



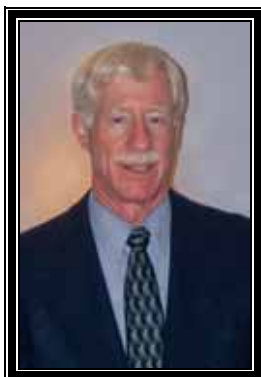
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THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Edward Rea

Ocean Park, Maine – For over a decade, the Ocean Park Association (OPA) Board of Directors has been laying the groundwork to hire its first Executive Director. OPA President Susan Evans appointed an Executive Director Search Committee, chaired by Sheila Hardy, in November of 2006. Following a national search, the Search Committee unanimously recommended, and the Board of Directors unanimously approved, Edward Rea as the new Executive Director. He was introduced at the Association’s Annual Meeting earlier this month.

“I am very excited and honored to be chosen as Ocean Park’s Executive Director,” Ed affirms, “Ocean Park is a very special place, and I look forward to working to keep it a place of relaxation, individual growth, and family enrichment.” Ed and his wife Karen are members of the Grace Church mission of St. Alban’s Church in Cape Elizabeth. They have two adult children.

Ed comes to the OPA with extensive leadership, management, budgeting, financial management and analytical experience, as well as service in government, non-profit, religious and community settings. He retired as Budget Concepts Branch Chief at the Federal Office of Management and Budget in 2002. In that position he supervised 20 senior U.S. Government and contractor staff in the formulation, implementation, and interpretation of instructions to Federal

agencies on the preparation and execution of the Federal budget. Ed and his staff reorganized and converted into “plain English” budget guidance to improve user understanding.

Following his retirement from federal government, Ed became the Executive Director of the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH), where he served until moving to Portland in January. AACH provides transitional housing and supportive services to move families from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Ed supervised 21 employees and oversaw a budget of \$1.5 million. He worked with Board and staff to revamp AACH programs to better serve clients and focus on outcomes.

“We are fortunate to have someone of Ed’s caliber of experience and training,” says OPA President Susan Evans. “His skills will enable the Association to move forward in its quest for a more efficient, effective organization, and his commitment to our mission ensures a compatible match.”

Ed Rea officially begins work on August 1, assuring a seamless transition in administrative leadership. Managing Director Tonya Robles is departing for Japan to join her husband at his next duty station with the U.S. Navy.