

The Foundation conducted our Board of Directors meeting via Zoom in October, with most Directors attending, plus Club members. We are planning a November 2020 work date near Mt Frissell for a trailhead kiosk at the state line TH in cooperation with the MA Dept Rec & Cons. In Colorado we teamed up with the USFS to realign the So. Elbert Trail this summer. We partnered in November with The Conservation Fund to create a hiking trail up Sassafras Mtn from within North Carolina. We placed a Highpointer register at the Mt Washington Visitor Center atop the NH Highpoint. Donations are both needed and welcomed. Stay safe!

The Foundation wishes all Highpointers a safe remainder of 2020. These are extraordinary times, and how we all respond will be our legacy years from now. We are planning for a Fall 2020 work date near Mt Frissell to place a sign, kiosk, and gravel at the state line TH in cooperation with the MA Dept Rec and Cons. In Colorado we have teamed up with the USFS to realign the So. Elbert Trail this summer. We are partnering with The Conservation Fund to create a hiking trail up Sassafras Mtn from within North Carolina. We have recently welcomed new Directors Jane Bertrand, Olivier Kozlowski, Robyn Watson & Raina Rusnak.

The Foundation wishes all Highpointers a safe remainder of 2020. These are extraordinary times, and how we all respond will be our legacy years from now. For now, we are not actively scheduling any activity on our part, or by any local partners, until mid-summer. We are planning for a Summer 2020 work date near Mt Frissell to place a sign, kiosk, and gravel at the state line TH in cooperation with the MA Dept Rec and Cons. In Colorado we are teaming up with the USFS to realign the So. Elbert Trail this summer. The NV-20 Konvention has been postponed to 2021 by the Club Board. We will plan our Work Day then.

The Foundation has had a productive Winter so far. We are planning for a Summer 2020 work date near Mt Frissell to place a sign, kiosk, and gravel at the state line TH in cooperation with the Mass State Dept Rec and Cons. In Colorado we are teaming up with the USFS to realign the South Elbert Trail. For the NV-20 Konvention we are teaming up with the USFS to sponsor a Work Day along the Queen Mine approach road to Boundary Peak on Wed July 22. We will install signs, a kiosk, and do brush trimming and road repair. Please alert us if you can arrive early and help out !!! Use the HPF contacts listed below.

The Foundation has so much to report. Along with the NPS, we co-sponsored a dedication Ceremony in October at Point Reno, the DC HP, where we installed new interpretive panels. We have created a webcam at both the Iowa and Ohio HPs. We are hard at work near Mt Frissell to place a sign, kiosk, and gravel at the state line TH. In Colorado we are teaming with the USFS to realign the South Elbert Trail. At Brasstown Bald we are halfway into a project to place new horizon identifier panels atop the visitor center. We continue to reach out to private landowners, holding the ND model up as a way we can help with access.

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The Foundation lives !!! Yes, we are doing very well, despite rumors to the contrary. We are on pace to have our second best year of donations, and after much discussion at the Club board meeting in Arkansas, we will continue to be featured in the newsletter and at the banquet in Michigan. The Club / Foundation Liaison Committee will work to chart a course forward wherein we can work together with enhanced communications. Our latest projects include signs in ND, as well as working with the NPS in Washington D.C. to create interpretive signs about Point Reno. The road to the NE HP is now even more improved!

The Foundation was contacted by the HP Club President Tim Webb in December 2017, with news that the owners of the LA Highpoint Driskill Mtn were concerned about visitor safety during hunting season there in late Fall. HPF Projects Director Stony Burk was able to reach out to the owner, confirm language needed on signs, and then create and ship not only a half dozen signs but also steel posts to the owner. This was accomplished in a couple of weeks, and the owner installed the signs and is very pleased. View the efforts at the HPF website Projects page.

The Foundation has made progress in Washington D.C. at Point Reno. In a cooperative relationship with the National Park Service, we are sponsoring the installation of an informational sign that discusses Point Reno as a Territory Highpoint, some history on that, and then there is a paragraph on how to navigate from the sign by the street up to the actual benchmark, which lies below the surface of the grass and is difficult to find. The NPS expects installation in Spring or Summer 2018. Thanks to our local Liaisons Jill Koly and Raina Rusnak Ferrari. Great job !

The Foundation would like to acknowledge Bob McConnell of Rockford IL as the Donor responsible for our 500th Donation !!! Wow ! Bob has been a regular contributor since 2011, and we thank him for his faith in our Mission.

Our latest news is from White Butte in ND, where we are working with the rancher on signs to help visitors understand where to park and hike, and to make a small donation to ensure ongoing access. We also are hard at work with helping highpoint owners replace vandalized historical signs, more news at the AR-18 Konvention !