

All Patrollers:

Two-year terms for five (5) of the current board members lapse at the Annual Meeting (which will be on **October 18** - the meeting announcement will follow in a separate email). Members in attendance at the Annual Meeting vote on these positions.

Per the current by-laws, the current board nominated a slate of candidates. Four of the five candidates are current board members who are willing to continue on the board - see below. The fifth is Richard Cyr, (Bio Attached) nominated to replace Linda Steljjes, who is resigning her position. Next time you see Linda, please thank her for her significant contributions while on the board, which included a stint as Administrative Officer and authoring the Animal Risks and Monsoon/Heat Safety content for continuing education and our website.

NOTE: a committee of 5 board and non-board members is working to draft changes to the by-laws. One key proposal under consideration is to go to an on-line, electronic voting system which won't be tied to attendance at the Annual Meeting (thus enabling greater participation in the process by all members). Your input and feedback will be most welcome when drafts of the proposed changes are distributed, tentatively scheduled for January.

Thank you all for going the extra mile!

[Richard Cyr.PDF](#)

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CANDIDATES FOR SCVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TERMS RUNNING 10/2018 TO 10/2020

Deborah Chappa - currently Administrative Officer.

Richard Cyr - first-time candidate for the board of directors. He is a member of the class of 2018 who has already demonstrated a willingness to make a significant contribution to SCVP and the Forest Service. His bio, in his own words, is attached below.

Martin Horowitz - currently president.

Gary Youngling - currently coordinator for both Rams Rangers and the Mt Lion Patrol.

Maggie White - currently working on updating the Go Guide and Patrol Manual, past coordinator for continuing education.

## Richard Cyr

**Personal:** I was born and raised in the East Coast (Philadelphia and New Jersey), lived in the Midwest (Wisconsin), stationed in Thailand (via U.S.A.F.) and have called Arizona my home since 1980.

**Professional Experience:** Developed a career with a primary focus of building teams to achieve objectives in the Food and Beverage industry. Best memories:

- Shamrock Foods: Operational Consultant. Created the Business Development Department. In this capacity, I built teams to analyze restaurant operations and provide solutions to improve their business. This involved, creating and implementing operational systems, building training and development programs and conducting motivational and educational seminars.
- Harrah's Casinos: Oversaw the Food & Beverage Department, and non-gaming operations at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino (Maricopa, AZ). As a "big fish in a little pond" I got to swim with the big fishes in Nevada. Here is what I know about the "gaming" industry. Never play the slot machines that are on the end caps (end of row), never split 10's (at the blackjack table) and realize that the house always wins. Set your gaming budget, leave your banking cards at home and chalk up a "bad night" as entertainment.
- Landry's Seafood Restaurant: Came on board when there were 23 units, left when there were over 150. Part of the early team that built and developed what is now one of the largest restaurant/hospitality companies in the country.

**Current Status:** Semi-retired. I am working with my son as a business advisor/consultant helping him build a company to support social and housing issues in the Los Angeles, CA area. His company, Ground Up Communication LLC, is in its third year and is having a positive impact in this critical segment.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, golf and audio books. Since moving to Tucson (3 years ago) Sabino Canyon has become my home away from home. As a member of the SCVP, I have learned so much about this special place and consider it one of the "Treasures of Tucson". Hiking the many trails of Sabino Canyon has been part of my daily exercise routine as well as a training platform to get ready for hiking the Grand Canyon. I have enjoyed 9 hikes to the bottom of the Canyon from both the North and South Rims and am planning a Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim hike with my son in 2019.

What I now understand about playing golf is that its real objective is to keep us humble.

Audio books have opened my life to a world filled with wonder, excitement and knowledge.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, 1980. Master's Degree in Organizational Management, University of Phoenix, 2003.

**Board Experience:** Served on the Board of Directors for the United Way in Pinal County, 1999 – 2001.