**ELECTIONS 2018**

The 2017-18 elections in Central Division were held for the Region Director position in Northern Michigan, North Central and Southern regions. In Northern Michigan and North Central Regions, there was only one nominated candidate for each region. Each candidate was “Vetted” and met the qualifications set by the Policies and Procedures of Central Division. Following the Division P&P and Bylaws, in the event that there is only one validated candidate, that candidate shall be declared the winner by the DEC after confirmation by the Election Review Committee and ballots were not to be sent out. I am pleased to announce that John Wiley, member of the Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol, will be the Northern Michigan Region Director replacing Dick Jacques. I am also pleased to announce that James Hughes, member of Big Powderhorn Mountain Ski Patrol will be the Region Director for North Central Region replacing Les Robinson. Congratulations to you both and thank you Dick and Les for your service to your respective regions, Central Division and the National Ski Patrol.

In Southern Region, with 2 qualified nominations, an election was held. With a 96% return of ballots, Mike Vaerewyck, Swiss Valley Ski Patrol received a majority of the votes cast. With confirmation from the Election Review Committee, Mike was declared the successful candidate and will step in as Region Director of Southern Region replacing Don Steen. Congratulations Mike and thank you Don for your service to Southern Region, Central Division and the National Ski Patrol.

Next year, 2018-19, Region Director elections will be held in Eastern Michigan and South Central. There will also be a Division Director election. The Election Review Committee will consist of the Region Directors from Northern Michigan, South Central and Southern Regions. Section Chief elections will be held for Sections 2 and 5. Section Chief elections are managed by the individual regions.

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