

**Annual Wine and Cheese Meeting**  
**March 21, 2026**

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by President Bernie Rosling

Board Members attending were Bernie Rosling, President; Doug Gouzie, Vice President; Chris Shepherd, Secretary; Byron Wolffing, Chief Guide; Nancy McDermott, Treasurer

A total of 119 people including members, guests and speakers attended the event. This number was comparable to previous years' attendance, as follows:

2022	132 attendees
2023	156 attendees
2024	122 attendees
2025	124 attendees

President Bernie Rosling indicated this is the 30th year of the Club's Wine and Cheese event. It is always well-attended and enjoyed!

Cornelius Family Introduction - Judy Cornelius, widow of Darrel Cornelius, and their son Craig and grandson Christopher thanked the club for their help and condolences at Darrel's memorial service. Darrel was an avid club hiker and picture taker and the family brought several years' worth of Darrel's hiking club pictures to the event for individuals to look through and take whatever they wanted.

Keynote Speaker: Jacob "Jake" Northrup, Passage 15A Steward for the Arizona National Scenic Trail - Jake made an excellent presentation about the Arizona Scenic Trail's history, the forming of the Arizona Trail Association and its many volunteer programs. Two of their programs are aimed at boys and girls from elementary through high school and are designed to build character, love of the outdoors, and stewardship of resources. A third program's focus is on Veterans of all ages and it is

aimed at engagement, trail stewardship and social connections. Jake encouraged the club members to volunteer and said the association offers six courses volunteers can take to learn skills such as trail maintenance and cross-cut saw certification. Donations are always welcome, too.

Outgoing Board Secretary Thank You - Chris Shepherd was thanked for her two years volunteer service as Hiking Club Secretary

New 2026 Hiking Club Slate of Officers - Ken Percival. The new Hiking Club Board Member recommendations for 2026 are as follows:

President: Bernie Rosling  
Vice President: Doug Gouzie  
Secretary: Ann MacDonald  
Treasurer: Nancy McDermott  
Chief Guide: Byron Wolffing

The membership unanimously voted for the above nominees

President's Report - Berne Rosling

Club Membership is now at 335 as of March 20, 2026

Our Finances are \$7,953 as of March 11, 2026

2026-2027 Picnic Location will be at Catalina State Park. It will be our 32nd year celebrating at the park

This year's 2026 Hiking Trip will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico in early October

Bernie asked the members attending if they would be interested in a longer or more extensive hiking trip in 2027. From the show of hands there was definitely some interest.

SCOV "Fabulous and 40" Participation - SCOV will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in 2027. On January 2 there will be a kick-off parade

followed by a picnic. SCOV clubs will pick day/days for exhibition events. Bernie asked for volunteers to sign up to help plan our club's participation

Volunteer Recognition: Bernie recognized and thanked the following volunteers for their continued service:

Nominating-Ken Percival; Registration-Meg Gerken;  
Webmaster-Richard Babin; Hike Submission Manager- Debbie Hansen; Email Communication-Raven Siva; Annual Trip Coordinator-Nancy McDermott; Mileage Recorder-Karen Alexander; Membership-Jim Locnikar; Wine Chairman-Jim Brandl; W&C Food-Amos and Charlene Meyers; Club Historian-Jim Williams; 36 Guides.

Bernie recognized our need for new/more volunteers and encouraged members to volunteer. Sign-up sheets for some of the 2026 club events were available in the back of the conference room.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. after which all participants enjoyed the complimentary wine and cheese social gathering.