

NATIONAL SKI PATROL CENTRAL DIVISION
STAFF CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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I accept / reject the nomination for Western Region Director

Signed  Date 2/5/2020

I am currently registered with Wild Mountain Ski Patrol

I have been a member of the NSP since what year: 1971

List NSP offices held

List NSP Awards Received

See attached

See attached

NSP Achievements

See attached

List your priorities for action (issues you will address) if elected:

- Focus on communication and collaboration. By doing so – assist our Patrollers to know of opportunities for education and advancement; help our Patrols to function effectively; and help Region Staff create, promote and deliver outstanding programs and events.
- Work with Patrol Directors/Representatives and staff to prioritize the recruiting and training of new members for patrols to better serve our area's customers. Share tools and methods of best practices among Patrols to effectively meet this need.
- Represent the interests of our Region in the Division to have access to the resources to meet our needs and have our voice heard as the NSP advances and grows.
- Work tirelessly to support the "why" we all share: to keep people safe, provide excellent service to our areas and their guests, and have fun playing in the outdoors!

What specific or special qualifications do you have for the office?

I am currently the Patrol Director at Wild Mountain. I work with the NSP registration and certification systems and understand the impact and challenges for Patrol Directors/Representatives. I will represent and address this point of view at the Division and will work to simplify, automate, and improve the systems. I have created leadership teams within the Patrol that share responsibility for key aspects of Patrol operations – the director role, OEC and hill training, hill coverage, and support specialties. Our culture is one of collaboration, excellence, and empowerment. I will bring this perspective to the Region and will work with fellow patrollers to both lead and manage the Region.

Being a Patrol Director has put me on the front line of a major issue we all share – recruiting, training, and onboarding new patrollers to revitalize our patrols and replace those retiring. I will bring fresh energy to address this issue and support other Patrols in our Region as they attract new members. At Wild Mountain, we have been especially successful with our Young Adult Patroller program. I believe it is a model that others can follow.

I am a Region OEC IT and have worked with patrols throughout much of the Region to support them in their OEC Classes and Refreshers. As a result, I understand the importance of quality and consistency, as well as the need to simplify and standardize the QA process with OEC and OET training.

I am devoted to continuing education and promoting on-going learning for all Patrollers, the Senior OEC and OET programs, Instructor Development, and programs such as Mountain Travel and Rescue or MTR, Certified and Avalanche. I have worked successfully with Wild Mountain management to understand the benefit of such programs and have hosted many events at Wild Mountain. I believe these programs offer our members unique opportunities to advance as Patrollers.

I have a track record of involvement at the Region, Division and National Levels and know many people at each level and am respected for my contributions. I have been involved in the successful development and implementation of several National programs, as well as participating in critical decisions impacting the NSP organization and membership.

How do you propose to obtain the opinions, views and feelings from the patrollers to guide your activities?

I will focus on communication and collaboration. I will be available in the Region, in person or by phone or electronically, and work with Patrollers to enhance communication. I will work collaboratively with Patrol Directors/Representatives and Region Staff to address the needs in our Region to achieve our goals of Service and Safety.

List any other pertinent information to your candidacy

I have patrolled at ski areas near small towns and near the Twin Cities. At each Patrol, I worked with fellow patrollers to make the Patrol the best it could be professionally and at the same time, to foster a fun and positive place to be. If elected, I look forward to working with fellow patrollers for Western Region to be a successful and fun unit of the National Ski Patrol!

I agree to follow the "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates".

Signed: Jeffrey J. Olsen Date: 2/5/2020

Patrols

Sugar Hills Ski Patrol - Grand Rapids, MN - 1971 – 1981 10 years

Mont Ripley Ski Patrol - Houghton, MI - 1981 – 1989 8 years

Yellow Merit Star – 1983 - Training Advisor

Patrol Director 1983 – 1985

Host – 1985 Central Division Junior Jamboree & Central Division Certified Test

North Central Region Outstanding Patrol Leader 1985

Runner-Up Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Nation - 1985

Wild Mountain Ski Patrol - Taylors Falls, MN - 1990 – Current 31 years

Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Nation – 1992

Patrol Director 2016 – Current

Wild Mountain Outstanding Patroller Award - 2017

Regional Positions

Central Division - North Central Region

Assistant Region Director – 1986 – 1989

Region Junior Advisor 1984 – 1988

Chaperoned Juniors and attended:

1985 National Junior Jamboree – Snowcreek, West Virginia

1986 Central Division Jamboree – Alpine Valley East, Michigan

1986 National Junior Jamboree – Park City, UT

1987 Central Division Jamboree – Giants Ridge, MN

1987 National Junior Jamboree – Bogus Basin, ID

Senior Ski & Toboggan Examiner 1986 – 1989

Senior First Aid Examiner 1984 – 1989

Central Division - Western Region

Senior Ski & Toboggan Examiner 1989 – 1994

Region WEC-OEC Instructor Trainer – 1989 – Current

Region Instructor-Development Instructor Trainer 1989 – 2019

Central Division Position

WEC Supervisor - 1986 – 1987

National Positions

Assistant National First Aid Advisor – 1987

National First Aid Advisor – 1987

National WEC (OEC) Supervisor – 1987 – 1996

WEC-PAC Chair 1988 – 1996

First Assistant National Chairman – 1996 – 2000 – provided board oversight to OEC, Medical, Instructor Development, Legal and Awards.

- Participated in the development of the Introduction to Patrolling Textbook and Instructor Development Course Materials.
- Attended and participated in Legal Committee Meetings
- Worked extensively on the re-write of the NSP Policy and Procedures Manual
- Participated in Board Committee work that resulted in the reorganization of the National Board

National Committee Work:

WEC – OEC 1986 – 2000

- Involved with creation of WEC/OEC Textbook, Instructor and Student Material with WEC/OEC 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Editions

Instructor Development Training – 1987 – 1992

- Involved with Committee that established Instructor Development and roll out of program

Senior Program Task Force 1987 – 1992

- Involved with Committee that revised the Senior Program to its Current Format

Senior OEC Program Development 1989-1992

- Helped create, pilot and publish material establishing the Senior OEC Material

Awards

Yellow Merit Star – 1983 - Training Advisor

Senior Patroller - 1984

North Central Region Outstanding Patrol Leader – 1985

National Runner-Up Outstanding Ski Patrol – Mont Ripley – 1985 (was Patrol Director)

National Appointment # 6857 – 1987

Silver Merit Star – 1988 – Runner-up Outstanding Administrative Patroller in the Nation

Gold Merit Star – 1989 – Outstanding Administrative Patroller in the Nation

Distinguished Service Award – 1992 – Member of Marlen Guell's National Volunteer Staff

Distinguished Service Award – 1996 – Member of Jack Mason's National Volunteer Staff

Lifetime Membership Award – 1996 – National OEC Supervisor 1987-1996

Distinguished Service Award – 2000 – Member of John Clair's National Volunteer Staff

National Service Award – 2002

10th Mountain Division Award - 2008

Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award – 2016

National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame - #34 2017