



NOTE FROM THE ED

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Thank you for the many contributors who help make our mission possible. Here's a quick update from me on several different topics:

Board Members: The Outdoors for All Foundation is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers with diverse skill sets who help steward the organization and look out for our long term interests. Currently led by President Matt Cryan, it's a group that meets ten times each year and its members are engaged with leading various key committees and projects. We are regularly recruiting for talented individuals who may be interested in joining our board. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about what board service with Outdoors for All means, please let me know and I'll get them in touch with representatives from our Board Operations and Nominating Committee. We're on the look for candidates with the four "W"s: Work (willing to do so), Wealth (the means to give or get funding for our operations), Wisdom (talent and experiences in suitable areas) and Wallop (an interest in applying your skills to make a difference).

Strategic Planning: Thanks to the leadership of a number of our board members and various staff, we are in the middle of working to update our planning goals. In 2007 we adopted a Long Range Plan that included both long term goals and strategic aims in it as well. For the past nine months we've been working to update that plan, sustain the appropriate long range components of it but also provide more detail on our strategic interests and objectives. By the end of this summer we expect to be able to share this updated planning document outside of the Planning Committee and will be looking for input from our stakeholders. We expect to distribute it via our website and through this monthly enews.

Thanks: There are so many contributors and donors that help underwrite the adaptive recreation programs that we offer to children and adults with disabilities. Particularly during these challenging economic times we are particularly appreciative of your contributions. Some recent key grant funders have included: The Norcliffe Foundation and The Safeco Foundation. We're working hard to secure other grants, too. If you have suggestions for other funders that you think we should consider approaching, please let me know.

Thanks – and see you out there pedaling, paddling, climbing and more this summer!

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