# ABSENTEE BALLOT

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS—1995-96

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF WISCONSIN—MADISON

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (Vote for 2 Candidates)

| [ ] Mary Grace Ott | [ ] Helene Pesche |
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Absentee ballots must reach us by the next meeting (Wednesday, October 4) when the election will be held. Please put your ballot inside a small envelope, seal it, mark it ABSENTEE BALLOT, and then send it in a larger envelope addressed as follows:
Spending Bill Would Reverse Nation's Environment Policy

By JOHN H. CUSHMAN Jr.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 — House and Senate negotiators completed work today on a spending bill that reverses decades of Democratic environmental policy and reduces protection for endangered species, cutting deeply into Federal conservation programs and expanding opportunities for logging, mining and ranching interests on public lands.

Ending four days of deliberations, the negotiators cleared the way for the full House and Senate to vote on the spending bill, which pays for the operations of the Interior Department and other agencies in the 1996 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The Interior Department would be allowed to spend $8 billion, 8 percent less than in the current fiscal year.

By including numerous provisions that favor the development of natural resources on public lands over conservation programs, Congress appeared to be setting itself firmly on a collision course with the Clinton Administration.

For his part, President Clinton has not yet said whether he would veto the measure — perhaps making it the first major spending bill for next year to be vetoed — though a veto appeared likely.

In another sign of the looming confrontation over natural resources, the White House said today that the President would veto an omnibus budget bill that Congress is still piecing together if it includes a provision opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska to oil and gas exploration. House and Senate committees approved the drilling provisions this week.

The biologically rich wilderness in Alaska, the calving grounds of caribou, is a prime symbol of what conservationists cherish and industry covets: a thinly inhabited place rich in valuable resources. But the determination of many in Congress to open it up to development is only one facet of the Congressional push to increase the extraction of fuel, minerals, wood and fodder from the land, especially in the West.

Between the work of the negotiators on the spending bill and the decisions of the natural resource committees of both houses as they worked on the broader budget bill, Congress was carrying out the broadest attack yet by the new majority Republicans on the Administration's land-use policies.

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Newsletter Policy
Since we're always trying to get new members, we'll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. ONE EXCEPTION: Contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.
DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 PM. **General Meeting** at Union South, that's at 227 N. Randall. Elections will be held. Other agenda items to Lori by Monday, please. 257-2271.

Saturday, October 28, 7:00 PM. **Halloween Party** at Deb Stapleton's house. Think of a ghoulish disguise and be there with chains. That's 2406 Sommer's Ave. Call Deb with questions at 244-8609.

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 PM. **General Meeting** at Union South, 227 N. Randall. Agenda items to Chris Furdy.

Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 PM. **Reconnect Meeting** at Sharon Lewandowski's, 8 Sherman Terrace #4. 241-2392.

MORE DATES TO NOTE

Saturday, October 7, Dinner and talk with Rigoberta Menchu, Nobel Peace Prize winner from Guatemala. $15. Call Sharon at 241-2392 for details and tickets.

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m., **Calendar Committee Meeting** at Barbara Chatterjee's house, 5102 Coney Weston Place. All are welcome. 271-2405.

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Spending Plan Would Reverse Environment Policy

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listing of new species for protection under the Endangered Species Act, eliminating much of the financing for those activities.

It lifts the moratorium on mining companies seeking, under the Mining Act of 1872, to gain ownership of public land where they have staked claims. The process gives companies control of valuable mineral deposits for a small fraction of their worth. Earlier this year the House voted to continue the moratorium.

It cuts the National Park Service's role in managing the new Mojave National Preserve, a vast section of California desert whose preservation was a major environmental initiative. Instead, the area would be managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which is less conservationist in its approach.

It cuts the budget of the National Biological Service, established by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in an effort to improve environmental research, and transfers its functions to the United States Geological Service.

It imposes a 90-day moratorium on proposed new grazing regulations that the cattle and sheep ranching industries oppose.

It curtails a major assessment of the regional ecology of the Columbia River Basin, sharply limiting studies of how logging would affect endangered fish species.

In addition to the provisions affecting the Interior Department, the bill sharply reduces such Energy Department conservation programs as the one that finances home insulation for the poor. It also prohibits the department from issuing new standards for energy efficiency in appliances like refrigerators and air-conditioners. It is a relatively inexpensive program that the Administration says has the potential to save consumers billions of dollars while cutting pollution.

Senator Ted Stevens, Republican of Alaska, exemplified how influential lawmakers used the spending bill to control policies involving natural resources.

Mr. Stevens, who is chairman of the Interior Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, won approval of a provision that would increase by about one-third the allowable timber harvest on the Tongass National Forest, a vast temperate rain forest in southeastern Alaska. The provision directs the Forest Service, which is part of the Agriculture Department, to put into effect an old logging plan that the agency was no longer carrying out.

At the same time, the Senator arranged to make permanent a provision on a 1995 spending bill that prohibits setting up new habitat conservation areas in the Tongass.
President's Message

Between a beautiful fall day outside, a squeaky typewriter inside, and a couple of over-affectionate cats, it's no easy talk to put into words my final thoughts as your president. It is with a combination of gratefulness, good-will, and admiration I turn over the reins to the new officers elect: Chris Purdy, Deb Stapleton, Rose Ann Scott, and our ever-faithful Buck Trawllycky for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and secretary. Three cheers for busy people who can give to the group! We've got em! And I would also like to express my thanks and gratitude to those who've given me their support and encouragement over the last year and then some- Conrad Weiffenbach, Peter Joyce, Walt Zeltner, Barbara Chatterjee, Susan Mendysa, Shelly Goedken and many others.

What's left to say? Not much.

How many deadheads does it take to change a lightbulb?
None. They just let it burn out and follow it around for twenty-five years.

How many psychologists does it take to change a lightbulb?
It doesn't matter. The lightbulb has to want to change.

Ole went to the bank and asked the teller to cash his check. The teller willingly agreed, but first requested that Ole endorse the check. Ole refused angrily.

"Vat! Dis is gut money vat I haf ernt! I no a need to scriba my name on dis check. Vy can't you jist gif me da money! Gif me my money, or I will go to anoder bank"

The second teller also requested that Ole endorse the check. Ole again refused. "Vy are all of vous wanting me to scriba my name on da check! I no scriba my name, I tell you, no siree. I will jist go to anoder bank!

Now, the third teller had just about had it with humorless Norwegians that day. She reached out and took Ole by a shock of his yellow hair and bumped his head up and down and up and down several times hard on the counter to until he was willing to endorse the check. Ole then took the the money back to the first bank. "See," he said, "Dey haf given me gut service over dere.

The teller, baffled asked whether he'd signed the check.

"Vy sure," said Ole, "but the bank, dey explaint it to me"
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of Wisconsin/Madison

general meeting of Tues 5 Sept 95
with a guest to speak on Colombia

15 were present: why so low, you poops?

Our guest from the Colombia Support Network spoke first (and then stuck around to listen to what our meeting was like), but I'll report on that last.

Elections: they'll be in October, so the Nominating Committee was reminded to get off their duffs and line up people willing to stand for election. As per our Bylaws, Conrad as VP was to head this committee; Walt, Lori, Don, Deb and Buck volunteered to help. (And they succeeded, with glory: see the Ballot elsewhere.)

The Calendar Steering Committee would meet next at Phyllis Noble's house (see minutes elsewhere).

Also: Peace Corps Recruiting Offices have put in a joint order for 3200 calendars! (We'd predicted about 1500.)

Re-Connect: (Sharon): This is our project to welcome home freshly-returned RPCVs, and make them feel secure in their new village. We're still in the planning stage, and it's time to get active again. She announced a meeting at her house, for the 19th. Intentions are to have an Event for newly-returned RPCVs, and a Data-bank of what we individually can offer.

(A Summary of the Re-Connect meeting, held Tues 19 Sept: Sharon, Don, Lori, Erik, Bob & Gina, and Buck were present. BACKGROUND: we have learned by shrewd questioning that the most-wanted gifts we could offer newguys is community and friendship when they hit town. 2nd is temporary housing. 3rd is trustworthy advice on career and academic choices. 4th is help with initial employment.

1) So: We discussed an EVENT to help with this. Bob said we need a kind of New Event, something unique, instead of a bunch of us in a room eating each other's food. Here's our nifty scenario. We'll invite all the newguys we can find, and also long-back RPCVs who've not joined us, to meet with us in a food-and-video setting. We'll look at one or two foreign movies (videos borrowed from the UW collections; perhaps Rocky and Bullwinkle in Hindi), order pizza delivered (lots of anchovies) from next door, and in the breaks introduce everyone, and let those with questions guff with those with knowledge. We'll figure out how to have effective publicity, and we'll propose that our group pay any room rent etc, if required (we'll figure out how to do this cheaply). We'll do this Event next spring, at the time of Peace Corps' 35th Birthday (which is 1 March).

2) We also want to compile a Data-Base of what knowledge and skills we can offer newguys. We had a draft for discussion, for respondents to complete. Bob warned us that for a good response, it must all fit on a postcard, it must already be stamped and addressed, and it must be included in the Newsletter. Buck and Bob will devise this.

3) And, we need some kind of Pre-Connect work, for people about to enter Peace Corps. Buck would like us to give each a Swiss Army knife. Everyone else thinks this is too expensive. Ditto for baby vice-grips. There are 30 each quarter, says Erik. So, give them a party, instead.
We discussed Buck’s Donation Proposal, as described in the last NL, to give $500 via Mike Boehm to the Vietnam Women’s gramin-type bank. We all thought this was exactly the kind of project, with high accountability, which we wish top support, and AYE, we approved the donation unanimously. Whoopee!

Last spring we hosted a Cardinal Bar Benefit, for hunger (we’re against it), in Madison and in Africa. Susan thought she had a contact who could point us to an effective Africa destination. But the contact has left town. So we still need a good Africa recipient, doing hunger-relief work. We have c.$700 to send.

Ken reported on the National Conference in Austin TX in August. He and Roseann were there, each w/ a companion. They had a fine time; like being in Madison, but a tad warmer. And he shook his finger at us for our poor attendance. He said it was the best-run PC Conference he’d been to yet—everything started on time. And the talkers were interesting and inspiring. We also sold about 700 of the 96 Calendar. Good for Ken and Roseann!

Past Party Reports: The Pig Roast was also outstanding. thanks to Don’s organizing. (No little piglets this year, though; but on the other hand, no tofu loaf either.) We had about 45 people, and good weather. Thank you, Mike and Marcy, for hosting us again.

And the Canoe Trip on Labor Day Saturday was quite fine. The Wisconsin was very high and fast, so we didn’t make it a 2-day trip. (Most canoe places wouldn’t even rent.) There was a strong wind in our faces for much of the day, so there was work involved. But the weather was nice and sunny, and we stopped here and there to swim. And the light on the water at sunset was the most marvelous green and gold and russet. Yummy. Thank you, Henry, for organizing this.

Hot News: (Sharon and Peter J.): Rigoberta Menchú, Nobel Peace Prize winner from Guatemala, is coming to Madison! Sharon and Peter and others from CALA are organizing a dinner-and-talk on Sat 7 Oct 95, here in Madison. Tickets are $15. Stores all over town are selling them, or call Sharon (241-2392). They’re going fast.

Thanksgiving: should we do something? Lori will explore possibilities.

Full Moon events: Don, our Party Meister, will come up with something nifty to do for the Hunter’s Moon (and Lunar Eclipse, but at 10 a.m. CST, drat it) on Sun 8 Oct.

The Adventure Committee (Deb) reports that we are all expected to jump into Lake Michigan on New Year’s Day, with the Sheboygan Polar Bears. It’s a wonderful experience. After one’s heart is jump-started again, life appears marvelous.

This year’s Halloween Party will again be at Deb’s house; beer will be casket-chilled, as cold as the grave. Starts at 8. Come, you ghouls. See listing on Events page.

Lori announced she and a few others had bought a block of tickets, and rented a bus, to go to Chicago to see the Monet Exhibit. (And they’re already gone!) Trip is to be on Sat 4 Nov. (Almost his birthday!—14 Nov 1840—5 Dec 1926.)

Also:

The Research Department (Buck) promised to discover the Pope’s Fax Number, so we each can tell him what we think, when so moved.

Trivia you’ll need: The Birkebeiner ski race is named for the old Norse who wore skiing gaiters of birch bark bound about their lower legs.

--Buck.
### Balance Sheet as of 08/31/95

#### Assets
- **Cash in Checking - Cal**: 8,685.50
- **Calendar CD's**: 0.00
- **GRP Savings**: 5.01
- **Cal Operations**: 20,483.57
- **Global Ed Cash**: 2,096.20
- **Cal Gft St Term**: 0.00
- **Cal Gft Med Term**: 1,055.00
- **Cal Gft L Term**: 7,774.00
- **Group Operations**: 248.01

**MONEY MARKET TOTAL**: $31,656.78

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**: $40,347.29

#### Liabilities and Equity
- **Accounts Payable**: 16,783.86
- **Notes Payable**: 0.00

**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES**: $16,783.86

- **Retained Earnings Original**: 14,031.49
- **Retained Earnings Prior**: -1,140.66
- **Retained Earnings**: 11,840.32
- **Unexpended Fund Balance**: -1,167.72

**TOTAL EQUITY**: $23,563.43

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*Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.*
RPCV'S OF WI

Statement of Income
for period ending 08/31/95

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| **EXPENSES**   |           |           |
| SHIPPING SUPPLIES| 0.00     | 290.00    |
| UPS            | 402.62    | 2,319.53  |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES| 0.00     | 1,338.55  |
| POSTAGE CALENDAR| -696.66   | 3,982.99  |
| PREPRINTING COSTS| 356.93   | 4,253.45  |
| PRINTING       | 25,175.79 | 25,175.79 |
| PHONE          | 14.14     | 1,731.85  |
| MARKETING      | 0.00      | 160.00    |
| ROYALTY NPCA   | 0.00      | 2,601.50  |
| ADVERTISING    | 172.55    | 2,437.31  |
| DONATIONS CAL EXP| 3,000.00 | 11,550.00 |
| OTHER EXPENSES CAL| 0.00  | 18.50     |
| **SUBTOTAL EXPENSES** | **$28,425.37** | **$55,859.47** |
| POSTAGE - GROUP| 0.00      | 0.00      |
| NEWSLETTER     | 878.28    | 1,830.57  |
| NPCA AFFILIATION| 0.00     | 153.00    |
| NPCA INDIVIDUAL MEMBE| 0.00 | 1,490.00  |
| GLOBAL ED EXP  | 0.00      | 17.72     |
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MONTHLY       YTD

PIG ROAST      210.82      210.82
SOCIAL         0.00        638.25
MEMBERSHIP REFUNDS 0.00        0.00
PARENTS BRUNCH  0.00        940.00
CARDINAL BAR BENEFIT 0.00       40.78
ACCOUNTING FEES  0.00        260.00
LICENSE FEES    0.00        15.00
DONATIONS GRP EXP 0.00       5,072.20
FFF EXPENSES    32.00       207.00
BANK FEES       5.00        10.00
OTHER           0.00        0.00

SUBTOTAL GROUP  $1,126.10    $10,885.34
TOTAL EXPENSES   $29,551.47   $66,744.81

NET INCOME     $-20,502.93   $-1,167.72

Calendar Steering Committee
meeting of Wed 6 Sept 95

We met at Phyllis Nobel's house.
Local Sales: Phyllis will be honcho for sales to local stores. We assure
her others will help. We'll also put an ad at Christmas time in the local
papers, etc.

Shipping fees: as a rule of thumb, we'll charge $20/100 for UPS
shipping.

Bulk Order Sales: all are going OK.

Gifts of Calendars to Local Schools: Elinor Gbedey will be honcho for
this; Buck will be happy to help her, as will others. It's fun to get the
Calendar onto schoolroom walls.

A friend of Kevin's is working up (free!) a Calendar home page for the
World Wide Web! What a nifty idea. And we can yank it if demand goes crazy.

Accounts Receivable: we still need to collect c.$1000. Kevin and Dean
are working on it; much of this will eventually be collected.

Budget: Buck will make sure we do one, in good time, this time. Peter
and Dean will provide the numbers.

Hot-Line answering machine: if we want, we can move it to Jim Good's
office, permanently.

Apprentices are needed for the various tasks, so the present folk can
smoothly move aside before they get tuckered out.

Jim Good is working out a proposal for a smoother (and kinder and
gentler) Photo Selection Process. He'll run it by a few others, then print it
in the NL, for us all to discuss.

That was it. A good swift meeting, with lots done. Yummy.

--Buck.
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   ___ Individual - $15.00 for one year (or $1.25 per month to next January)
   ___ Joint - $20.00 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
   ___ Overseas Individual - $24.00
   ___ Overseas Joint - $29.00

☐ I am also enclosing $20.00 for membership in the National Peace Corps Association.
   ($27.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)

☐ I do not want to join, but would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7.00
   ($15.00 for overseas) to cover the costs.

☐ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: ___________________________  Country of Service: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________  Service Dates: ___________________________
   ___________________________  Home Telephone: ___________________________
   ___________________________  Work Telephone: ___________________________

PC Job: ___________________________

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Or try 608/263-9596 weekdays and ask for Susan.

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