

NSP PROPOSAL FORM <i>Revised 01/97</i> Do Not Use Previous Versions		Proposal Number: F09 P003
		Assigned Committee:
The proposal maker(s) submit this proposal for consideration by the NSP Board of Directors in accordance with the NSP Policies & Procedures. This proposal has been researched, is submitted in final wording with all applicable boxes completed and information provided. I (We) have contacted and discussed this proposal with the appropriate National Program Director or other staff and/or NSP Department Director prior to submitting the proposal to the national office. I (We) have indicated how I (we) believe this proposal will impact the budget, both long- and short-term. <i>I (we) understand that incomplete proposal forms will be returned to the maker(s).</i>		
Proposed by: John Thomas Ken Meldahl, Bill Currier	Position: Region Directors and Div advisor	Date: 8/17/2009
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I (we) have consulted the following people in drafting this proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> Staff comments (if any) attached <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Pgm. Director: <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Office Staff: <input type="checkbox"/> National Staff: <input type="checkbox"/> Others:		
The following references are relevant to this proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Bylaws: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Strategic Plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CD Policies & Procedures:		
I (We) anticipate the following expenses, and have attached budget details and an explanation (as necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): None <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses): None		
The Executive Director: <input type="checkbox"/> agrees with proposal expense estimate, OR <input type="checkbox"/> anticipates the following expenses: <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses):		
Proposal Text (attach additional pages as necessary; for bylaw, P&P, or other amendments of existing provisions, show changes with added words underlined, and deleted words with a line through them): See below		
Proposal Explanation and Justification (attach additional pages as necessary): To match up the dates so the election results for DD and RDs are announce before the spring meeting		
Committee Revision of Proposal (if any):		
Committee Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Revised <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn		
Committee Chairman Explanation and Votes: Amended to add Election Committee Rotation		
Final Board Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Reported <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated		
Vote on Final Consideration (if vote count taken): For - 8 Against - 0 Abstain -0		

Chapter 3 Division Elections

Central Division elections (timing, voters, etc.) are controlled by the Central Division Policies and Procedures, and Division By-laws as the same may set forth qualifications for certain offices.

In addition, policies for behavior and the required candidate information form for a nominee for elections in Central Division are detailed on the following pages.

S96-05 By-law Change: Selection of the Patrol Representatives, in Central Division, will be in accordance with the By-laws of the National Ski Patrol, Inc.

DIVISION ELECTION COORDINATOR (F07-P002)

1. The Division Election Coordinator is appointed by the Division Director, with consensus of Division Board.
2. The Division Election Coordinator is responsible for the administration of the election process for the positions of Division Director and Region Director as detailed in the Central Division Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. This election process includes (see each election for detail information):
 1. Voter and Division communications/announcements: schedule, directions and results
 2. Obtains identification of the electorate for elections
 3. Preparing ballot content and utilizing the appropriate medium (electronic or paper)
 4. All election operations:
 - a. Accept and review all nominations for Region Director and Division Director. All nominations shall be given a qualification review and validation within 72 hours of receipt of the application.
 - b. Collect nominations, resumes and position statements. All nominations shall be given a qualification review and validation within 72 hours of receipt of the nomination and the nominee shall be notified of any deficiencies within 48 hours thereafter.
 - c. Sending out ballot with resumes and position statements to electorate.
 - d. Send electorate to candidates for purpose of campaigning. or "Notify candidates of electorate".
 - de. Provide Division Director with nominations, resumes and position statements for Division Director's conference with each candidate as to duties and responsibilities.
 - ef. Retrieving ballots
 - fg. Ballot counting and identification of the election winners
 - gh. Present election results to the Election Review Committee for review and confirmation
 - hi. Presentation of certified election results to the Division Director for appropriate election announcement and Division Director conference with each candidate.

Timing:

SECTION CHIEFS

The elections for Section Chiefs will be staggered as follows:

- Sections 1 and 4 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, etc.
 - Sections 2 and 5 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, etc.
 - Sections 3 and 6 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, etc.
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REGION DIRECTORS

The elections for Region Directors will be staggered as follows:

- North Central, North Michigan, Southern 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, etc.
- East Michigan, Western, South Central 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, etc.
- S08 P006 (removing Southwestern Region)
- Ohio, West Michigan 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, etc.

Region Director election schedule:

October 15 Division Registration Coordinator shall provide a list of allowable election votes per Section, Registration Unit and Members, as applicable, based on previous years registrations, to Division Election Coordinator (DEC)

November 15 DEC to send Election Announcement and reminder request to Region Director, Section Chiefs and Patrol Representatives for submittal of Registration Unit level electors' names and email addresses *

November 30 Region Director or Region Election Coordinator to provide DEC with list of Registration Unit level electors. *

~~December 22~~ September 15 DEC to provide election schedule and nomination application to Webmaster and/or RPN editor for publication. *S09 P004*

~~December 30~~ Nominations to be accepted by the DEC; ~~All nominations shall be given a qualification review and validation within 72 hours of receipt of the nomination and the nominee shall be notified of any deficiencies within 48 hours thereafter.~~

January 26 Last day for submission of nominations to the DEC.

February 9 Last day for nominees to submit any resumes and/or position statements to the DEC

February 15 DEC to send, if available, resumes, position papers, voting instructions and Ballots to electorate. DEC also to send electorate information to approved candidates. *S09 P004*

March 8 Last day to return ballots (if paper ballots are utilized then postmarks will be used as cutoff date)

March 13 19 Last day for tabulation of ballots and validation of the results by the election Review Committee and submission of results to the Division Director.

March 19 26 Last day for Division Director to contact candidates

March 20 27 DEC to make announcement of election results to electorate and post on appropriate website(s).

* Unless the Region has one vote per member, in which case the Region shall specify the procedures and notify the DEC of same.

Reference: Region Director Election Bylaw 11.3

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Reference: Division Director Election Bylaw 11.4

ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

There is established a Central Division Review Committee consisting of three (3) ~~elected~~ (In 2008 they were appointed by the DD.) Region Directors who shall be current members of the Central Division Board of Directors who shall not be up for reelection during the current election process. The Committee members shall be selected at the Fall Division meeting by consensus of the presently existing Central Division Board of Directors.

The Election Review Committee is responsible for the review and confirmation of the election results for the Central Division Director and all other Division managed elections. The committee will review election results submitted by the DEC and confirm results back to the DEC in specified amount of time.

INSTANT RUNOFF ELECTION PROCESS

Introduction

The following procedure implements the instant runoff voting method for determining the winner in the Central Division Director election.

Ballot Specifications and Directions to Voters

A voting ballot shall allow a voter to rank candidates for the Central Division Director in order of choice. All candidates are listed on the ballot with one additional slot for a write-in candidate. The voter may include no more than one write-in candidate among his/her ranked choices. Directions provided to voters shall conform substantially to the following specifications:

Vote for candidates by indicating your first-choice candidate, your second-choice candidate and so on. Indicate your first choice by marking the number "1" beside a candidate's name, your second choice by marking the number "2" by that candidate's name, your third choice by marking the number "3," and so on, for as many choices as you wish. You are free to rank only one candidate, but ranking additional candidates cannot help defeat your first-choice

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candidate. Do not mark the same number beside more than one candidate. Do not skip numbers.

Ballot Counting

The ballots cast shall be tabulated and the result declared by the Central Division Election Coordinator after review by the Central Division Election Review Committee using the following procedure:

- The first choice marked on each ballot shall be counted. If any candidate receives a majority of the first choices, that candidate shall be declared elected.
- If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, the candidate who received the fewest first choices shall be eliminated and each vote cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. If, after this transfer of votes, any candidate has a majority of the votes from the continuing ballots, that candidate shall be declared elected.
- If no candidate receives a majority of votes from the continuing ballots after a candidate has been eliminated and his/her votes have been transferred to the next-ranked candidate, the continuing candidate with the fewest votes from the continuing ballots shall be eliminated. All votes cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked continuing candidate on each voter's ballot. This process of eliminating candidates and transferring their votes to the next ranked continuing candidates shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes from the continuing ballots. This candidate shall be declared elected.

Example:

Three candidates: Smith, Jones and Marks

60 voting cards are submitted

Smith is ranked 1 by 25 voters

Jones is ranked 1 by 20 voters

Marks is ranked 1 by 15 voters

In the first round no one receives a majority, 31 votes

Thus, Marks is eliminated and those cards that had Marks ranked 1 is reviewed for their second choice.

Smith is ranked 2 on 10 of the of the 15 cards

Jones is ranked 2 on 3 of the 15 cards.

Thus, Smith wins with 35 votes and Jones is second with 23 votes.

Note: Only 13 votes were counted in round two because two of the Marks cards only had first choices.

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GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES

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I. All candidates shall be held personally responsible for all actions of their ~~chairman~~ chairperson, workers, committees, etc.

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II. For each election or run-off election, any candidate seeking the election office and those acting in behalf of the candidates are permitted a maximum of three contacts with the voters including phone conversations for the purpose of campaigning.

III. The candidates' campaign literature or other contacts shall be restricted to:

- A. Introducing themselves
- B. Announcing their platform and intentions
- C. Enhancing their own qualifications

IV. No candidate, or those acting on behalf of the candidate, shall make or publish derogatory or inflammatory statements about his/her opponent's qualifications, ability, service record, or personal life.

V. Candidates holding a Division, Region, or Section position during the time of their candidacy shall not be permitted to do any campaigning while attending any meeting, session or any other Registration Unit activity in an official capacity or where the cost of attendance in travel or living expense is reimbursed wholly or in part by the Division, Region or Section funds. Nor shall any campaigning be allowed in any communication, verbal or written, which is reimbursed by Division, Region or Section funds. What about candidates not holding any of the above positions? Suggest wording to the effect that no Division, Region or Section funds shall be used to re-imburse a candidate for campaign-related expenses, i.e. all campaign expenses will be paid for by the candidate.

VI. A copy of all campaign literature mailed or distributed by a candidate, or those acting in a candidate's behalf, and also an outline of any organized telephone campaign, shall be sent to the Election Coordinator and the Division Director.

VII. Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in the removal of a candidate from the election.

This action will be reviewed first by the Election Coordinator, then by the Division Legal Advisor, and finally by the Division Executive Committee, excluding any members who are candidates for the office in question.

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STAFF CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Name _____
Address _____
Phone: H) _____ W) _____ C) _____ F) _____

Email) _____

I accept / reject the nomination for _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I am currently registered with _____

I have been a member of the NSP since what year: _____ List NSP offices held List NSP Awards Received NSP

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

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What specific or special qualifications do you have for the office?
How do you propose to obtain the opinions, views and feelings from the patrollers to guide your activities?

List any other pertinent information to your candidacy I agree to follow the "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates".

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MOVE THE SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET TO CHAPTER 2, BEFORE REGION DIRECTORS QUALIFICATIONS AND AFTER PROGRAM SUPERVISORS.

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SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Supervisor Position applying for: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ FAX: _____

Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Current Registration Number: _____

Currently Registered with: _____

I am a member of other organizations such as PSIA, NORBA, etc.: include levels and years of

Service: _____

List NSP Offices held List NSP Awards Received
(Include years) (Include years)

What specific or special qualifications do you have for this position?

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If you are awarded this position, how do you feel you would work with the other advisors and how would you communicate with them?

Would you be able to travel for this position?

How important do you feel this program is for the Central Division? Why?

What new things might you want to see done with this position if you are selected?

Any other information you feel will add in the selection of the right candidate?

(Use additional paper if so desired)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Rotation of the Election Committee

In general it will consist of the most recently elected Region Directors

2010 it would be North Central, North Michigan, Southern

2011 it would be Eastern Michigan, South Central, This rotation North Central would perform it 2 years in a row.

2012 it would be Western, Ohio, Western Michigan

2013 it would be North Central, North Michigan, Southern

2014 it would be Eastern Michigan, South Central, This rotation Northern Michigan would perform it 2 years in a row.

2015 it would be Western, Ohio, Western Michigan

2016 it would be North Central, North Michigan, Southern

2017 it would be Eastern Michigan, South Central, This rotation Southern would perform it 2 years in a row.

2018 it would be Western, Ohio, Western Michigan

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