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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

With Mike Baldwin leaving the ICPS board and yours truly becoming president, I think this is a good time to call for reinforcements.

Mike leaves a vacancy on the board that needs to be filled and what we really would like to have is a new secretary. At this moment Richard Meyers, our treasurer, is doing this job also and that is a bit too many eggs in one basket. Ideally, this new treasurer should be inside the U.S., since ICPS is incorporated there and unfortunately several administrative tasks require someone to be physically in the U.S. — not to mention the fact that it is easier in many ways to be “in country”.

The secretary/treasurer doubling that Richard is doing is also not the only egg-in-basket case. Most of the board members and active volunteers have little or no backup available, which is something we really would like to fix. So, if a full board position sounds like too much, but you are still willing to help, you might consider volunteering for backup duty. You can learn from the person doing the job right now, know how it works, and can help that person out when it gets a bit too busy or when something needs to be done when the principal is not available. A good backup (the more the better) is very welcome for any society and we are no exception.

In addition to backup for existing jobs, there are also things we could do but that are not being done due to lack of “person-power”. For the last couple of months, Ben Rush has been doing a great job getting more activity and information exchange through social media. This was a very dormant activity before Ben arrived. There are many similar tasks that volunteers could pick up. Examples that come to mind are creating promotional materials, educational materials, and maybe even some specific conservation projects.

I think there are plenty of options. If you are willing to put some time in for your society, please contact us so we can have a talk. We have several suggestions or maybe you have some great ideas about things you want to do. After all, the best work is done by those with a passion to do the work.

For openers you could send an e-mail to me and we can take it from there.

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