritage Coalition; retired Exec. Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Rosemead, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Finney, Carolyn	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Assistant Professor, Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Knowles, Tony	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Consultant, George Kaiser Family Foundation; former governor of Alaska; Anchorage, AK	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Long, Gretchen	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Board Member, Land Trust Alliance; Scenic Hudson; and NatureBridge; Wilson, WY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pitti, Stephen	11/06/2013	11/06/2017	Professor of History and American Studies, Yale University; New Haven, CT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wheatley, Margaret	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Co-founder and President Emerita, Berkana Institute; Provo, UT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The National Park System Advisory Board advises the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails. The Board also advises on matters submitted to the Board by the Secretary or the Director, as well as any other issues identified by the Board.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

83

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2014, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 14 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, a boundary/name change for an existing NHL, and withdrawal of designation for 2 existing NHLs; (b) a recommendation regarding the national historic significance of a proposed National Historic Trail; and (c) 1 nomination for National Natural Landmark designation. The Board deliberated and adopted a report of its Education Committee titled, Vision Paper/21st Century National Park Service Interpretive Skills. In FY 2013, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 13 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, and boundary revision and additional documentation for 1 existing NHL; and (b) 2 nominations for National Natural Landmark (NNL) designation, and boundary expansion for an existing NNL. In its report Planning for a Future National Park System: A Foundation for the 21st Century (Dec 2012), the Board offered recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service as the NPS continues to develop a National Park System plan that will carry NPS leadership forward into a next century of conservation and heritage preservation. In its report, Engaging Independent Perspectives for a 21st Century National Park System (Jan 2013), the Board offered recommendations for next steps in preparing for the National Park Service centennial in 2016 and a second century of public service. In its report, American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study (Feb 2013), the Board offered recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service to provide a framework for supporting the many partners and communities throughout the nation in identifying buildings, sites, landscapes, and objects associated with the contributions and experiences of American Latinos for designation and preservation. In FY 2012, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (A) 40 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designations, and proposed amendments to 2 existing NHLs; and (B) 3 nominations for National Natural Landmark designation; along with recommendations to the Director of

the National Park Service concerning science in the national parks. In FY 2011, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (A) 18 nominations for National Historic Landmark designation, the proposed withdrawal of 1 existing NHL; and the proposed amendment of 4 existing NHLs; and (B) 5 nominations for National Natural Landmark designation, and 1 proposed amendment to an existing NNL; along with recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service concerning the Five Year Action Plan that the National Park Service is developing for the Centennial in 2016, and recommendations for a new national park plan for the 21st century. In FY 2010, no proposed national historic trail designations or nominations for National Historic Landmarks or National Natural Landmarks were submitted for consideration by the National Park System Advisory Board.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

In FY 2012, the 42 NHL and 3 NNL proposals were acted on by the Secretary as recommended by the Board. The Secretary acted on 23 recommendations concerning National Historic Landmarks, and 6 recommendations concerning National Natural Landmarks.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

National Park Service officials provide oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Board.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

N/A