

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL  
CENTRAL DIVISION FALL MEETING MINUTES  
September 5-7, 2014, Detroit, Michigan**

**Executive Committee Meeting - Friday September 5, 2014 12:00 noon**

Invited to attend: Division Director, ADDs, Treasurer, Legal, Admin Assistant, Region Directors for South Central, Northern Michigan, Eastern Michigan.

Attending: John (JT) Thomas, Don Loerch, Tom Anderson, Chris Raudabaugh, Kevin McQuillan, Joe Hamel, Cheryl Raudabaugh, Ron Plumer, Dick Jacques, Mike Schons

**General:** JT opened the meeting, with initial focus on setting up each participant's access to the shared network for the weekend. He then did a quick update on division leadership activities, and Kevin provide legal updates. Discussion included the need to collect information on what assets each patrol owns, how they are spending their money, that the PR's understand the Joint Statement of Understanding, and that we over time do individual patrol audits. Joe reminded that we need to better educate patrols on the requirements of the treasurer to make sure we stay in compliance. Kevin reminded that we need to focus on patrols that do have donations and fund raising efforts. Further discussion related to the delivery process of how to make sure all patrols are educated on legal aspects of patrol leadership. Voting review - we had 8% voting last year, strive to improve again on that.

**Agenda:** JT reviewed planned agenda for board meeting and made changes as needed.

- Add new business item: Education for the treasurers and for the patrol directors (PD 101)
- Calendar item adjustments/additions.

**Proposals:** Six proposals were presented for approval to move forward to full board meeting.

- F14 P001 2017 Fall Mtg Date Proposal (Jacques) The weekend after Labor Day is not available for Mackinac Island so alternate dates are proposed. Accepted as drafted.
- F14 P002 Region Support Revisions (Jacques) Proposal is to eliminate payments to Regions as well as the collected dues. AMEND: Eliminate #3 from the proposal as a separate item. Also include an effective date beginning fiscal year 2015-16. Accepted as amended.
- F14 P003 Certified Evaluation Rotation (Perlman) and P003a states the adjustments to the certified manual.
  - AMEND: P003a - The Qualification Clinic could be hosted at any senior hill (vs listed hills)
  - Accepted as amended
- F14 P004 Certified Manual Avalanche changes (Perlman)
  - Accepted as submitted
- F14 P005 Certified Manual Rope Care changes (Perlman)
  - Accepted as submitted
- F14 P006 Central Division Chart of Accounts revisions (Hamel/Raudabaugh)
  - Accepted as submitted
- F14 P007 Proposal for Snow Sports Funds (Park)
  - Requests current year extended budget based upon excess funds from prior fiscal year.
  - Accepted as submitted
- F14 P008 Funding of Division Mandated Programs (Jacques) Additional - To be drafted per language drafted for presentation to the general board.

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- F14 P009 Modification to PnP for Fall Meeting (Jacques) - Suggested to remove section on scheduled times and state instead to be scheduled by the committee and notice posted on the website. Cheryl to draft for meeting.

**Financials:** Joe Hamel, Treasurer, budgets are ready for sign off. Financials are in packet for board review.

Meeting was closed at 3:15 pm.

**New Staff Orientation**

Invited to attend: DD, ADD's, staff (legal, finance, admin), New RDs (Guy Day, Jim Ruzicka, Chip Knappen, Ron Plumer), new program supervisors (Gunther Dieterle, Britt Gustafson - did not attend, Sue Hayes)

Topics included: Introductions, Orientation to systems file sharing process, review of CD Policy and Procedures by chapter, with detailed review of financial requirements, and Bylaws. Reminder that Job Descriptions are in the appendix and are to be reviewed yearly, with adjustments submitted for the spring meeting. Kevin provided information about when he should be contacted directly for legal issues, such as patroller injuries, sexual harassment, and any death that occurred at a hill. He also reminded participants of the importance of understanding and following the Joint Understanding.

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**General Meeting: Saturday, September 6, 2014**

John (JT) Thomas call the meeting to order at 8:30am and welcomed attendees.

**Division Update - John (JT) Thomas**

JT reviewed the highlights planned for the day. There will be approximately 170 people here today out of about 6800 patrollers. We need those participants to go back and share the information about our programs with others, to encourage them to become more active. We also need help with the national board, to elect people who will take action, fiduciary responsibility, and help the board to become more effective. Division leadership team will rank the candidates based on list of needs and provide those results. Patrollers can then do their own research or use these rankings to vote. Each of the folks leaving here should find 10 people to vote, and each of those should find 5 more, then we could have a major impact. CD last year had more people voting than any other division and we want to be sure to continue that this year.

**New Board Candidates Introduction**

Brian Cobble - Good to be home to the Central Division! My resume details are posted on the web if you would like to review. What's important to me: Family comes first, then my company and team, But to say that the NSP family is a part of my life would be an understatement. It has been a key part for many, many years for myself and wife Loretta. The board needs to have a better strategic focus without the in-fighting, and to provide protection for our patrollers. Whether you vote for me, or vote for Bill Sinykin who is a good guy, vote..

Bill Sinykin - From Eastern Mountain Division - Finishing up a six year term as director for EMD. Have had many, many jobs over the 35 years patrolling. Bill reviewed many of the recognitions and positions he has held (which can be found on the website). Division Director team, of which Bill is currently chair, is now active with the board, which is a good trend, now working better together, But we now need to move forward to getting the board to work better together. Some of the challenges for the NSP today - 1. IT system, 2. Brand recognition and our image within the industry, 3. Member retention and recruiting, 4. Maintaining and improving our educational programs, 5. Fund raising and financial responsibility.

**John Thomas** provided a quick highlight of the sweatshirts on display - the YAP program - Young Adult Program. We need your help to develop what this program will be. Talk to those wearing the sweatshirt to find out more.

**National Board Updates - Jim Woodrum**

**Midwest Ski Area Association** team up from the CD side really developed during his time as division director, now expanded to the National Ski Area Association. Jim introduced the many people here today that have a national presence including: Darcy Hanley (NSP Education Director), Janet Glaeser (National Board Member), national board candidates, various program directors and national committee members.

Jim hosted a fun Q&A session on NSP history. National status as of 1/1/14 - there was a bit of chaos at the National level, with a need to develop a vision and plan to move NSP forward. Since then - hired John McMahon as the new Executive Director. Feedback from divisions - national needs to become more strategic, IT system needs fixed, we need a stronger relationship with national EMS, strong action against members that harm/disrupt the organization, stop infighting and increase board efficiency.

What are we doing? Improving our systems, enhancing our programs to become "best of class", working with industry partners (NSAA, PSIA and others) who know we are engaged with customers, finding better ways to support ski areas that are expanding services year round, keep our NSP training in sync with needs at the local areas, The primary strategy of the NSP is to elevate NSP's Relevancy to: Membership, Ski Resort/Areas, and to the General Public.

Jim reviewed important concepts of the Joint Statement of Understanding with NSAA: NSP education focus, Area management responsibility for lift evacuation, patrol operations under area management. legal releases.

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Fundraising –Jim reviewed the risk of using non-profit funds to purchase for-profit equipment (such as lift evac equipment, toboggans) to our non-profit status, as well as the insurance coverage issues. Fundraising for the NSP must be used to cover costs like OEC refreshers, training, patroller enhancement etc only.

*Brief Break*

**Dan Somalski Fund - Don Loerch**

When we lost Dan two years ago, we developed a trust fund which now has about \$17,000 in it. The goal is to promote the advancement of Patroller credentialing. Dan was all about the ski patrol, and as we move forward with the fund we encourage your donations. See the website for further information.

**Women's Program - Sandi Hammons**

The women's program mission is: Women patrollers sharing their passion with the purpose of encouraging and supporting other NSP women in a nurturing environment. Support has continued to expand over the years, and provides an opportunity for women to grow and move outside of their comfort zone both on and off the hill. Participants from various seminars in the audience spoke about their experiences with the program.

We make a concerted effort to go different places, to try new things and open new doors. The Central Division program has expanded out to other divisions in the NSP with instructors helping in other areas. Divisions are now sharing ideas to continue to evolve the program. Moving forward focus on mentoring and creating relevance within other programs for the NSP.

**Janet Glaeser**

National Board Member, Chair of Education Committee provided an update on committee actions. Mountain Host program is being expanded and includes non-ski activities. New Course Completion Record (CCR) is now posted on the website - please make sure that all IOR's use the most current version in order to receive credit. IT is working on a direct link to update member profiles from the CCR's. Janet also addressed audience questions about 5th edition and other aspects of the education programs.

**Darcy Hanley and Powderfall Committee will speak at the dinner this evening.**

*(Break for lunch at Noon)*

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**Board of Director Meeting**

**Call to order: Division Director, John (JT) Thomas 12:00 PM**

All meeting materials were made available to board members and interested supervisors via access to the CD secured network. Supervisors who provided reporting will have files included in the Meeting folder, and presentations were also displayed on screen for viewing.

Roll Call by Administrative Assistant - Cheryl Raudabaugh

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- o John Thomas                      Division Director
- o Mike Schons                      Eastern Michigan
- o Les Robinson                      North Central
- o Dick Jacques                      Northern Michigan
- o Guy Day                              Ohio
- o Ron Plumer                         South Central
- o Don Steen                         Southern
- o Chip Knappen                      Western Michigan
- o Jim Ruzicka                        Western

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Tom Anderson                      Assistant DD
- Chris Raudabaugh                      Assistant DD
- Don Loerch                         Assistant DD
- Joe Hamel                         Treasurer
- Kevin McQuillan                      Legal and Risk Advisor
- Cheryl Raudabaugh                      Administrative Assistant
- Brian Cobble                        Past DD
- Chuck Martschinke                      Past DD
- Darcy Hanley                        National Education Director

DD Board Members Absent: none. Other meeting attendees are highlighted below.

**Programs Representation: Names in Bold present during portions of meeting.**

- Skills Development Team      **Britt Gustafson** (Skills Team Supr)
- Daren Lukes** (Senior)
- Harold Park** (Snowsports School)
- Dave Bramel** (Toboggan)
- OEC Update                        **Karen Hadden**
- Registration                       **Dean Brandt**
- Certified                           **Patrick Perlman**
- MSAA/Elections                   **Ken Meldahl**
- Intro to Patrolling               Vicki Zierden
- RPN                                 **Tim Zimmerman**
- Webmaster                         **Kent Anderson**
- Safety Team                       **Mike Husar**
- Avalanche                         **Derek Werner**
- PSIA Liaison                       Dan Moss

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Women's Seminar	<b>Sandi Hammons, also attending:</b> Loretta Cobble, Linda Jacobs, Linda Barthel, Erica Krol, Sue Brann, Amy Arnold
Instructor Development	<b>Virginia Rodeman</b>
MTR	<b>John Wachter</b>
Public Relations	<b>Ty Damon</b>
Alumni	<b>Gunther Dieterle</b>
Nordic	Peter Wollan
Awards	<b>Gregg Reese</b>
Medical	<b>Steve Werner</b>
Telecommunications	Paul Bosnen

Other attendees: Beech Day, Shawn Rhoda

**MEETING APPOINTMENTS:**

Parliamentarian:	Kevin McQuillan
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Don Loerch

**Fall Meeting Agenda**

JT asked for any revisions to the agenda provided - none.

**MOTION #1:** Approval of the Fall Meeting Agenda

**MOVED:** Dick **SECOND** Don

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET**

Joe Hamel directed the board to the 2014/15 budget on the server.

**MOTION #2:** Approval of the adjusted 2014/15 budget

**MOVED:** Don **SECOND** Ron

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

Joe also reviewed the bank and investment statement and the 2013-2014 Consolidated Financial Statements.

**MOTION #3:** Approval of the adjusted Consolidated Financials

**MOVED:** Guy **SECOND** Ron

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**PROGRAM SUPERVISORS** - Schedule modified to allow supervisors to present as they become available from other meetings.

Safety Team - Mike Husar

Our focus is marketing safety, not to be serving as an NSP marketing arm. Current Safety Teams having conference calls, need active participants from all regions. Lead By Example program is alive and well. Additional programs include Kids on Lifts, Lids on Kids, National Safety Month. Issuing collateral material - bandanas and other should go to the public, not worn by the patrollers. First Sunday of November is Risk Management Seminar. Other states having them as well.

Women's Program - Sandi Hammons and Linda Barthel

Sandi gave highlights of the program and requirements for hosting the annual event, including having an individual local liaison. Participant Driven Options is a key component of the program as well as insuring that this is an affordable program for participants. Next division event is January 24-25, 2015 at Schuss Mtn.

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RPN - Tim Zimmerman

Need for better communications with the members about when the RPN is posted. This is being addressed. Tim is looking for a person who would be interested in getting involved/shadowing to take over the program in the future. Patrol Directors may want to consider doing a print out of each edition and posting in the patrol room to help make sure people see it, if they are looking at their email.

Avalanche - Derek Werner

Level I is three modules that can be completed over time. Challenge is the time and travel requirement; particularly for instructors, who are required to complete level II out west before they can register a level one course. Some of the regions do not have any certified instructors. Intermountain agreed to have us join them for a level II course to be upcoming. There will also be one in Eastern. Derek is looking for a replacement for his position, and he and Chris are screening candidates if any are interested - Advise by Sept 15..

**ACTION:** Track candidates' review progress. (Chris)

Skills Development - Britt Gustafson

We have a great team and STW's set up. This year we plan to add a certified awareness event to the program which will be staffed by certified patrollers - per further discussion, they will remove requirement for five years and adjust pre-requisite of senior status to recommended, but not required. Several regions are interested in group payment options, which is already being reviewed by Chris and Kent.

Toboggan - Dave Bramel - IT Calibration, Instructor Calibrations, and Senior Trainer Programs at the STWs. New toboggan administrators by region include S. Central and Eastern. Need annual instructor lists updated and returned by Oct 31.

Ski/Ride - Harold Park - Level I, II, III. ASE should go into Level II. We need to emphasize consistency in our teaching every day so that we provide consistent instruction, not just an exam orientation. Looking forward to working with all the region supervisors to insure that we provide a quality product to our members.

Daren Lukes - Senior Program - also provided additional information as it relates to aspiring seniors.

Upcoming season has a change to the OEC manual, which will be incorporated into the senior manual. Daren is collecting information on the program over the last five years so that they can look at trends and focus.

**As a division program it is not required to go through formal approval, but board input will be incorporated in the team plans.**

F14 P007 Proposal for Snow Sports Funds (Park)

**MOTION #4** : To accept the proposal requesting additional budget expenditure.

**MOVED:** Dick **SECOND** Ron

Discussion: Harold provided clarification of what they would like to do with the fund amount that was collected in the previous year to provide additional education in the upcoming year. This first year would provide for clinics in S. Central, Western Mi, and Northern Mi. Snow Sports to come to board with detail budget request for funds each spring going forward.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**MOTION #5 Modify the use of account 651 to Division Snow Sports School Education**

**MOVED** Ron **SECOND** Chip

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

*Break*

Medical Advisor - Steve Werner

Expects to attend a national medical advisors meeting at Powderfall. State of MI has passed a law that an epi-pen be available in all schools. Steve is discussing this with the county medical director in relation to how patrollers may become involved in the future as a field item.

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Registration - Dean Brandt

A flowchart has been created for the registration process. Actions for this year: Communicate and Education, National Database still in need of serious work, and request for ACH account validation yearly.

**ACTION:** Dean should send to PD's and copy RD's annually to confirm no change, or if change to provide the information. (October yearly).

Alumni - Gunther Dieterle

565 Registered alumni in division, many do not have email addresses. About 200 replied to email communications established by Gunther. There are many benefits to alumni status so part of his plan is to continue to let them know what things they can still do and what the benefits are. Would like to do a one-time paper mailing to secure more current information. Requesting to be informed by PD's when patrollers retire.

OEC - Karen Hadden and Sue Hayes

Karen - 48 hybrid refreshers in the division this year. 40 OEC classes registered. Division is very active. Karen will be retiring at the end of the year and Sue Hayes will be taking over. The Senior Module of the Senior OEC manual has recently been updated and posted to the website. Will be attending Powderfall in the spring. Beta testing the new basic OEC final. ROA's each have three goals that they wish to accomplish in the next 9 months. Still problems with use of the NSP Kit. Sue – goal is to improve communications, including timely responses for both her and others the key should be to respond to emails in a day at least acknowledging receipt and that an answer will be sent later.

MTR - John Wachter

MTR registration has changed. The enhancement course requires MTR 1 first. Looking at a mid March date for a large MTR on snow work. Expecting to have four events over the upcoming season, and expanding to Nordics.

MSAA/Elections - Ken Meldahl

MSAA - Unable to attend in August at Boyne. (JT, Dick, Tom, and Don attended) JT noted that we did have an opportunity to present in their owners' meeting. Reviewed the Joint Statement of Understanding. The owners realize that they need to take responsibility for Chair Evac but it is not clear how to handle - NSP offering to help to create procedures for their approval. NSP does not want a hold harmless release, but will support request for insurance information. The use of the releases is increasing, as well as the patroller's risk. Next year will be August 2-5.

Elections - All elections in the last year were contested showing an increased interest in the RD role. North Central, Southern, and Northern MI will hold elections this year. Sections 1 & 4 will have elections. Relative to the national election you must have a working email address and log on in order to vote. Recommend having computers set up at the refreshers to help patrollers to register as needed. Resumes for national candidates expected to be out later this month.

Instructor Development - Ginny Rodeman

Fall and spring is when most classes are held. Big goal is getting course completions in on a very timely basis in the region so that patrollers can move on to their chosen disciplines. Less than 50% use the online method. Instructors are only as good as their mentors so need to monitor progress.

Certified Program - Patrick Perlman

About 15 people attending today's orientation session. Working with Skills Development as an added feature of the STW's. Recert/Awareness clinics planned for most regions. Event is set for Lutsen March 5-8, 2015. Working on process of evaluating non-terrain dependent modules at alternate locations.



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**CONSIDERATION OF REMAINING PROPOSALS**

F14 P004 Certified Manual Avalanche changes (Perlman)

**MOTION #6 MOVED to accept:** Don **SECOND** Guy

Accommodates manual change to two within five minutes for beacon search, and some course study updates.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

F14 P005 Certified Manual Rope Care changes (Perlman)

**MOTION #7** to modify certified manual to not make stepping on the rope an automatic fail.

**MOVED:** Don **SECOND** Dick

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

F14 P003 Certified Evaluation Rotation (Perlman) as amended from Exec mtg

**MOTION #8** to modify the Certified manual revisions for locations of evaluations, qualifications. and re-certifications **MOVED:** Mike **SECOND** Les

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**MOTION #9** Floor Motion that all Central Division Websites should be under the control of the central Division

**MOVED:** Guy **SECOND** Mike

Discussion - this will initially effect the Certified website.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**ACTION:** Kent Anderson to work with programs to begin transitions as needed.

Webmaster - Kent Anderson

Working on the implementation of an online release form. In order to make the document legal, it must be associated with an event. This will be tested for the STW's this year first, then be considered for expansion. The IOR will be required to enter the course number and set up to an established table. STW online registration now needs group payments as noted earlier. Snow Sports School is requesting updates to their site. Kent would like to set an online request change process. Around 25 changes last year, including Chris updated the server and they dealt with virus problems.

Administrative Assistant - Cheryl Raudabaugh

Online version of materials - Is it working to the board's satisfaction? General consensus is that it is working and improved over last year. Cheryl indicated that with the move from Windows 8 to 7 for the server, we have had almost complete success in getting meeting users connected. Guy suggested review of Dropbox as a tool, but since it would require full internet access which is not always available, use of an internal private server appears the best option.

Public Relations - Ty Damon

Would like to serve as a resource to the board for various projects and needs as they arise.

Other Programs:

Introduction to Patrolling - JT discussed question from Vicki as to whether this position should continue.

The book has not been updated at National level since 1999. We could have her take a look at updates if we find that national is not planning to take on; discuss with (Jay/Darcy) as it currently reports in to national OET.

**ACTION:** Vicki to investigate re-write of current national manual for CD to then be offered to National.

PSIA Liaison – per Tom Anderson who was previously the liaison, Dan Moss is Ed Staff and therefore clearly linked in. We want to retain the NSP course accreditation with PSIA. Also, linking with Harold for the Snow Sports School. Offering up the patroller orientation to PSIA folks, to try out a sled pulling for example. Still a valuable position; reports to Chris who will contact Dan about continued involvement.

Telecommunications - Don Loerch for Paul Botnen - Paul created a survey based on one from 2010 and sent to PD's in a few regions. Goal is to continue this and determine our compliance with regulations.

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Nordic - Chris for Peter Nollan. Starting to see more young people get certified. Overall, he feels that the program is not well organized, but the new national Nordic director has proposed a supervisors meeting in the spring to address.

*With proposals and supervisor reports completed for the division programs, the meeting ended for the day.*

**Sunday, September 7, 2014**  
**Board Meeting Continues**

**John Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30am**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of voting members by Cheryl
  - o John Thomas                    Division Director
  - o Mike Schons                   Eastern Michigan
  - o Les Robinson                North Central (Sunday proxy present - Daren Lukes)
  - o Dick Jacques                Northern Michigan
  - o Guy Day                        Ohio
  - o Ron Plumer                    South Central
  - o Don Steen                     Southern
  - o Chip Knappen                Western Michigan
  - o Jim Ruzicka                  Western Michigan (not present)

All region directors were present except as noted.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Tom Anderson      | Assistant DD             |
| Chris Raudabaugh  | Assistant DD             |
| Don Loerch        | Assistant DD             |
| Joe Hamel         | Treasurer                |
| Kevin McQuillan   | Legal and Risk Advisor   |
| Cheryl Raudabaugh | Administrative Assistant |
| Brian Cobble      | Past DD                  |
| Chuck Martschinke | Past DD                  |

Ty Damon and Beach Day recorded as guests.

Division Updates - Completion of discussion from Saturday led by JT.

Patroller 101 Discussion continued. Calendar Updates - let Chris know what your dates are for respective Fall Meetings. Looking for RPN replacement to help Tim Zimmerman.

National board member recruitment - be thinking about next year to make sure the CD maintains a strong presence on the board.

JT left for the PD meeting and Don Loerch took over meeting lead; appointed Tom Anderson as Sergeant of Arms

**Region Director Reports**

South Central - Ron Plumer - Inherited the region first of June and has been working to fill positions. Working on budgets and a patrol director meeting.

Northern Michigan - Dick Jacques - Gearing up for the fall activities refresher focus for the next five weeks. Kick off conference call planned for senior activities, roll out schedule for the year - work on ways to take the

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product to where the people live. Women's program will be hosted at Schuss. Boyne Highlands program expected to be well attended.

Western Michigan - Chip Knappen - Chip just recently took over. Trying to fill positions. Fall region meeting upcoming. Need to work on the senior program to increase interest. Division meeting will be hosted in Western Michigan next year, probably in Grand Rapids. Just found out he is hosting, but they will get a committee rolling and host a good event.

Southern - Don Steen - Spring banquet was at St Louis at the arch. Sr OEC S/E clinic moving along the accreditation for evaluators. Anticipating 50 or more at STW's. They provide for registration fees. Starting YAP (young adult) program (Sept 27-28) at Chestnut. May begin to charge region dues, offsetting if division lowers.

Eastern Michigan - Mike Schons - Recent activity focus has been on the hosting of this year's fall division meeting / banquet. Put on largest senior event in division - goal is 10% of all alpine patrollers to participate. More senior patrollers as well as senior alpine - allowing people to focus on whatever they are best at. One of the drivers for candidates is to become leaders in the region. Ty volunteered that they really show the senior program as being a leadership training program, not just skills development. Doing a cross region S&T training program with Ohio and Northern Michigan.

Senior Program Discussion: Comments from Don Loerch - we identify future leaders at the patrol level, so it is important that we find ways to interest people in becoming part of leadership. Reaching out and identifying leaders then helping them to develop, bringing them up via the senior program. Dick noted that they work hard to take the fear out of what the Senior Program is all about, that it is not one event, but an extension of what we do every day. The resorts do not see the value of the senior program, so they don't care. Within the region, we do encourage participation. Ty indicates they have been frustrated by low pass rates in the Senior, so are looking at a specific 18 mo program of investing into training and inclusion. The first year they go to the senior as a helper, with the expectation they will then test the following year. Chip is having trouble getting people to agree to teach for the senior; so they have to re-build the interest.

North Central via Proxy Daren Lukes - Related to Senior Program - the relationships that are built are key, and that's what pulls people in to want to be part of it. The region is doing a ski trainers workshop, women's program, and other clinics are planned for a busy year.

Ohio - Guy Day - Developed a new team that he is very happy with. We already have strong programs in place that we will carry forward. Region meeting next week, all the refreshers in process. Looking forward to the cross region training with Michigan.

Western - Jim Ruzicka not present, no report.

*JT returned and resumed meeting leadership for the remainder of meeting.*

**ADD's Reporting** – for any items not already reported under programs

Tom Anderson - My staff are working well, have the transition in process through this year in OEC for Karen to Sue. Excited about the Intro to Patrolling - taking this program forward. Reference to Senior - his advice is to get them early, while fresh and interested in the next step.

Chris Raudabaugh - Email project - We have a new server for the division, working with Dick to be able to set up mass emails within the division. The new server is considered a "safe server" within the internet world which will help get them through as long as people sending messages follow certain protocols. Ultimate goal is to take to the PD level. Website updates for region directors - you can directly update your staff, and there is a process for calendar updates. Chris will send the info to new RDs.

Don Loerch - Excited to have new supervisors that are really moving their programs forward.

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Legal Update - Kevin stated he met with Jay Zedak and Darcy Hanley about the Patroller 101 program. It is currently being used for legal/insurance coverage for any year long program, vs as an Introduction to Patrolling specific course. He offered our supervisor from the Division to draft new manual; per new PnP revisions, the program must have 11 points met to continue. Kevin will work with Tom to make sure these points are met. National is not pursuing the program evolution themselves. It currently rolls under OET program, but they are open to moving out separately in the future according to Darcy Hanley. May want to look at re-naming over time. Patrol Director 101 has been a push from Kevin for some time and contains much of the same information.

**ACTION** - Tom Anderson, Guy Day, Kevin and Vicki will work on national program requirements to keep the program in compliance with the new PnP requirements - for Spring 2015.

Reminder to all regions to make sure to follow the division PnP Chapter 5 statements on checkbook set up. This is essential from a legal as well as tax perspective.

**Floor MOTION#10** Change verbage in Chapter 5 of the PnP on establishing checking accounts to be: "checking, savings, and other accounts to be titled as: National Ski Patrol – Central Division, Registration Unit C###."

MOVED Dick SECOND Ron, Board Action: Unanimous Approval 7 to 0.

**ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:**

F14 P001 2017 Fall Mtg Date Proposal (Jacques)

**MOTION # 11** to accept proposal **MOVED:** Don **SECOND** Ron

This proposal would change the date of the 2017 meeting in order to set the location as Mackinac Island which is not available for the PnP identified date. Set date as 9/15-17/2017. Discussion - do we want to change date to accommodate or there are other areas where we could meet. What is the best fiscally responsible action to take? They would get price bids. Suggest defer proposal for now, get the bids and informal agreement, then do proposal in spring. Call to question -

**BOARD ACTION:** Vote For: 3, Against 4. Motion defeated.

Floor proposal to correct PnP to state weekend after Labor Day.

**MOTION # 12** to accept proposal **MOVED:** Dick **SECOND** Guy

**BOARD ACTION:** Vote For: 7, Against 0. Motion passed.

F14 P002 Region Support Revisions (Jacques)

**MOTION # 13:** To accept proposal **MOVED:** Don **SECOND** Mike

The proposal would eliminate both the annual region payments, and the offsetting fees (\$3.00ea)., Discussion - concern about perception that Regions are increasing dues.

**BOARD ACTION:** Vote: 1 in favor, 6 against. Motion Defeated.

F14 P006 Central Division Chart of Accounts revisions (Hamel/Raudabaugh)

**MOTION # 14:** To accept Proposal **MOVED:** Dick **SECOND** Ron

Proposal is to align the PnP to current account names and usage, and to eliminate outdated accounts per provided listed, with one adjustment related to Motion # 5.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (7 for 0 against)

F14 P008 Funding for Division Mandated Programs (Jacques)

**MOTION # 15:** To accept proposal **MOVED:** Mike **SECOND** Dick ,

Proposal is for the addition of a statement to Chapter 5 noting that before any new programs mandated by the Board that would impact the Regions financially are implemented, they must be confirmed by at least 2/3rds of the Region Directors.

**CENTRAL DIVISION FALL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 5-7, 2014, Detroit, Michigan**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (7 for 0 against)

F14 P009 PnP Revision of timing for Fall/Spring Meetings (Jacques)

**MOTION # 16:** to accept proposal to simplify verbage related to meeting schedules as noted.

**MOVED:** Ron **SECOND** Dick

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (7 for 0 against)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Follow up Action Items - see Action Item List posted. Completed items will be removed from listing. Related detail discussion noted below:**

Somalsky fund financing: funds are available in the Central Division beyond current needs, asked the board if they would consider making a further contribution to the Somalsky fund so that there would be enough to support two scholarships next year.

**ACTION:** Kevin, Don, Dick and Joe meet to bring a proposal to the board conf call by the 23rd to recommend how to proceed, and policy of amounts to be given per recipient going forward.

Snow Sports Instruction releases and liability issues of having registered classes or not - Per Darcy Hanley - Willis (insurance carrier) recognizes that skiing is part of our program; as long as patrollers are teaching other patrollers in a sanctioned activity, there is no need to register a separate course. Member to member is ok. The clarification of a sanctioned activity is that the instructor must be part of the NSP-C Snow Sports School.

**ACTION:** Harold to document policy / procedure for distribution.

ASE Program (Don Loerch) Committee review results: 1. Has it been of value? (committee agrees yes) 2. Where does it succeed? (it promotes consistent standards, and growth within ranks), 3. Where could it improve? Thoughts for discussion - ASE evaluators in each region are available. Suggestion of a pre-qualification before the ASE exam. Perhaps Snow Sports School could develop standards. Develop quantifiable evaluation of success going forward. Enable regions to do their own exams. Is an expansion of ASE a good use of Division resources?

Clarification of the history of the program development was given, and the next step is for the board to determine how to go forward. This needs to be set up for a call separate from the 9/23 teleconference.

**ACTION:** Committee to set up meeting with board to agree on how to move forward.

Topics for 9/23 9pm EST call: minutes review, Somalsky funds, elections review, date of spring meeting. ASE to move to separate conference.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget changes** - no further changes.

**Email Blast** - 99% of the way there, will log into a site with a remote connection and allow user to send to various listings. Will do a training session.

**National Board Elections** - RD's will be provided an elections review form to match criteria to the various candidates for scoring each and submit to Ty. Timeline - Information to RDs by 9/15, return by 9/22, 9/30 call to BOD, letter out by Oct 15.

**Spring meeting date** conflicts with Powderfall, so alternate date needed, but some conflict within contracted hotel schedule. Ken to research cancellation and other options. (note – date identified for confirmation on teleconference; set for April 17-19,2015.)

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**CALENDAR REVIEW**

**Meetings/Dates/Locations**

Mid-winter National Meeting - January 2015, Denver Area,  
Spring Division Business Meeting – April 17-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.  
National Annual Meeting – April 2015, @Powderfall  
MSAA Meeting – Aug 2-5, 2015, Alpine Valley WI  
Fall Division Meeting – September, 2015, Western Michigan  
Fall Division Meeting - September, 2016, Western (S.Ctrl moves to 2020)  
Fall Division Meeting - September, 2017, Northern Michigan  
Powderfall - April 9-12, 2015, The Canyons

**MOTION #17** to adjourn: FIRST Chip SECOND Ron

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)

**Respectfully submitted,  
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NOTE: These minutes represent the notes recorded during the meeting and are as approved by the Central Division Board of Directors in a following review completed September 23. The board meetings are also recorded for documentation and files retained for approximately one year as needed for clarification only.