



## Annual Report of the Far-Western Section for FY 24-25

Submitted by Randall Adsit, Section President

### Section leaders: list all Section officers and roles for the fiscal year.

Randall Adsit — President

Mark Boryta — Vice-president, newsletter editor, and past president

Gene Pearson — Treasurer

Paul Troop — Publications coordinator

Angela Daneshmand

Nancy Chen

Garry Hayes — Past-past-president

### Executive summary

Our section is still struggling to rebuild post-covid.

The good news is that we have dedicated officers. The bad news is that our officers are either new and inexperienced, or have been section officers for years and are approaching burn-out.

Our last Field Conference was in 2022. It was a success, but attendance was lower than we expected. Since then we have not been able to organize another event.

We are currently planning two events: a Zoom talk on coastal geology, and a weekend conference aimed at K-12 teachers.

### Detailed report

Section membership has declined. We have not **yet** held any membership drives. We have been hoping that once we can get an active program, membership will increase.

### Progress towards goals

We did not have an Annual Report last year, or any goals.

### Other Section activities

We are in the process of digitizing our extensive publications list. Once we are done, we expect to be able to sell PDF versions online, and generate some income for the section. These sales will also hopefully raise the profile of the section, and put us more in the thoughts of local geoscience teachers.

We recently surveyed our membership, to determine what types of activities and events people would want to attend, and when (a weekend vs one day, for example).

### Goals for future Section work

- Collate the survey mentioned above, and use the survey results to plan section activities, outings, and events.
- Complete the process of digitizing the section publications. Create an index. Sell the publications online.



- Working with volunteers (already identified), we will hold a weekend field conference aimed at California K-12 teachers, especially those in Northern California.
- Hold a Zoom talk on Coastal Geology (the speaker has already volunteered). Try to recruit more speakers, and make the talks a semi-regular event.
- Identify and recruit regional leaders, who can hold regional events. To start with, the regions will be states (Hawaii, Nevada, and Arizona) with California being split between Northern California and Southern California.
- Hold at least two one day field trips.
- Try and submit next year's Annual report early!