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GREG SIEVERS, *Chairman*

AAC, North Central Section. The North Central Section covers Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. In July, 1999, Scott Christensen took over the post of chairman, which had been vacant in 1997-'98. A first goal was to make a web site similar to those of the other sections. This was completed in October and now provides members and visitors a means to learn about specific North Central items as well as national AAC issues. The web site has sections on our parent organization, upcoming events and news of the region. It also has a message board for climbers to find one another and to post messages pertinent to the local crags. Contact our web site at www.ncs.alpineclub.org.

The chairman attended the AAC Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., representing the Section at committee meetings and meeting with members who performed much of the Club's work in the Yosemite Camp 4 development. Also, members worked at the local clean-up day at Interstate Park on the north side of metropolitan Twin Cities. This is a very popular top-rope area for Minnesota and the Midwest. As in most areas of the country, more and more restrictions have been placed on climbing. Interstate is no exception; climbing permits are now required. The goodwill from our support of the clean-up day goes a long way in keeping climbers climbing.

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN, *Chairman*

AAC, South Central Section. The South Central Section held an annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, on October 16. The newly elected officers for 2000 are Andy Jones, chair; Mike Doyle, co-chair; and Gail Billings, treasurer. Mike Lewis will assist the Section in an advisory capacity. The well-attended meeting was bolstered by public attendees who were there to see Kurt Diemberger. Kurt presented his K2 classic, "Mountain of Dreams and Destiny," and held the whole crowd in the palm of his hand throughout. The meeting was sponsored by (and could not have happened without) the generous help of Whole Earth Provision Company. Donors for the silent auction included The Sullivan Agency, Mountain Hideout, *Climbing* and *Rock & Ice* magazines, REI, Rollerblade, Camelback, Stone Works Climbing Gym, Metolius and Mike Hall (a retired climbing gear donation). The successful auction allowed the Section to make contributions to the Central Asian Institute and to the family of Alex Lowe.

The Section surveyed its membership, with 218 surveys mailed out and 40 returned. The survey was comprised of 12 questions related to the Annual Meeting, Section activities, communication and needs. The key responses were that there was interest in more activities, stepping up the political activism (e.g., the access arena), keeping the current meeting format, and gaining more information on the "goings-on in the climbing world."

With those interests in mind, it is important to know that several of our members have been heavily involved in the Sunset Report on Texas Parks and Wildlife. The Sunset Report on TPW is available at www.sunset.statetx.us and can be downloaded from the report section. This is an important document in that, after comments and final approval, it will be used in the 2001 Legislative Session to change the laws governing TPW. Access restrictions at Hueco Tanks State Park are still a topic of discussion between climbing organizations in Texas and TPW. TPW has issued a final management plan that still severely regulates access to the park for any activity, but especially climbing. Many members have been very active in meetings concerning the park