

JACK LONDON PARK PARTNERS

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David Lambert joins Jack London Park Partners Board of Directors

For David Lambert, joining the Board of Directors of Jack London Park Partners, which operates Jack London State Historic Park, felt like reconnecting with his childhood and taking it to the next level.

When David was born, his father Clyde, who was a biology professor during the school year, was a ranger during the summers at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, a national park in South Dakota. Later the family of five moved to Denver and returned to Mount Rushmore for four summers, living in a rustic trailer while Clyde continued his work as a Ranger.

"One of my earliest memories is me standing atop Mount Rushmore on top of Lincoln's head with my father," David recalls.

Later, his father became a ranger during the summers for Cherry Creek State Park in Denver, CO. When the family moved to Southern California, Clyde spent 25 years as a volunteer whale counter on the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

"He was a biologist, botanist, zoologist, avid bird watcher and conservationist. He cared deeply about the environment and that's what I grew up with from the time I was very young," Lambert stated. "All of my life, I've spent time outdoors in the woods, being quiet and enjoying nature. I became an enthusiastic hiker, backpacker and camper," he said.

Lambert's career path took him into technology, software, internet-based businesses, developing several start-ups along the way as CFO and CEO. Still, he maintained his love of the outdoors.

Lambert's introduction to Jack London Park Partners came through Board Member Karen Collins. He and his wife Ann Paolini joined fellow board members Donna Halow and her husband Paul, Bill Blosser and Dorinda Parker on two-week hiking trips to Croatia, Portugal, and Sicily.

"I've always been a fan of Jack London's writing, it's a delight to read. I like the connection of this beautiful park with Jack, who brought his own love of the outdoors and adventure and voyages," he said. "The outdoors have always been a part of my life and I think Jack London State Historic Park is a very special place. Preserving it and making it accessible for everyone to enjoy is important," he added.

Lambert says he looks forward to bringing his background to help manage the finances of the organization, "which are very strong and in very good shape right now."

Jack London Park Partners Board Member and Treasurer Donna Halow said, "David's financial experience and business acumen, combined with his lifelong love of the outdoors, make him an excellent addition to the Board, and especially the Finance Committee. As we look forward to conditions returning to normal, we can also look forward to David's contributions to the stewardship of Jack London Park Partners."

Jack London State Historic Park is operated and funded by Jack London Park Partners, the first private organization to be entrusted with management of a state park on behalf of the people of California. Almost all of funds to keep the park going strong are received from visitors, annual passholders and generous donors. Learn more about the Park on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Pinterest</u>.

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