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Information for DSBIA members following the 2019 Organizational Meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **DSBIA 2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**



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## **REVIEW AND OUTCOME OF DSBIA GOALS FOR 2018**

- 1. Review current membership dues structure and make changes if deemed needed. Committee met February 21 to review membership dues from numerous other Associations and Foundations. DSBIA dues found to be appropriate. Committee recommendation to leave DSBIA dues as is was made to the Board and passed unanimously.
- 2. Investigate and if possible, add signage to the inside and outside of the Visitor Center and other areas of the park. Numerous park interpretive signs were refurbished and upgraded, others are still "in the works".
- 3. Create self-guided tour material for the Visitor Center and other areas of the park. Selfguided tour of the Visitor Center material created and given to Visitor Center docents.

A loan-out Whale Walk booklet has been created and is available in the Visitor Center. It is also available for download on the dohenystatebeach.org website.

- 4. Provide support to open the Visitor Center 7-days per week. Visitor Center is now open and staffed 7-days a week.
- 5. Provide \$15K in funding to support Nature Interpretive position. Funds were transferred to CA State Parks and is held in an account that DSBIA hopes to grow each year so that the park interpreter position can be fully funded.

## **PROPOSED GOALS FOR 2019**

The following goals are being considered for adoption at the February 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting, to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on PCH across from Doheny State Beach. DSBIA members are welcome to submit their suggestions for goals to <u>info@dohenystatebeach.org</u>.

- 1. Increase the marine animals on display in the Visitor Center through networking with other aquariums (Ocean Institute, Aquarium of the Pacific, Birch Aquarium, Cabrillo Aquarium), aquatic/educational organizations and individuals (fisherman).
- 2. Refurbish and upgrade interpretive boards and displays in the campgrounds.
- 3. Provide funds to purchase an emergency generator for the Visitor Center marine animal displays.
- 4. Create and fund line item accounts in the DSBIA budget for the park interpreter and park aquarist to assist in supporting and growing their programs.

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