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A Message from the President

By ELIZABETH THORNDIKE

President of the Adirondack Research Consortium

Since assuming the responsibilities of President of ARC in May, I have come to fully appreciate the contributions made to this organization by my predecessor, Wayne Glass.

Wayne provided the critically important leadership that turned ARC into the full-fledged 501c3 nonprofit organization we are today.

On behalf of ARC's Board of Directors and membership, I thank Amy L. Smith, Esq. for her splendid pro bono work which resulted in our official Certificate of Incorporation and Scott Simpson, Esq. of Nixon Peabody LLC for his exceptional pro bono effort in shepherding us through the IRS and New York State applications and requirements which have resulted in our official 501c3 status as a charitable organization.

This column is my opportunity to keep our members, partners, supporters and colleagues aware of significant developments related to ARC as an organization. First and foremost, I want you to know about the officers and directors who were elected in May as ARC's charter Board of Directors. They include Bill Porter as Vice-President, Eileen Allen as Secretary Treasurer, Gary Chilson, Graham Cox, Raymond Curran, Jon Erickson, Dan Fitts, Michale Glennon, Ted Hullar, Jerry Pepper, and Dan Spada. These individuals collectively bring decades of experience and expertise for the benefit of ARC. Individually, they are affiliated with some of the finest institutions and organizations connected with the Adirondacks—SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY Plattsburgh, Paul Smith's College, New York State Audubon,

Adirondack Sustainable Communities, University of Vermont, Wildlife Conservation Society, Cornell University, Adirondack Museum, and Adirondack Park Agency.

Your new Board held a two day retreat in August during which we organized ourselves into functioning committees for Research and Outreach, AJES, Partnerships, and Administration. Each of these committees has begun to set its agenda, and an organizational strategic planning process is underway. Plans were made for co-sponsorship of the Research Consumers and Producers workshop in November to identify scientific information needs of local governments, state agencies, land managers, and others working in the Park.

The 14th annual Conference on the Adirondacks will be held at the Adirondack Natural History Museum Wild Center, May 22-24, 2007, on the topic of Sustainability, Climate Change and Protected Areas. Plans are underway for an expanded network of partners and members, a re-vamped website, increased circulation and exposure for AJES, a research and outreach program that will bring together the producers and consumers of natural and social science research in a user friendly fashion, and identification of sufficient funds to hire an executive director to manage and administer ARC's activities.

ARC's mission of promoting research to inform policies, planning, and management of the Adirondack Park's public and private lands and communities will continue to guide us. We especially welcome your ideas, interest and involvement as we embark on a new future for the Adirondack Research Consortium.

About the photographer . . .



James Kraus has published photographs in *Adirondack Life*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, Mike Kudish's *Adirondack Upland Flora*, and other publications. He taught forestry at Paul Smith's College for 30 years and incorporated

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