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After stuffing ourselves on beer and pizza, Rich Cunningham gavelled an unruly mob to order for the last meeting of 1987. Karen Pregnall reported that the Section has a huge (\$5,000) surplus and promptly resigned. Even though her husband purports to oversee one of the most deficit ridden budgets in the history of the world, Karen had not learned the basic lesson that bureaucrats should waste, not save, money. Fortunately, our new Treasurer will have a film festival, a new guidebook, several safety projects and an invigorated UP ROPE to finance.

We had a lively discussion about the future direction for UP ROPE. An attempt was made to accommodate those who would like UP ROPE to serve as a monthly information newsletter and those who would like it to be a (necessarily) less frequent publication containing some interesting and humorous pieces. Responsibility for the various tasks has now been divided among several people. This specialization of functions should expedite publication.

Ken Andrasko and Madeleine Carter reported on the plans for a film festival in February. They hope to work out a deal with REI to help with publicity and, perhaps, finances.

Ed Cummings, in absentia, was appointed chair of the Nominations Committee. Virtually the entire Section administration is resigning to attend to other matters. They are to be congratulated, however, for leaving office with: a growing Section membership, a strong financial posture, rising climbing standards and a renewed dedication to safe climbing practices.

Stuart Pregnall gave a brief report on his and Karen's trip to attend the AAC meeting in Las Vegas and their climbing detour to Red Rocks. In addition to his report on the slide shows and lectures they heard at the meeting, Stuart gave the club an update on access issues. Stuart is now the AAC person responsible for access in the mid-Atlantic region. While much of the climbing community fights over the weighty ethical distinction

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