



# National Ski Patrol

## Central Division

End of Year Reports 2011-2012 Updated 3/30/12

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## Division Director Jim Woodrum

Central Division Year End Report; Fiscal Year 2011/12

The snow and the weather will be the one predominate thing we talk about for this season for years to come. When the trending over the last several years has been more and more skier visits at destination resorts and even in the Midwest we will have considerable discussion over the next several years on how do we increase attendance in difficult economic times and coupled with when the weather is less than desirable for a good ski season.

To begin our season we had the opportunity to attend the Division Fall Meeting in greater Cincinnati hosted by the Ohio Region. Organizers John and Fredda McGoff along with a super team from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky pulled off a great event for all to remember. Most memorable of all was the fact that 6 of the 11 National Outstanding Awards were presented to Central Division Patrollers and Patrols. In addition, 3 First Runner Ups to the Outstandings also went to Central Division personnel. This was one outstanding year for members of the Central Division.

Our first monumental task this year was the introduction of our new OEC 5th Edition. All Regions and Patrols did an excellent job of reviewing and calibrating the new skills presented in the new book with instructors and in turn with all patrollers in addition to the review of the Cycle A portion of the book at this year's refresher courses. Our OEC leaders deserve a great deal of applause for the work they had to do in a short turnaround from books arrived to when refresher were conducted. We certainly could not have made it happen without all of your contributions and dedication to this effort. To all our Division staff, Region administrator, our IT's and Instructors our hat is tipped to you for a job well done! It is also important to recognize all of the authors, reviews and contributors from the Central Division that helped make this book come into being over the last several years for your personal efforts and sacrifice to make it happen! Job Well Done Folks!

We again kicked off the Division sponsored events with three successful STW's in December 11'. We had attendance nearing 300 with SES's, TES's, our third and final year of Accredited Senior Evaluators (ASE) exams, and/or the calibrations of those PSIA credentialed examiners for conducting the ski portion of our Senior S&T. Another first at this year's STW's was the calibration of all Region Toboggan Advisors on standardized toboggan handling techniques expected to be demonstrated at the Senior S&T exams. As many patrols have been drifting into their own set of techniques it was the right time to bring all of us back to the standards expected in our senior event. Several sacred cows were discussed and in many cases refuted to standardize our techniques.

One interesting opportunity this year was the challenge by the Boyne Highlands Area Management to have our patrol training staff, train several of their existing Mountain Hosts in handling empty toboggans and bringing it to accident scenes to speed up the process of responding to incidents. After cooperation between the Mountain Hosts, Patrol and Management Leadership a program was created and agreed to with support from the National Board of Directors to pilot this effort and make it exportable for others that may have an interest in doing a similar project. An update on the outcomes of this project will be reported at the Central Division Spring meeting and then shared with the National Board.

Another challenge we have somewhat overcome is the process for accounting for those that complete the required patrol toboggan refreshers annually as spelled out in the National P&P. Unlike the annual OEC refresher requirement we had no good way to track this same requirement for toboggan refreshers. With the help of Sarah Hadsall, Assistant Education Director Staff member, she downloaded each patrol's roster and electronically sent that to our patrols so that they could upload the tracking in the computer and eliminate all the handwriting and possible mistakes in key punching this data into the

national database. All patrols had to do is pull it up on their computer screen, update the individual with a yes/no answer and send it back to Sarah to electronically upload in the database. Then on next year's profile it will show that the individual patroller had completed their annual toboggan refresher. The next opportunity will be to have this printed out on the individual's membership/education card with the annual toboggan refresher completed. Currently competing priorities on the National IT staff prevent this from happening right away. It is in the que to be worked on when other issues are resolved and a higher priority is assigned.

Another first in the Central Division was the opportunity to host Tim White, National Executive Director, in a tour of nine areas this ski season. The pride in patrolling at each area was the highlight of the tour. Patrollers showed their appreciation for Tim in hosting his visit and were proud to show off their area and patrol activities that make the NSP what it is today. Tim summed up his visit by saying: "This tour was the highlight of my career." My hat is again tipped to all that participated and putting your pride right out front for everyone to notice. We shined with the best!

Although not all the counts are in for the Senior S&T and SEM's the preliminary count looks like we had another successful season of new senior patrollers. I know that many of you put in huge commitments to your scheduled shift coverage along with extra training to prepare yourself for these exams. Your hard work and dedication has shown with your successful completion of these events. For the few that perhaps didn't quit get there we stand ready to help you on your journey. We all know it is discouraging and disheartening to not be successful in these events, that is why so many of us want to help. Just let us know what you want or need to work on and our trainers will focus on that to help you along.

Finally, we had another successful Division Certified Exam, hosted by Perfect North Slopes in the Ohio Region. The ski area set a new level of support for this event by making snow the week before the event took place, they allowed us on the slopes at 7:00 AM to set courses, test snow conditions and opened the lifts at 8:00 AM to get some of the modules to begin and run. With the adversity of warm weather, tornados in the area resulting in over 40 deaths, and shutting the operations down for most of one day, the group of evaluators, candidates, helpers and support staff persevered and got through all but one portion of the modules. Mike Longfellow-Jones is a master at juggling and he showed his skills by pulling off with less than good odds yet another successful event. We can't thank the Perfect North Slopes staff and patrol enough for going over the top to help make this event such a success.

Jim Woodrum  
Central Division Director

## **Assistant Division Director Linda Murphy Jacobs**

Thanks to all of the supervisors whom I had the pleasure to work with this past year. This is an inspirational group of Division leaders who continue to give an unbelievable amount of time and talent to make their Division programs outstanding. All of our programs continue to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our Regions. These leaders are involved at the National level and are pro-active in making sure that Central Division is up to date with program changes and trends.

It was a busy year for me, too. I visited in five regions throughout the Division and participated in the following events: Vail Ski Immersion school, Division STW's at Trollhagen, Boyne Highlands and Cascade. NM Region Instructor calibration at Nubs, NM Region candidate clinic at Boyne Highlands, Certified audition and recertification at Nubs Nob, and NM Region SES/TES at Boyne Highlands. Division Womens Clinic at Big Powderhorn, NM Region Senior test at Boyne Mt., Certified evaluation at PNS and completed level 1 tele for ed credit with PSIA at Marquette Mt. We plan to finish our year hopefully finding big pow in Salt Lake in April.

At the planning meeting for next year's STW's I asked the staff to discuss why we are seeing a disproportionate number of women patrollers attend the Division level STW's, either as instructors or participants. The question asked was: Are we (Division level staff) doing something that is keeping them out, or is something else going on. No answers came out of that discussion so in January I asked the same questions of the participants at the Central Division Women's clinic. While this is decidedly a small sampling of our female members, the representation included everything from new candidate to certified level patrollers. The women offered some valuable insights to consider as we make plans for future education events and staffing changes.

I found that about 60% of the women present were very active at the patrol level in patrol management, hill training or OEC instruction. That percentage dropped off to less than 20% at the Region level, and then fell off sharply at the Division level. Our women patrollers are very active at the local level, but many talked about time constraints as primary causes for not adding more to their agenda's. It was also discussed that women tend to need to be asked to participate or take on an additional job, while men tend to seek it out. Achieving Senior status is also often viewed as an end point by women rather than a lead in for the next step by men. There were comments made about the Senior journey not having a perceived benefit (often a prerequisite for upper level staffing) and that some women don't persist with training and evaluation because of negative experiences in the process. Many of the women participants commented on the inspiration they get from having women instructors and trainers as roll models at all levels. These women suggested that they would be more apt to participate at Division STW's if there was a greater womens presence in the instructor cadre. They did not want a separation (womens only group) but were interested in inclusion in a mixed gender learning environment. Some of the women who are already on the instructor track were interested in more knowledge about how to teach men more effectively.

Again this was a target discussion of a very small sample of our women patrollers.

## **Assistant Division Director   Brian Cobble**

The major activities of the team this year were again, supporting and conducting three Division STWs in December. This was the fourth year that this has been accomplished and continues to be a major logistical undertaking. The longer this practice continues, the more we need to develop additional Division level III instructors so we do not burn out the nucleus of our Division Ski School. Based on the feedback, the clinics were well received by the membership. The ski school continues to grow in membership, certification levels, and innovative teaching techniques.

The Ski School also had additional members travel to Vail to participate in a 3 day SkiImersion event (at their own expense). We continue to explore different avenues to develop our ski instructors. I also had the opportunity to spend 3 days skiing with Jennifer Simpson from the PSIA National Demo team, which was the highlight of an otherwise dismal ski season.

In addition to numerous phone calls and conference calls, I participated in the following events:

- Taught at the Wilmot OEC Prerefresher and Refresher
- Participated in Division Staff Training event at Wild Mountain
- Lead 2 Train the Trainer sessions at the Trollhaugen STW
- Co-Lead the PSIA Credentialed Sr Evaluator Calibration at Boyne Highlands STW
- Lead a Train the Trainer session at the Boyne Highlands STW
- Lead 2 Train the Trainer sessions at the Cascade STW
- Taught SES at Snow Creek, Weston, MO
- Participated in 3 day SkiImersion Alumni Camp at Vail, CO
- Completed Certified “Recert” at Marquette Mountain, MI
- Taught SES at Wilmot Mountain, WI
- Evaluated Senior skiing for Southern Region at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, IL
- Completed Patroller Development Ed Event at Marquette Mountain to maintain current PSIA instructor status

2012-2013 Budget request - \$1,750

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cobble  
Assistant Division Director

## **Assistant Division Director Dan Somalski**

This wasn't a very good year for me. I didn't get to do a lot of the things I wanted to do.

In September I attended the fall division Meeting.

In December I attended the Tnt at Boyne highlands.

In January I attended the Northern Michigan calibration clinic.

In January I attended the certified recert clinic.

That is about all I did this year. The doctors have changed my chemo schedule, and fatigue seems to be more of a problem than is used to be.

I would like to thank Linda Jacobs, Brian Cobble, and Jim Woodrum for covering the stuff I could not cover. It is a comforting feeling to know these folks are taking care of me.

Again I apologize for my lack of activity. When it becomes time to pull the plug on Dan, just let me know.

The Eastern Michigan Region had a relatively slow 2011-2012 season. The lack of snow forced many on-hill training events to be cancelled. However, we did have many successful candidates test this season in spite of the poor training conditions: 22 new Alpine Patrollers, 1 new Senior Alpine Patroller and 5 new patrollers started their journey for Certified.

**MY ACTIVITIES:**

**April 2011**

- Attended Central Division spring BOD meeting
- Attended awards banquets at Pine Knob and Alpine Valley

**May 2011**

- Attended EMR spring BOD meeting
- Attended EMR Region awards banquet at Mt. Brighton
- Taught during CPR class at Pine Knob
- Taught at MTR I course

**June 2011**

- Taught at an OEC 5<sup>th</sup> edition roll-out course at Pine Knob
- QA during Alpine Valley instructor refresher

**August 2011**

- Taught during OEC course
- Attended EMR Patrol Directors meeting

**September 2011**

- Attended Central Division fall/awards meeting in Cincinnati, OH

**October 2011**

- Taught during OEC and CPR refreshers
- Attended EMR fall BOD meeting
- Examined at OEC final at Pine Knob

**November 2011**

- Taught during OEC make-up refresher
- Taught Avalanche Safety & Rescue Course

**December 2011**

- Attended Division STW Clinic at Boyne Highlands
- Participated in Region STW events at Mt. Holly

**January 2012**

- Participated in Region SES and TES events at Mt. Brighton, Mt. Holly and Pine Knob
- Observed Region senior pre-test clinic at Pine Knob
- Observed EM1 basic test at Pine Knob
- Observed EM3 basic test at Mt. Holly

**February 2012**

- Taught Avalanche Safety & Rescue Course
- Observed Region senior on-hill evaluation at Boyne Mt.
- Taught Introduction to Ski Patrolling module at Pine Knob

**March 2012**

- Participated at the Central Division Certified evaluation at Perfect North Slopes
- Observed Region senior scene emergency management at Mt. Brighton

**REGION EVENTS:**

- Avalanche Safety & Rescue Course - Pine Knob (16 participants / 2 courses)
- MTR Level I Course - Mt. Holly
- 2 Instructor Development Courses
- 6 Instructor Recertification Clinics
- 6 OEC Refreshers
- 2 Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (14 participants)
- 1 Ski Enhancement Seminars (13 participants)
- EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation – Alpine Valley
- EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Mt. Brighton
- EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Mt. Holly
- EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation – Apple Mtn.
- Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Boyne Mtn. (5 participants)
- Senior Scene Mgt. Evaluation – Mt. Brighton (9 participants)



## **North Central Region Director      David Dahl**

- Attended Spring Division Meeting Chicago April 11, 2011
- Spring Region Meeting and Awards Banquet held at The Waters in Minocqua, Wisconsin, April, 2011 Jim Woodrum and his lovely wife attended. The attendance is always good because of the class offering for patrollers.
- Attended 2011 Fall Division Meeting at Cincinnati hosted by the Ohio Region which they did an outstanding job with the weather and hosting this meeting.
- OEC Regional Refreshers – eight were held in the Region and six of those had Region personnel doing quality control checks.
- Fall Region Business Meeting at Brule Ski Area in October, 2011
- NCR held a optional SEM for senior Canadates at Brule October 2011
- Attended Division S&T clinic at Cascade December 2011.
- NC offered SES/S&T at the Region Ski & Toboggan Clinic January 14, 2011, at Brule Ski Area. This is a very successful event that grows each year. The clinic has something for everybody from canadate, patrollers, seniors, instructors and evaluators. The clinic was fine tuned this year so everyone attending got the most out of the areas of participation.
- NCR held a mandatory SEM pre test January 15, 2010 for anyone that wanted to take the senior test this year in our region.
- Senior Program – Senior Emergency Management (SEM), Senior S&T was held Feb 18th and 20th At Blackjack Ski area the event was attended by Jim Woodrum. The event was extremely well organized
- Patrolled 130 hours at my home area Granite Peak.

This is my last year after 9 years as RD for NC Region what a ride. I have had the luxury of having on outstanding staff that worked with me to make the NC Region as outstanding as it is. Being involved at the Region level has given me the privilege of working with an exceptional staff from throughout Central Division. I have many new friendships that will last for ever. I was honored with the very first Black Demerit Star. This award has continued each year honoring a very select group of outstanding and deserving patrollers. That is what made the RD job fun. I don't think that I am going away completely but hope to be in a different roll at the division level if the Division Director wants me. The transition of my replacement **Les Robinson** should be a seamless one. Les has been very involved at the Region and Division events and knows the players. As long as he remains upright on his skis and none of the Division staff is allergic to dogs. Life will be good.

### **Goals for 2012-2013**

- I will be available to help Les as needed in his new roll.
- I would like to continue with a new roll at the Division if the DD and staff would like to have me.
- Continue to be on active Patroller, Ski and Toboggan Trainer, Senior Examiner and Senior QC

The Snowsport season started on the Saturday, December 3, 2011 for Boyne Highlands, Boyne Mountain and Nubs Nob in the Northern Michigan Region (NMR). During the month of December all areas were able to open with some slopes operational. The weather did not help the local areas much this season. Due to poor weather conditions several areas were forced to close early. The first two areas closed were Mt. Holiday and Hickory Hills; they closed on March 4, 2012. The Homestead closed and re-opened on March 10 & 11, 2012 for the weekend, then closed for the season. The projected closing dates for the rest of the Region are listed here: Boyne Highlands, Otsego Ski Club, Schuss Mountain & the Summit (Shanty Creek Resorts) and Treetops March 25<sup>th</sup>. Both Boyne Mountain and Nubs Nob plan to close at the end of shift on April 8, 2012 (weather and conditions permitting).

The NMR Snowsport and toboggan handling proficiency group was very busy preparing for this season with members attending the Central Division Snowsport Trainers Workshop (STW), NMR STW and the NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic. Two (2) NMR trainers/evaluators attended the Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) certification evaluation; both passed and are Certified ASE's. This gives the NMR ten (10) Certified ASE's for the NM Region. Through the dedicated work of all of the NMR trainers & evaluators we added eleven (11) new Candidates, sixteen (16) new Basic Patrollers, three (3) Senior Alpine Patrollers and ten (10) patrollers who have completed various modules of the Senior Program. The NMR held a Region wide Snowsport Enhancement Seminar (SES), Snowboard Enhancement Seminar and Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES) weekend. There were Thirty-four (34) attendees at the SES/SBES and Thirty (30) attendees at the TES. An additional SES, SBES & TES was held at The Treetops Resort for NMR members with fourteen (14) attendees. All of this was accomplished because of the hard work and dedication put forth by the Staff and the Patrol Directors of the NMR.

Meetings held or attended by Northern Michigan Region (NMR) staff include the Central Division (CD) Spring BOD Meeting and Fall BOD Meeting & Awards Banquet, one NMR Operating Committee Meetings, NMR Awards Committee Meeting, NMR Fall BOD Meeting and NMR Spring BOD Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Worked with the NSP, CD, NMR and Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol and area management to develop a toboggan handling training program for Boyne Highlands NSP Mountain Host members. This training will enable a Host to transport an unloaded toboggan down to an accident scene in an emergency situation. An up-date report will be given at the 2012 CD Spring meeting.

The following events took place in the NM Region:

- Three (3) Summer OEC Program sessions – Schuss Mountain
- Four (4) OEC Refreshers
- One (1) NMR Operating Committee Meetings
- NMR Awards Committee Meeting – Cedar River @ Shanty Creek Resorts
- NMR Spring BOD Meeting and Awards Banquet – Cedar River @ Shanty Creek Resorts
- NMR Fall BOD Meeting – Gaylord, MI
- Two (2) OEC Courses - Mt. Holiday & Boyne Highlands
- Central Division Ski Trainers Workshop - Boyne Highlands
- NMR Ski Trainers Workshop & Calibration Clinic – Nubs Nob
- NMR Senior Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Pre-Exam – Nubs Nob
- NMR SES – Boyne Highlands
- NMR TES – Boyne Highlands
- Section #1 Basic Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency exam – Boyne Mountain

- Section #2 Basic Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency exam – Otsego Ski Club
- Section #3 Basic Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Exam – Mt. Holiday
- NMR Section #2 SES & TES – Treetops Ski Resort
- Senior Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency exam – Boyne Mountain
- One (1) SEM Pre-Evaluations – Boyne Mountain
- SEM Evaluation – Boyne Mountain
- NSP Mountain Host Toboggan Handling pilot Program – Boyne Highlands

My Activities:

- Instructed at three (3) OEC Senior Enhancement Courses
- Co-IOR of one (1) OEC Course – Boyne Highlands
- Evaluated at two (2) OEC Course Final Evaluations
- QA'd at one (1) OEC Course Final Evaluation
- Attended two (2) NMR Operations Committee Meetings
- Attended CD Fall BOD Meeting and Awards Banquet in Bloomington, MN.
- Attended and was an Instructor at four OEC Refreshers
- QA'd Two (2) OEC Refresher
- Attended NMR Fall BOD Meeting
- Attended NMR Ski Trainers Workshop & Calibration Clinic – Nub's Nob
- Attended NMR Senior Snowsport & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Pre-Exam – Nub's Nob
- Attended NMR SES at Boyne Highlands
- Attended NMR TES at Boyne Highlands
- Patrolled three (3) days at the Special Olympics of Michigan - Schuss Mountain
- Attended two (2) Basic Snowsport & Toboggan Proficiency Evaluations – Boyne Mountain and Mt. Holiday Ski Area
- Attended Senior Snowsport & Toboggan Proficiency Evaluation – Boyne Mountain
- Instructed and evaluated at a Senior Emergency Management Clinic – Boyne Mountain
- Attended Senior Emergency Management Evaluation – Boyne Mountain
- Attended NMR Awards Committee Meeting March 11, 2012 – Boyne Mountain
- Attended 2012 CD Spring Meeting March 30-31, April 1, 2012 in Oak Brook, IL
- Attended 2012 NMR Spring BOD Meeting & Awards Banquet May 5, 2012 at Cedar River Hotel @ Shanty Creeks Resorts
- Visited nine (9) Patrols, ski areas and ski area management during the season
- Patrolled Thirty-eight (38) shifts at my home area
- Oversee NSP/Boyne Highlands Mountain Host Toboggan Handling Development and evaluate the pilot Program

Respectfully submitted by

*Robert A. Lechtanski*

## Ohio Region Director **Bill Currier**

With the advent of summer weather in March Ohio Region ski areas are now closed for the season. Most areas experienced an on-again/off-again season this year with mostly man-made snow even in the traditional snow-belt regions. However, I think most areas were able to hold season ending events and carnivals including ample amounts of slush and mud. Despite all of the poor conditions and early closings, a gem in the Ohio Region was Snow Trails in Mansfield, OH. They had excellent conditions throughout most of the season thanks to a new snow-making system that features a 'chiller' to cool the water pumped from in-ground wells before it is pumped into the pond.

I am now looking forward to our annual Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet that will be held this year at Perfect North Slopes on April 28. Sandi Hammons and her team are busy making plans for the event which will include a Region business meeting, possibly some educational events, possibly a recreational event for patroller families and significant others and an awards banquet in the evening.

While several events had to be canceled due to poor snow conditions, a large number of patrollers and staff participated in our programs this season. Special thanks to all Region staff, instructors, trainers, evaluators, advocates, et al, who volunteered countless hours and traveled countless miles to conduct our programs. Thanks also to the two Division staff members, Jim Woodrum, who QA'd our Senior Alpine Test on Feb. 25-26 and Dan Goldberger, who QA'd our SEM/ARM test on March 11. As I traveled around the Region from Boston Mills/Brandywine to Perfect North Slopes multiple times, I received many compliments and constructive comments from all who I either skied with, rode a chair with or helped celebrate their success. Here are a few highlights:

- 839 patrollers were registered in December, about the same as in 2011.
- Clear Fork Ski Patrol was re-activated under the leadership of Todd Vermilya, PD.
- 9 candidates, 6 of whom became full Seniors, successfully completed the SEM evaluation during the March test at Snow Trails. Also, 6 successfully completed the Aid Room Module.
- Avalanche class held in Nov. 2011
- MTR II and I classes held in Oct. 2011 and April 2012 respectively
- S&T events included:
  - A Division S&T Clinic held at Boyne Highlands in December with about 25 Ohio Region Patrollers participating
  - STW held at Perfect North Slopes in January (Clear Fork STW canceled due to poor snow conditions)
  - SES's and TES's held at most resorts in January and February (two canceled due to poor snow conditions.
  - A telemark SES was held at Holimont, NY, in February
  - An SES that was conducted by the PSIA Demo Team (D-Team) was again held at Boston Mills/Brandywine in February.
  - A Senior Test held at Perfect North Slopes in February with 9 candidates participating. 5 candidates successfully passed ski/board and 6 passed toboggan of whom 2 became full Seniors.
- A Certified Pre-Qualification clinic in January and a Division Certified event in March, both held at Perfect North Slopes, – the first ever for the Ohio Region.
- Region and National award nominations have been reviewed and winners selected by their respective awards teams. Plaques and certificates are now being prepared for presentation at the Spring Awards Banquet. Elections for the Section Chief position in Sections O1 and O4 are in process and results will be announced at the Spring Banquet.

As you can tell it has been another very busy season, more so than normal due to the limited snow cover. Have a safe and happy off-season.

Bill Currier,  
Ohio Region Director

## **South Central Region Director      Tony Ortega**

Across the region, OEC refreshers this year took more time than anticipated due to the changes and extra content brought on by the new 5th edition manual.

South Central region purchased 3 sets of new OEC equipment to be used for region OEC events. These items fall into the durable goods category (backboards, spider straps, quick splints, O2, c-collars, etc.). This gear is kept in the region OEC trailer where it can be trailered to and used at the locations of the region OEC events. Consumables (cravats, roller bandages, etc.) are the responsibility of the participants.

Cascade Mountain in Portage, Wisc was gracious enough to host the following division event:

Dec 17 - 19 Division STW.

Management allows us to use a building that is located on the hill, with ski-in ski-out access, with its own parking lot, meeting area in the lower level, and restaurant and bar in the upper level.

Alpine Valley Resort, East Troy, WI was gracious enough to host the Senior OEC Events

Jan 8, 2012 Senior SEM with 8 participants

Feb 11, 2012 Senior OEC Exam, with 2 out of 6 candidates passing

Tyrol Basin hosted the Senior on hill events this year

Jan 14, 2012 Senior Alpine clinic

Jan 15, 2012 Senior Toboggan clinic

Feb 12, 2012 Senior Toboggan and proficiency exam, with 3 out of 3 passing

Joe Riley, former Patrol Rep from Cascade Mt. has accepted the position of Assistant Region Director, and has taken the lead on organizing the South Central Region PD PR / Advisors meeting on Sun, Apr 29th. An agenda has been formed and it looks like it will be an all-day event.

Wisconsin Ski Industries Association (WSIA), representing all 32 Wisconsin ski areas is advancing the Skier Safety Act as a means to promote safety on the ski hills both for the skiers and boarders but also the ski area operators.

The Wisconsin Skier Safety Act passed through the Assembly with a 73 – 8 vote showing great bi-partisan support, and is awaiting Governor Scott Walker's signature.

This effort was led by Jim Engel, Owner, Sunburst Recreation area, and President Wisconsin Ski Industries Association

Mike Husar from Sunburst Ski Area, West Bend, Wi had a busy year

Awarded the National Outstanding Patrol Representative

Became one of the eight-member of the NSP Safety Team

Was instrumental in passage of the Wisconsin Skier Safety Act

The National Outstanding Young patroller was awarded to Emily Husar-Martin, who is the niece of Mike Husar.

Little Switzerland Ski area closed down in 2007, and the patrol disbanded, with patrollers transferring to other patrols. However, plans are in the works for Little Switzerland to reopen for the 2012/2013 season. The patrol has been reactivated (C064) with Kevin Ketterer as PD, and the region will be assisting with staffing the patrol until they can be fully staffed. Some of the original patrollers will be transferring back, but not all.

South Central is exploring ways to make the toboggan instructor recertification process more in line with the OEC instructor recertification process. Currently, every 3 years, the OEC instructor must attend a Continuing Education Instructor Clinic, and they must be observed (by an OEC IT) teaching a lesson using the 6-pack method.

A TES was conducted at Alpine Valley that was structured in a way to mimic the OEC instructor recertification process. Each of the participants were Alpine Valley toboggan instructors, and the clinic was conducted by region toboggan ITs, Eric Gesteland and Tim Weinand. The event started with a meeting inside to outline the event, six-pack fundamentals were reviewed, then everyone were divided into 2 groups, and they went out on the hill. Each person took a turn teaching a lesson using the six-pack method. The rest of the evening was spent with the focus on skill development, which would fall in line with continuing education. Some days after the event, a conference call with the region toboggan IT was held, and next steps were discussed. Plans are to explore possibilities to structure this event so that it could qualify as a CEIC for either toboggan or OEC instructor.

In keeping with our initiative to bring region hill events to the areas, a TES was conducted at Nordic Mountain on a Wed night, because the size of the patrol did not allow many patrollers the opportunity to travel to a region event, so we brought the event to them. There were 12 participants total, including some others from other nearby patrols.

Still working on a date for the fall region banquet, one issue in Wisconsin is many patrollers are UW Wisconsin football fans and they treat home game attendance as a mandatory meeting (party), and this year there are many home games in Sept, along with potential conflicts with OEC instructor and patrol refreshers, and the Division Fall meeting, being held at Chestnut, which is relatively close proximity to many South Central hills.

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## **Southern Region Director     Bill Dick**

The Southern Region's season started off with a well attended OEC kickoff event, followed by Patrol OEC refreshers. The Ski Sale at the Renaissance Center in Schaumburg IL was successful with a increase in revenue for the previous year. The Southern Region sent over 30 patrollers to Division STW events last fall, with Patrollers teaching or leading groups. Southern Region conducted a Senior Hill Evaluation at Chestnut Mountain with 10 patrollers passing Alpine and 7 Patrollers passing Toboggan. Two Emergency Management Evaluations were held. South at Hidden Valley with 3 passing; North at Grand Geneva with 6 passing; 7 New Senior Patrollers

### Events attended

- Southern Region Ski Sale
- Participated at Grand Geneva OEC refresher
- Attended 3 Patrol OEC refreshers
- Taught SES/TES at Chestnut Mountain
- Advocate Senior Toboggan at Chestnut Mountain
- Evaluator for Certified LAR, Advocate for Certified Practical OEC, Advocate for Certified Toboggan, Runner up for Muddiest Ski Pants.

## Western Michigan Region Director Dave Johnson

I had the opportunity to attend the following events this season

Fall Division Meeting in Cincinnati, Oh.

Instructor for Section II OEC Classes

Section II refresher - OEC instructor at event (Canonsburg Ski Area)

Division Ski Trainer Workshop at Boyne Highlands

Senior Alpine Evaluation (Crystal Mountain Resort)

All Fall Section OEC refreshers (Section I at Borgess Hospital, Section II at Cannonsburg, Section III at Caberfae and Crystal)

I also visited 4 of the six patrols during the ski season, but unfortunately was unable to ski at any of them due to my shoulder surgery.

The Region held a Women's Clinic at Caberfae Peaks which was a great success

We conducted Two (2) Region TES

One in Section I, one in Section II, One was scheduled for Section III but was cancelled due to a lack of interest.

One (1) SES (Ski Enhancement Seminar) within the region at Timber Ridge

May 5, 2012 is the Region Awards banquet,

Presented by Section I (Timber Ridge and Bittersweet) @ Timber Ridge at 4:00 PM

Region calendar and budget meeting will be at 2:00 PM May 5, 2012 in the Timber Ridge Ski Patrol room

Senior Emergency Management Evaluation was cancelled due to low number of participants

Senior Alpine Evaluations with 6 successful candidates. We gained 1 new senior from these evaluations.

An election was held for Section Chief in Section I. New Section Chief is Martha Nowak.

Cannonsburg ended their season with a Torch Parade honoring all the Patrollers and former Patrols who have passed away.

Pando ended last year with 22 patrollers and end this year with 25 patrollers. Skier visits were way down this year. About half from last year

Timber Ridge had 8 candidates complete the OEC class in December of 2011

Two of these eight became Alpine Patrollers, the other six, along with two new ski-only candidates, entered the ski/toboggan training class. Five of the eight in the ski/toboggan training class have or will be testing in the next few days. We expect all five to be successful and will add four new Alpine Patrollers.

It's 80 degrees here today and expected to be 85 tomorrow. Looks like another season in the books.



## **Western Region Director      John 'JT' Thomas**

The season started off with the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> edition rollout, we had the new skills signoffs to get all the OEC instructors through and refreshers completed. My staff of OEC IT's did a fanatic job with the new edition and skills. There were very few minor issues that had to be solved and team jump on them immediately which allow for a very smooth transition.

We had a very successful fall meeting in Duluth Minnesota hosted by the Spirit Mountain Patrol. The highlight of the meeting was we had two original 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain members attend the meeting Don Olson and Charles Nelson.

The Trollhaugen STW event, the weekend started with a Friday staff calibration event at Wild Mt. and continued on Saturday and Sunday at Trollhaugen. It was a successful weekend with a lot of good comments.

The Senior program this season we had a calibration and training session to try and keep the staff on the same playing field. We also experimented with a Metro area ski and toboggan training event that moved around to five different areas and for ten weeks to work with the candidate to preparer them for the exam. We need to continue these clinics, and build more staff members as the staff was stretched a little thin. Senior OEC has been holding these types of clinics for many years and the ski and toboggan side copied and is working on refinements.

Certify program held a recertification and qualifying clinic we had 2 recertification and four candidates with one qualifying to attend the exam.

We hosted Tim White for a weekend we visited five areas, talked to the local patrollers and managers. The passion for the sport of skiing was shown by everyone. Tim was also able to view candidate training and Senior Ski and Toboggan training. Just a side note Tim passed his Senior ski and toboggan test at his local Region event. We had two dinners set up so Tim was able to talk to the local everyday patroller. I have had many great comments about his visit and I hope he can return to the Central Division and visit again to different regions within the Central Division.

Senior exams Ski and Toboggan we had 9 of 9 pass the toboggan and 8 of 9 pass the skiing. We will be adding a training section to the evaluator's clinic to work on using and filling out the score sheets with more information. OEC we had x of 5 pass the SEM

Outstanding Awards submissions were still limited again this season we will need to continue to work with the Patrol Representatives in increase the number of submissions. We are still working on the Stars and National and LCAs.

## **MSAA**

## **Ken Meldahl**

The Midwest Ski Area Association (MSAA) held their summer meetings and Trade Show at Devil's Head Resort, Merrimac, Wisconsin last August. Due to illness and scheduling conflicts, Jim Woodrum and I were the only ones in attendance from the Central Division leadership team. We were able to join many area owners, operators and their management teams to discuss new ideas and share their thoughts. Our hosts, Devil's Head Resort did a great job. We did notice that there was an increase in patrol attendance at these meetings.

The education seminars consisted of the regular Industry Report Card and Safety and Risk issues. Michael Berry, NSAA President again gave an enlighten lecture on our industry trends. We again saw an increase in skier/border visits. There was also a session on incident reporting that took place out on the hill.

We again manned a booth at the trade show where we answer questions and display much of our educational material. We handed out NSP Lip Aid that was supplied from the National office. The next MSAA meetings will be held at Boyne Highlands, Michigan on August 5-9, 2012.

No change to my budget is needed. Acct # 356      \$1500

Submitted by,  
Ken Meldahl.

## Treasurer Joe Hamel

### Financial Assets as of March 23, 2012:

Cash and Bank Accounts	Amount
Wells Fargo Checking	\$79,824.89
Cash Registration Account	\$9,076.25
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$88,901.14
Investment at Leshnak Securities as of 3/15/12 *	\$64,246.90
Total Assets	\$153,148.04

\* See Investment report included in Financials

### Summary of accomplishment year to date

- Filed 2010-11 IRS Report on time.
- Attended Fall Central Division Meeting in Cinn. OH
- Investment Account merged with NSP Central Division Financials
- Financial Audit of West Michigan Region completed
- Region Distribution checks for 2010-12 delivered October 2012. See complete report “Treasurer Financials Section”
- Reconciled Wells Fargo Checking each month. Balanced! ☺
- All IRS issues have been resolved

### Objectives for remainder of 2012

- File 2011-12 Central Division NSP IRS 990 Report on time (November 15, 2012)
- File final IRS Central Division Inc Form 990 closing EIN # 36-4219451
- Direct financial audits for North Central Mi, Northern Mi and So. Regions
- Help increase usage of PayPal/registration
- Continue to remit expenses as soon as they are approved
- Post board approved 2012-13 Division Budget at web site
- Distribute Region Support Check
- Attend the Fall Central Division Meeting in Galina IL.

### Treasure Objective April 8-10 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

[See my responses below](#)

#### A. Remainder of year 2010-11

- File IRS Forms 990 on time – Due Date November 15, 2011
  - i. Both NSP Investment and NSP Ski Patrol Reports were filed on time thanks to the promptness of each Region.*
- Continue to remit approved expense promptly
  - i. I turned around each expense as soon as I received approval. The final judge of course rest with each supervisor/officer.*

- Explore using a local accounting firm for IRS filings etc.
  - i. *I was able to engage a Certified Public Account in Marquette. Brendon Krause completed our two IRS 990 and David Johnson's audit.*
- Work with Regions to complete their individual year end financial reports.
  - i. *Treasurers' year end reports were all consolidated on time submitted to me in time for our Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> filing. Great job.*
- Add 2011-12 proposed budgets to Quickens
  - i. *Completed. You will see this in this meetings Variance Report.*

#### B. Year 2011-12

- Division Meeting.
  - i. *Attended my first fall meeting in Cinn. Met many folks I had been associated in previous patrols and put faces on folks I talked to or corresponded via email. Wonderful event!*
- Bonding for Central Division Treasure
  - i. *Secured Bonding for both myself and Sherwin. Did increase with approval to increase amount to \$100K for myself and \$400K for Sherwin. This was based on the amounts of money each of us had access to throughout the fiscal year.*
- Other recommendations by the Board

#### C. Topics for Discussion

- Expense Vouchers
  - i. Preferred format
    - 1. Excel
- Accounts being charged
- 90 Day policy completing expenses – Policies and Procedures page 24 Chapter 5.
- Tax exempt for purchases
- Investment Objectives

#### D. Region Financial Reports due Dates

- May 30<sup>th</sup> Registration Units Reports due to Region Treasure
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - End fiscal year
- June 30<sup>th</sup>- Division Treasure sends email reminder to Region Treasures/Directors
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Reports due to Region Director/Treasure
- September 1<sup>st</sup>- Reports due to Central Division Director/Treasure
- November 15<sup>th</sup>- Central Division IRS filing
  - i. 5 months from year-end, 15 days of that month.

#### Help needed for year end 2011

- Expense Voucher submission
  - *Excellent! Keep it up.*
- Expense checks cashed promptly
  - *Great response!*
- Region Financial Reports
  - *Thanks for making it all happen.*

**Legal Advisor    Kevin McQuillan**

## Registration      Sherwin VanKlompberg

Central Division Membership Registration processed the membership registration for 6,070 patrollers as of this date. Once again, the Registration process was again completed 100% through the electronic process both the membership registration via the NSP Website and the dues receipts and payments via electronic banking using ACH. Central Division was the only Division that completed the entire registration process via electronics and continues to lead the way in moving the entire system into the use of current technology. The numbers are the following for each Region:

- Ohio      843
- Eastern MI      551
- Western MI      503
- Northern MI      344
- North Central      576
- South Central      970
- Southern      883
- Western      1400

I want to thank all of the Patrol Directors/Patrol Representative, and/or their registration coordinators for their patience and commitment to this process. Working together we continue to improve the system each year.

The benefits were similar to last year with continued improvement in all areas including efficiency in members receiving their cards; reduction in errors and the time it took to correct errors; reduction in the overall time it took to manage this program; and reduction in costs of the registration process.

I am exploring with National to see if I can create a Group E-mail for all PRs off the database which seems likely. This way I will be able to send all information directly with a copy to Region Directors.

Here again are the primary issues to remember and emphasize for the coming year:

1. Only one person is given access to the registration materials for each patrol. If that person is the not the Patrol Representative, I need to know who it is.
2. I also need to know for each patrol to whom they want the ACH email notification of dues withdrawal to be sent.
3. Dues payment of amount on Calculate Dues Page is authorized when the Patrol Director clicks on 'Submit'. **Since I have access to the Registration Materials submitted including the Calculate Dues Page via the National Website, there is no need to submit a Transmittal Form or to e-mail me the Calculate Dues Page.**
4. The Authorization Form previously submitted remains on file so there is no need to resubmit.
5. When Patrols change their bank account, they are reminded to send to me the new Routing Number and Account Number.
6. Based on conversations with the National office, it is likely that Division Late Fees will be calculated by the National Database next year. Deadline will remain December 1, 2012.

Finally, I want to reiterate to all involved in this registration. **If you have any questions or problems, please either send me an e-mail or call me at 231-881-8585 (c). It is a lot easier and less time consuming to prevent problems this way than to correct problems later. Please do not call the National office.**

Again, thank you for your support and for this opportunity to serve you. I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people via e-mail and phone conversations.

Sincerely,

Sherwin Van Klompberg Central Division Registration Coordinator

## **Elections Ken Meldahl**

The 2011-2012 Region Director elections were held in Northern Michigan, North Central and Southern regions. Each region held a standard voting process election where Section Chiefs, Patrol Representatives and extra voters depending on size of patrol were given ballots. Below is a brief synopsis of each region election.

### **Northern Michigan**

There were 2 nominations with one coming in a week after the deadline so it was not accepted. Dick Jacques was the only person who was listed on the ballot. There were 14 ballots sent out to the qualified electorate and 10 ballots returned before the deadline for a 71.43% return. Dick received 100% of the votes cast. Having received a simple majority of votes cast, Dick Jacques will be the new Northern Michigan Region Director commencing July 1, 2012.

### **North Central**

There was only 1 nomination for the North Central Region that was accepted. Les Robinson was the only person who was listed on the ballot. There were 26 ballots sent out to the qualified electorate and 16 ballots returned before the deadline for a 61.54% return. Two ballots were returned due to wrong addresses on the Division website. They were resent. Les received 100% of the votes cast. Having received a simple majority of votes cast, Les Robinson will be the new North Central Region Director commencing July 1, 2012.

### **Southern**

There were 2 nominations in Southern Region that were accepted. Mike Vaerewyck and Donald Steen each received and accepted their nominations. There were 33 ballots that were sent out and 25 were returned before the deadline for a 75.76% return. One ballot was returned due to wrong address but was resent. Donald Steen received 68% of the returned ballots giving him a simple majority of the votes cast. There was one write-in vote. Commencing July 1, 2012, Don Steen will be the Region Director for Southern Region.

Overall, I felt that the election process went pretty well. Still had some problems with addresses that are posted on the Division website. I do rely on the Region Directors to insure the accuracy but this is still not always done.

I don't see a need to change my budget from the current \$750.00.

Next season's Region Director Elections will include Eastern Michigan and South Central Regions. Sections 2 & 5 should also have elections. There will also be a Division Director election taking place in 2012-2013.

Submitted by,  
Ken Meldahl

## Administrative Assistant      Frank Cleary

### Fall Meeting 2011

I posted notes from the Central Division Spring Meeting 2011 to the website for use by the board and division Staff. The Action Item List developed at the spring meeting was posted to the website for staff review. No new proposals were received prior to the meeting. 25 sets of staff meeting notes were assembled with hard copies inserted into a binder for use at the meeting by the staff. The meeting agenda was maintained and updated as necessary. During the meeting written and audio minutes were recorded, after the meeting the minutes were e-mailed to the staff for their review. A new Action Item List was developed and posted to the Website. The CD organizational chart was updated and sent to the Webmaster for posting on the CD Website. The Central Division's PnP and Bylaws were updated with the changes approved.

### Spring Meeting 2012

I maintained minutes from the Central Division Fall Meeting 2011 and maintained the Action Item List from the Fall Meeting. I assembled the RD's and Supervisor's End of Year reports and forwarded budget requests to Joe. 15 sets of staff meeting notes were assembled with hard copies inserted into a binder for use at the meeting by the staff (including agenda, Fall Minutes, Action Item List, EOY reports, financial reviews and Budget, Proposals, Central Division P&P, and Central Division Directory). I remain available to Staff, Officers and Program Advisors to provide administrative support.

I would recommend that the Budget for 2012-2013 remains the same as the Budget amount for 2011-2012, at \$1200.

Frank Cleary,  
Administrative Assistant

Ski Patrol activities;

Sept 9-11 Fall CD Meeting and Banquet Covington, Ky as Admin. Assist.

Sept 9 Organized and led 30 mile bike ride for visiting patrollers at Fall CD Meeting

Sept 18 Attended Fall Ohio Region Board meeting as Ohio Region ARD Proficiency

Oct 1 Attended Instructor OEC refresher

Oct 2 Attended Instructor Refresher for Lift Evac and LOR

Nov 6 Sold equipment at PNS Ski Swap

I conducted many Frosty refreshers at PNS on skis and snowboard as NSP S&T Instructor

I taught Snowboarding and toboggan handling each **Tuesday evening** at PNS and many **Mondays and Wednesdays** when needed as NSP S&T Instructor.

Jan. 7-8 Participant at Region Ski and Snowboard trainer workshop at PNS

Jan. 29 SES Snow Trails Ski Area (AASI Instructor on Snowboard)

Feb. 11 SES Mad River Mountain Ski Area (AASI Instructor on Snowboard)

Feb.25-26 Senior Ski and Snowboard Test (Examiner) PNS

Mar 11 Attended Ohio Region SEM at Snow Trails, acted as Station Manager

Mar 31 Apr 1 Attended Spring CD Board Meeting as CD Admin. Assist. In Chicago, IL

Apr 28 Spring Ohio Region Board Meeting as Ohio Region ARD

May 12 Attended PNS Banquet



**NSP-C / PSIA-C Liaison**

**Tom Anderson**

**NA**

## **Ski School Director     Dan Moss**

### Ski School Region Advisors

Our team this year changed again, but we've galloped along in some Regions and gently walk in others. Our team is comprised of:

North Central	Bob Myers
Northern Michigan	Mike Leach (Interim)
Eastern Michigan	Rob Carpenter *
Western Michigan	Kevin Fultz
Ohio	Marty Collins*/ Matt Kim *
South Central	Tim Weinand
Southern	Dave Malhiot
Western	Cindy & Jim McLeod (Jill Nothwehr in 2012-13)

\* *new this year*

### On Line Registration

This was a wonderful advancement for us but like with any changes there was a cost to be paid. The strength of the online registrations was ease of use for our membership, increased quality of reporting to the insurance company, accurate development of the data base (required fields), and a very simple payment process. A downside was no batch payments by whole patrols (we would loose the data gathering) and cost of processing. This process better serves the membership and provides a much more accurate accounting of members and funds.

### NSP-C Ski School Membership

The NSP-C registered 148 members this year: EM 15, NC 12, NM 12, Ohio 53, SC 9, S 17, W 17, WM 10.

### Staff Development

This year an internal training development and calibration day was set aside for some Division SS staff; they participated at their own expense, in an all day training, review, calibration and discussion prior to the start of the Trollhaugen STW.

A unique training program took place with the Army's High Altitude and Cold Weather Special Forces unit under the facilitating by Jim Woodrum. Three of our staff trained 28 Trainers for 11 days in order that they could train 200 other men in Alpine Ski and Back Country.

### Events

The Division SS staff again helped staff the (3) Division STW's at Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands and Cascade.

The NSP-C SS staff participated in many of the following CD courses: (35) SES's, (7) SNES's, (8) STW's, and of course many Frosty's, and testing for Patroller, Senior and Certified.

The CD also lent a hand again to the Southern Division; two staff were sent down to conduct SES's at Winterplace, Wva, and Beech Mtn, North Carolina. Our CD duties always remain first priority prior to committing our help elsewhere. Travel expenses were reimbursed by the Southern Division.

### NSP-C SS Shorty Skis

The shorties again went out to help serve our fellow patrollers. They are available after the STW's upon written request. They have been tuned and waxed again by Aspen Ski & Board in Columbus Ohio as a gift to us.

### Communications:

The NSP-C SS Director communicates to the Region SS Advisors. [Region Directors are CC'd on mass communications to the entire team.] All of our programs and processes are also publicized on our NSP-C SS website (nsp-cskischool.com) and through the RPN. Yet I heard several times about communications not making it to our membership about the STW deadlines and the On Line registration process. This hurts our entire patroller membership. I will redouble my efforts on this next year. I could also use the ongoing support of our Region leadership for accountability. Thanks for your consideration.

### Goals 2012-13

1. Staff Training and Preparation at Trollhaugen
2. Continue to develop our Region SS Advisors and their Regions.
3. Help foster the enrichment of the NSP-C SS Division Staff; the greater their depth of knowledge and experience, the greater servants we can be.
4. Help facilitate more SES/SNES's within our regions to advance ski/ride development. Goals are set by the Region SS Advisors.
5. Provide (2) Development weekends; one on either side of the lake, for those seeking further PSIA/AASI development. The goal is to make these self-funding.
6. Support the CD Skills Development Advisor for Ski/Ride staffing at the CD STW's.
7. Streamline on line registration even more.
8. Break through the communication barriers.

### Budget 2012-13

Remain the same plus \$200 additional to cover food for Staff Development at Trollhaugen.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Moss  
NSP-C Ski School Director

**Alumni Beach Day**

Carrington Beach Day

**Auxiliary Supervisor**

**Open**

## Avalanche Dale Mihuta

### Course Descriptors:

AA Avalanche Awareness

ASR/AFR Avalanche Safety and Rescue/ Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue

L1/C Level 1 classroom session only

L1RP/C Level 1 for Rescue Personnel classroom session only

L1RP Level 1 for Rescue Personnel both sessions concurrent

L2RP Level 2 for Rescue Personnel

### Notes:

In the newest Avalanche Instructors Manual (AIM) the Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue (AFR) course was changed to Avalanche Safety and Rescue (ASR). They are essentially the same course and both can still be registered at NSP.

The Level 1 course contains essentially three portions; the basic classroom information, incident command and advanced rescue plans (Rescue Personnel Portion) and the field work including the snow science. It is possible that all three of these components may be taught at different times and places by different instructors. In the Central Division we teach the classroom and the rescue personnel portion as our basic course usually in the fall season. Traditionally the snow science portion to complete the L1RP is done at Mt. Bohemia in the last weekend of January. A student may chose to roll the field work into the Level 2 course, held out west, because of the large amount of time dedicated to each segment which exceeds the combined requirements of Level 1 and Level 2 RP.

### Avalanche Courses by Region:

Northern Michigan	4
Western	5
Southern	1
Eastern Michigan	2
Ohio	3

### Types of Courses:

AA	4
ASR/AFR	2
L1/C	1
L1RP/C	7
L2RP	2

### New Developments:

This season we did our 1st Level 2 for Rescue Personnel course within the Central Division. When considering the economy and the need for a course we decided to give a go to a Level 2 course in the Keweenaw Peninsula. We had a number of students graduating from Michigan Technical University in Houghton, MI that had interest in more advanced avalanche training and were looking for graduate education in the snow sciences. We realized that students living on a miniscule budget could ill afford an expensive course in the Rocky Mountains. Dave Hartman organized and presented an excellent Level 2 course in the Houghton area using Ripley Mt. and the surrounding areas to present a first class course. We gained two new instructors in the Houghton area that will do all that they can to educate the most accident prone group of the avalanche community (snowmobilers). Dave and his associates plan

on creating a transceiver park for the snowmobilers that frequent the Keweenaw. We believe that the most important initiative of this program is to reach those snow sport patrons that are of the greatest risk of being the victims of an avalanche accident. Statistically those people are snowmobilers and skiers of great skill and little or no knowledge of avalanches.

Additionally we offered an avalanche Level 2 course in Eden, Utah. We shared the course with the Intermountain Division. We had an excellent educational experience in a very active avalanche year. The course lasted 8 days and provided a wealth of information and experience to those that participated.

We have approached Michigan Technical University about creating an avalanche course as part of their curricula. They have shown considerable interest in involving the NSP in this program for university credit.

We plan to continue offering avalanche education concurrent with the divisional training clinics given in the fall season.

#### Equipment:

This season we added 3 new Tracker 2's to our transceiver inventory. They are a very durable unit but not the most sophisticated on the market. This year we will add 3 new Pieps DSP's to the inventory. I have used this unit personally for the last 4 years and remain convinced that it is still the best in the marketplace.

#### Cost Neutral Education:

We are still committed to providing education at the best value possible to the participants and to the NSP organization. We negotiated excellent price points for lodging in Utah so that we could achieve price neutrality with a small number of participants. We did not see an overwhelming interest in the advanced education largely due to the economy. We had six people signed up to participate which provided us with the absolute minimum to proceed. Just prior to the course, one of the participants was injured and unable to attend.

#### Areas of Needed Improvement:

We still need to encourage our regional advisors to be more aggressive in promoting avalanche education.

This year we are on the divisional web page but for Paypal payment of the Level 2 course only. It would be prudent to advertise the course curricula for the division and each region on the divisional page.

#### Larger Goals:

The fastest growing part of the snowsports industry is to venture into the backcountry and sidecountry. In light of that fact, we don't do justice to the patrons of the snowsports industries when providing education on avalanches. We need to provide quality education to those that may enter into the avalanche environment. I believe that we need to provide at least Level 1 avalanche course work to the general public online. I also believe that our ski instructor colleagues should get mandatory avalanche education when achieving level 3 status in their respective discipline as they do in other countries.  
END

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale R. Mihuta  
Avalanche Advisor  
American Avalanche Association Member

## **Awards Gregg Reese**

### **GOALS FOR THE 2012/2013 SEASON:**

1. Assist and advise the Division Director and Assistant Division Directors as needed concerning awards
2. Assist Region Directors and Region Awards Advisors as needed and continue to provide and improve templates and advice so that all patrols can write-up more effective presentations
3. Attend and assist Division Director in presenting awards at Central Division Awards Banquet at Chestnut Mountain.
4. Respond to inquiries concerning awards at all levels.
5. Continue to monitor awards issues and changes at National, Division, Region and local levels and see that they are passed along the chain.
6. Assure that Central Division patrollers have the best possible opportunities for recognition of accomplishments
7. Continue to develop electronic transmission and assessment of awards to facilitate higher acceptance at National
8. Continue to improve our Central Division Awards Manual with in-depth descriptions of available awards and intent for all patrollers in the Division.
9. Continue to build on strengths of the awards program and reassess opportunities to improve

### **CURRENT SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Attended and assisted awards presentation at Fall Central Division Banquet in Covington KY..
2. Responded to inquiries from members of the Division regarding awards available and proper preparation of those awards.
3. Assisted Region Awards Advisors by evaluating electronic submissions prior to sending them on to National and suggesting any changes that may improve the chances of those submissions being accepted by National.
4. Worked with Patrol Representatives and patrol awards advisors in various Regions to help develop awards awareness.
5. Rewrote Central Division Awards Manual.
6. Made available on the Central Division Website to all Patrollers the newly designed Central Division Awards Manual with descriptions and techniques for submissions. Also made available on Central Website names of all CD Outstandings and First Runners-up.
7. Rewrote the job description for Central Division Awards Supervisor.
8. Developed and made available to all Central Division Region Patrollers a spread sheet of all patrollers, patrols, regions, and type of awards given by Central Division and National from 2002-2011
9. Developed and made available to all Central Division Patrollers a spread sheet of all Central Division Outstanding winners and first runners-up as well as National winners and First-runners-up from 2001-2011.

### **FUTURE GOALS**

1. Continue to assist and advise the Division Director and Assistant Division Directors as needed concerning awards.
2. Continue to assist Region Awards Coordinators, Patrol Reps and individual patrollers as needed
3. Attend Division and National meetings as needed
4. Respond quickly to all inquiries about awards from any patrollers in the Central Division



5. Continued close communication and cooperation with the new National Awards Coordinator and National Awards Committee so that membership needs are recognized.
6. Teleconference with National Awards Committee to revisit all awards so that they represent the needs of our membership.
7. Although Central Division received approximately 30-35 % of all National Awards from Jan 2010- Jan 2011, we will continue to work on getting more patrols involved in the process.
7. Continue development of our electronic assessment and counseling of awards prior to submission to educate patrollers in the awards process- eligibility, technique of presentation, and submission.
8. Continue to share information with Region Awards Advisors in explanation of proper interpretation of the Policies and Procedures as well as proper submission techniques.
9. Work with various levels of the NSP so that all awards judging from Region to Division to National is standardized.
12. Prepare awards as needed for fall Division Awards Banquet
13. Continually develop ways to recognize and honor more of our Central Division patrollers

### 2010-2011 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING WINNERS

Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Cascade Mountain	Thom Rabaglia South Central Region
Outstanding Nordic Patroller:	(none this year)
Outstanding Young Adult Patroller: Sunburst	Emily Husar Martin South Central Region
Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller: Three Rivers	Renee Johnson Western Region
Outstanding OEC Instructor: Three Rivers	Deb Endly Western Region
Outstanding Instructor: Nubs Nob	Chris Moe-Herlick Northern Michigan Region
Outstanding Administrative Patroller: Three Rivers	Bob Iverson Western Region
Outstanding Paid Patroller Chestnut Mt	Donald Steen Southern Region
Outstanding Alpine Patrol Representative: Sunburst	Mike Husar South Central Region
Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative: Independence Oaks	Jon O'Dell Eastern Michigan Region
Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Paul Holmes P.R.	Otsego Ski Club Northern Michigan Region
Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol: Betty Adams P.R.	Minocqua Winter Park North Central Region
Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol: Jeannine Mogan P.R.	Three Rivers Western Region

## **Certified Supervisor    Mike Longfellow Jones**

- We started season the season with sixty four staff members and eight candidates.
- Recertification / Qualification events were held at the following areas:
  - Perfect North Slopes    14 participants (Qualification only – lack of bumps)
  - Nubs Nob    19 participants
  - Marquette Mountain    12 participants
  - Lutsen Mountain    9 participants
  - Cascade    6 Participants (Re-certification only – unscheduled event)
- The program added 8 new candidates for the 2011-12 season; this was aside from the 3 candidates that had to drop out for personal reasons just one week prior to the evaluation event.
- This year's Certified Evaluation marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. The event was hosted by Perfect North Slopes in the Ohio Region.
- 39 staff members, 9 candidates, and approximately 28 supporters all contributed to a great and successful event. Once again, the seasons' event utilized much of the feedback provided from a post event survey taken as least year's event to enhance the overall planning and outcome.
- This year's annual meeting was held again at on the Perfect North Slopes site in the area main lodge, which was made available after the area closed due to strong winds and tornado warnings in the area.
- 37 individual program components were passed over the course of the event for a 48% over all pass rates.
- No patrollers completed their Certified requirements at this event
- The 2013 Certified evaluation is currently planned to take place as a joint venue between Nubs Nob and Boyne Highlands in the Northern Michigan Region. The 2014 evaluation is tentatively planned for Marquette Mountain and 2015 for Lutsen Mountain.
- While the Ohio Region and the Perfect North Slopes teams did everything in their power to provide outstanding support for the venue, we were not able to complete all of the required elements for the event. The toboggan portion, though somewhat controversial, did run and was successful. The skiing portion was attempted on at least three separate occasions, or times, and the ski evaluation team felt that the event could not be successfully held during any of the allocated time frames. It should be noted that the entire evaluation schedule was manipulated in order to work with the environmental challenges presented by the warmer than average temperatures and the minimal snow conditions, despite all of the outstanding efforts of the PNS staff and the local teams.
- I have been requested to attend and teach at the PEC at Copper Mountain, for the Certified Program portion of that event. I did plan to attend that event on a personal basis as well.
- I continue to work as a member of the National Certified Program Team to find common ground as well as to communicate with and to participate in APP events as they become available for comparison to our own National Certified program.

### **2012/2013 Certified Budget Request:**

- Consistent with past years and in line with what is historically needed by the Certified Program, the budget request for the 2012/13 Fiscal year is for \$1,000.
- Funds will be utilized to defray program expenses for conducting the annual evaluation and supporting training, and will include score card printing. Some monies may also be allocated to defray costs associated with the upkeep and purchase of testing and training materials.

Respectfully submitted, *Mike Longfellow-Jones* Supervisor, Central Division Certified Program

In Instructor Development we are working on a new look to the course. We have also been looking at the QA piece which came from the task force. A requirement for ID will be to be an instructor in another discipline. I believe that my instructing in disciplines of OEC, tobogganing, and MTR does help me to be effective in ID classes.

- April 27 ID conference call. Decision to revamp the class
- June travel to Western Michigan for e course ID class and to Eastern Michigan. Eastern Michigan has problems with classes just being set to accommodate a patrol and not enough time is allocated for the students to prepare for the ecourse
- July 5 ID reassignments for revised class
- Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2012 Article for RPN
- July, August SEM summer program for senior candidates
- April, June, July, August November fund raising in patrol
- Fall Division meeting; spring and fall region meetings
- OEC refresher and 2 make-up refreshers, and QA the region refresher
- December ID instructor update
- January instructor calibration for toboggan instructors
- Patrol commitment

## **Medical Advisor Steve Werner**

Since attending the Fall 2011 Division meeting in Cincinnati, I have participated in the following activities:

Helping teach CPR and OEC course and refreshers at my home area, and helping conduct OEC final exam.

Attended Region Senior ski and toboggan test in Northern Michigan

Attended Central Division Certified Evaluation at Perfect North Slopes, and assisted in preparation of OEC evaluation modules, and provided Quality Assurance assessment of the evaluation.

Assisted in the planning of the Eastern Michigan Region SEM evaluation at Mt. Brighton, and stepped in at the last minute to fill in for Karen Hadden as the QA person.

Reviewed several Purple Merit Star nominations and discussed merits of each with Gregg Reese.

Respectfully,  
Stephen E. Werner MD

## Mountain Travel & Rescue    John Wachter

I believe the program is down in number from last year from the reports that I had been hearing. The MTR stats at the end of March will never be 100% accurate, as with competition to gain students; many MTR courses are conducted before or after the ski season. This year being no different.

The reason for loss in courses conducted was due to one of the regions losing their region advisor and taking most of the season to find a replacement. The second was due to two regions having new advisors that are getting started on trying to enhance the course and settle in. The one big course I hold at the end of the year was also canceled due to the unusually warm weather that we have had this spring. For the 2012 season I am looking forward to working with the new region advisers and trying to strengthen the program and promote it in their regions.

At the Central Division Awards Banquet, the MTR program gave its 5th Program Supervisor Award to two members of the Ohio Region that have done so much in making the program what it is. This award will continue to be given annually at the Central Division Awards Banquets.

I have been trying to be as frugal as possible and feel that I will try to hold to the same budget as last year. I was able to car pool and use team up with others to keep expenses down for the last year. With the last course being canceled I came in considerably under my projected budget. I am keeping my budget request the same as it was for last year.

### Budget Request

Travel costs	\$800
Office Supplies	\$50
Project expenses	\$150
Total	\$1000.00

John Wachter  
CD MTR Supervisor

## **Nordic Advisor Pete Wollan**

The weather hit Nordics hard this year. In Southeast Minnesota, we had roughly half as much snow as a normal year, combined with unusually warm temps. We ended up with a few weeks of decent skiing, but several major race events were cancelled or drastically modified to run on pitiful short loops of manufactured snow. After three or four years of abnormally good snow years, it was something of a shock.

The exception was Northern Wisconsin. Minocqua Winter Park had good snow for our Division Nordic Workshop January 7-9, and since there was no snow anywhere else we had higher-than-usual attendance. And the season's climax, the Birkie, had great snow, perfect weather, and a full field of 9600 participants, and ended up as a delightful day. We have been encouraging Alpine patrollers who also cross-country ski to participate in the Birkie, and several came to work the Birkie for the first time. The Nordic program's progress for the year was similarly mixed, with unsatisfactory results in many ways, but with a few successes and bright spots. We lost another Nordic patrol: the Copper Country (Northern Michigan) patrol disbanded. This seems to be another instance of the few active patrollers getting tired of doing everything, and deciding the rewards weren't worth the effort. However, in other locations new Nordic patrollers are getting certified, and patrols are expanding. New Nordics are likely to be active Alpine patrollers, who are adding another kind of activity to their patrolling. Nordic areas that are attached to Alpine hills have an advantage in this kind of recruiting, and I am emphasizing contacting Alpine areas that have Nordic trails.

The National Nordic program has made only slow progress this year in generating specifications for the new Nordic Skills and Refresher courses. The courses are generally well accepted, but what has been offered has usually been a traditional trail refresher with some added material, often taken from the MTR program. This has been facilitated by good cooperation with the MTR program. Central Division MTR courses are being modified to be more modular, which will make it easier to offer focussed courses in specific Nordic skills like Low Angle Rescue.

I have improved the network of certified Nordic Instructors, but I continue to have limited success in the Western Michigan and Ohio regions. In the coming year, I will specifically work on contacting patrollers and administrators in these two regions. I will also continue to improve contacts with patrollers in the other regions. The most successful method I have found so far is direct contact at the Birkie or the Minocqua Workshop; however, these two events don't attract many attendees from east of Lake Michigan. Intensive telephoning may be the only feasible approach.

PSIA certification is attracting more attention among Nordic patrollers. I am working on my Level 2; I know of four other Nordic patrollers who are certified at some level, and another three or four who are interested in getting certified. This activity has a lot of potential, and I am exploring ways to support it. Reimbursement to patrollers for NSP Ski School fees or for PSIA Exam fees are being considered, depending on the funds available in the budget.

I request the same budget total as in past years, \$1500.

Peter Wollan

## **OEC Supervisor (N – E - O - WM) Karen Hadden Asst OEC**

### **Asst. OEC Supervisor (NC, W, S, NC) Kathy Glynn**

**Program OEC Supervisor Responsibilities:** Implements and maintains the OEC Program within the division according to national goals, objectives, policies and procedures. Communicates with the national office, division supervisors, line officers, instructor trainers and instructors. Administers a quality management program to ensure the consistency and quality of instruction, content of program, materials, competency of trainees or members and overall effectiveness of the courses within the division.

#### **List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:**

- 50 Basic OEC Courses pass percent of 57 % of those reported (413 enrolled, 238 passed).
- 2 OEC Challenge Courses
- 66 Refreshers (approximately 5,760 patrollers refreshed)
- 19 SEM Clinics
- SEM Evaluations pass (approximately 50 % success rate)
  - Eastern Michigan 4 pass
  - Western Michigan No evaluation this year. The one candidate did not want to go to another Region. 3 Regions were offered.
  - Northern Michigan 2 pass (evaluation was 3.25)
  - Ohio 10 pass
  - Western 4 pass
  - South Central 2 pass
  - North Central 2 pass
  - Southern 9 pass

**Number of instructors for your program:** 1284 OEC Instructors. 61 new instructors.

**Number of Instructor Trainers for your program:** 159 OEC IT's. 22 new IT's. 5 in Training.

#### **What is working well in the program?**

- Mentoring of new Instructors and IT'S
- QA improvements in the OEC Classes as well as the quality of instructors and IT's.
- Professionalism and treating everyone with dignity and respect
- Continued low class delinquency rate

#### **What needs improvement in the program?**

- Timely two-way communication.
- Recruitment of new OEC instructors and IT's
- Consistency across the Division for OEC IT's
- Coordination/Standardization of the Senior Emergency Management Module across all Regions.

#### **Goals for program improvement next season:**

- Consistency across Division in regards to quality.
- Roll out the National SrOEC OEC IT manual
- More Travel to maintain visibility
- Continue to mentor new ROA's
- Consistency of SrOEC evaluations across the Division

#### **Other duties/activities as directed by Central Division Director, Assistant Division Directors and/or National Program Directors**

Continue to work cooperatively with all Region Directors

Work with Steve Werner to develop a medical QA program for the Central Division.

#### **List of events attended:**

- Karen and Kathy: recruitment and development of OEC IT's

- Karen and Kathy: Arranged or performed QA for numerous refreshers, OEC classes and SEM's.
- Karen and Kathy: Published articles for RPN
- Karen and Kathy: Attended Section and/or Region instructor and IT meetings
- Karen and Kathy: Taught at various OEC Classes, Refreshers and Clinics
- Karen and Kathy: Skied schedule at home areas.
- Karen and Kathy: Attended Central Division Fall
- Kathy: Attended National OEC Supervisors meeting in Dec, final review of Senior OEC and IT manual.

**Budget request for next season:** We request that the Budget for 2010-2011 remain the same for account # 750 and Account # 750.1

**Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT? 2011-2012** Rae Ann Ruddy, Eastern Region  
**Supportive Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition**

Rae Ann has embraced the changes in the OEC program and readily assisted her Region to adapt. She has been flexible and available at a moment's notice to take on additional responsibilities. The quality advancements this year have been outstanding. We are fortunate to have Rae Ann as an ROA. She anticipates the needs of the Region and successfully implements changes with expertise and quality.  
 OEC Division Supervisor

**Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT? 2011-2012**

Paul Fuchs from South Central region has been an invaluable asset to Jason Erdmann South Central ROA. Paul's support went beyond participating in the senior OEC events, and he assisted with setting up the Senior OEC clinic and evaluation, and recruiting additional helpers. Paul is also very active in training and observing new OEC instructors. Kathy Glynn, OEC Assistant



P101 (Introduction To Patrolling) Jeannine Mogan

**List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:** There are currently ?? Central Division Introduction to Patrolling courses in the National data base.

**Number of instructors for your program:**

See above.

**Number of Instructor Trainers for your program:** NA

**Which IT put on the most classes/events:** NA

**What is working well in the program:**

- Being able to have access to the data base for a few months (see “what needs improvement in the program”)
- Incorporating information about this program into the Area Operations module at the Division Certified Exam. This was a good opportunity to educate Division leaders about the program.

**What need improvement in the program:**

- Last year, Darcy Hanley, was able to give me access to the database! Unfortunatley, this removed Tom Whorley’s ability to access the database. Since then, Sarah H. has added an Introduction to Patrolling program. Hopefully this will allow both Tom and I access, but so far, I am no longer able to see the files.
- The National office is currently working on a new addition of the Patroller’s manual. I think that this will definitely breathe new life into the program.

**Goals for program improvement next season:**

- Information and links on the National web site (better format needed) I will be sending recommendations to Darcy over the summer.
- I will start over with the ongoing problem of getting access to the program from the national website.

**List of events attended:**

I attended the Division meeting in fall of 2011. I plan to attend the Division meeting in fall 2012. I also attended Fall and Spring Region meetings, Region and Division Certified events, Senior Ski and toboggan and OEC events, and the Western Region Patrol Representative’s meeting.

**Financial statement-please attach completed reconciliation form:**

I submitted a financial statement to the Division treasurer.

**Amount spent on program and budget request for next season:**

Budget Request for 2011-2012 = \$1500 for travel money

**Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition**

**Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT and why? na**

## **Public Relations Ty Damon**

### National BOD Election

The Division continued to use the scoring criteria I developed for ranking the candidates in the National BOD election. This was in response to some Patroller's desire to have the BOD's insight (without obligation) regarding which candidates were most qualified. The scoring matrix and the criteria were sent to the DD and ADD.

### Recruiting and Retention

I continue to have interactions with RD's and PD's from Central Division and other Divisions and provided them with a copy of a PPT presentation on the history of the NSP and the obligations of Patrolling which they can tailor to their local use.

### Going Forward

I would like to remind the board that I am at their disposal to draft any communiqué to the Division membership that they would like to send out under their signature.

I also am available to the DD and ADD to assist with any presentations to NSAA.

I would also like suggestions for communications initiatives.

I am continuing to work on researching a presentation to PD's at the Fall meeting on the rights of the public to use cell phone photos/videos of accident scenes.

### Budget

I have no expenses for 2010/2011. I would like \$500 for 2011/2012

Ty Damon  
P.R. Advisor

## Rusty Parka News Editor      Tim Zimmerman

The goals set out for the 2011 – 2012 season were to continue providing the RPN in electronic format, with hard copies to patrollers requesting them and members of MSAA, with emphasis on a)continue to improve content participation by Central Division Staff and CD patrollers and b) continue to work with the National full time staff to promote NSP sponsors.

I wish to thank our board members and CD staff for the great content submitted thus far this season. Yes, the RPN season continues through the summer, even though snow is gone and resorts are closed. The RPN depends on your participation. Based on the positive comments from patrollers across the division, I can report they appreciate hearing from board members, CD staffers and patrollers. In my opinion our publication is one of the best volunteer-created regular newsletters available, thanks to all of you and your submissions.

**Details** are reported below-

1. **Hard Copy Subscribers:** We currently have 196 patrollers and MSAA members receiving the RPN as a hard copy, grayscale, print version. This compares to 197 at same time last year. The balance of the division is supplied via electronic version.
2. **Participation:** We had 62 articles submitted (36 Fall 2011, 25 Winter 2012) by 36 unique authors. We are only two-thirds of the way through our current fiscal year and we have nearly matched our total participation totals for all of last year. Nice work everyone! And, although size does not guarantee quality, I am happy to report the Fall 2011 publication was our largest to date during my tenure, with 51 pages of content.
3. **Software Upgrade Update:** We transitioned from Adobe PageMaker to Adobe InDesign CS5 last season. I reported last year there are time saving-features in the new software. Now that I have nearly one full year of experience with the software I am much more familiar with options to enhance the appearance of the RPN and have begun adding subtle color highlights to some of the standard features.

I consider it a privilege to serve as RPN Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity. As always, I welcome your comments and ideas for improvement. You may contact me at any time via email at [tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com](mailto:tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com), phone- office 715-536-7176 ext. 232, cell 715-218-3328 or home 715-2987-9070.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Zimmerman  
RPN Supervisor

## Toboggan Supervisor Tom Worley

### **List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:**

Your Data Here: 52 Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) with 644 participants. 3 December Division STW Toboggan Instructor Review programs with 136 participants.

### **Number of instructors for your program:**

Your Data Here: 639 Toboggan Instructors (this number includes 125 Toboggan IT's).

### **Number of Instructor Trainers for your program:**

Your Data Here: 125 Toboggan Instructor Trainers.

### **Which IT put on the most classes/events?**

Your Data Here: Cindy McLeod, Western Region Toboggan IT, was IOR for 13 TES programs. Troy Southwick, Ohio Region Toboggan Supervisor, was IOR for 10 TES programs.

### **What is working well in the program?**

Your Data Here: Increasing the number TES programs from 43 to 52. Increased Toboggan Instructors from 580 to 639 programs. Conducted 3 Division wide Toboggan Handling Practices seminars with all Regions participating.

### **What needs improvement in the program?**

Your Data Here: TES programs at remote areas. More Region Supervisor support of Toboggan IT Recertification. Only 4 Region Toboggan Supervisor's reported completion of IT recertification. Documentation and submission of training logs for instructor reappointment.

### **Goals for program improvement next season:**

Your Data Here: Add additional Toboggan Instructors (TI) and Instructor Trainers (IT) especially at remote areas throughout the Division. Provide leadership on Instructor Trainer Log submission Division wide. Monitor closely the completion of Region Toboggan IT recertification. Promote TES programs especially at remote areas.

### **List of events attended:**

Your Data Here: Fall Division Meeting: Division STW's at Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands, and Cascade Mountain. Conducted three Toboggan Handling Seminars at Division STW's; Attended Certified patroller recertification at Perfect North Slopes; Attended Certified patroller recertification at Nubs Nob; Attended Certified evaluation at Perfect North Slopes; Instructed at SES programs at Perfect North Slopes, Mad River Mountain, and Snowtrails; Instructed at TES at Perfect North Slopes; Region awards banquet at PNS

### **Financial statement-please attach completed reconciliation form:**

### **Amount spent on program and budget request for next season:**

Your Data Here: See attached budget request for 2012-13 seasons.

### **Who should be recognized as Outstanding Toboggan IT?**

Your Data Here: Cindy McLeod, Western Region Toboggan IT & Troy Southwick, Ohio Region Toboggan Supv

### **Supportive Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition**

Your Data Here: These two accounted for 23 TES programs involving 244 patrollers. That's nearly half of the total TES programs Division wide and involving nearly 40% of the Division TES participants. Incredible!

Signed: Tom Worley, Central Division Toboggan/Transportation Supervisor, March 19, 2012

Central Division Toboggan Program Statistics for 2011-2012 Season

Region Participants	Membership	Instructors	Instr. Trainers	TES Pgms.	
Ohio	865	88	23	11	106
Eastern Michigan	553	52	9	3	41
Western Michigan	523	53	10	3	48
Northern Michigan	319	43	15	4	78
North Central	571	65	20	5	101
South Central	878	93	17	6	56
Southern	968	100	17	6	50
Western	1340	143	13	15	164
Alum/Admin	2	2	1	0	0
Totals	6018	639	125	52	644

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS     STEVE BEIL**

## **Overview of programs and activities undertaken during the 2011-2012 season:**

- ***Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Program (an update):***  
As our second season of the 'ASE' certification program winds down, we continue to see benefits on several fronts. For experienced senior evaluators, we've provided an alternate avenue through which they can maintain their credentials and evaluator status. We expect the balance of those interested in gaining ASE certification will test out next season. For our senior candidates, we've made great strides as a division in refining what the senior alpine standard is, aiding in training to the standard and finally affirming the skill set during the on hill test. As a whole, the board's directive to credential all senior evaluators has positively impacted how we train and evaluate future senior alpine patrollers. The NSP-C can also look forward to the improved standardization this program will bring to division senior alpine events as our three year phase-in reaches maturity.
- ***Division Alpine Clinics - Ski Trainers Workshops:***  
*Trollhaugen, Wisconsin* December 3-4, 2011  
*Boyne Highlands, Michigan* December 10-11, 2011  
*Cascade Mountain, Wisconsin* December 17-18, 2011

### ***Clinics – Recap***

I'm pleased to report the skills development team had a very productive December. As usual, clinic offerings helped our members hit the ground running. Participants had an opportunity to refresh and expand their alpine skills with clinics focused on; *Toboggan Instructor Skills Refresher, Senior Toboggan Exam Standards and Practices, Senior Candidate Toboggan Clinic, ASE Certification Exam, Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration* and lastly *Train the Alpine Trainer (Ski/Ride)*. We continue to appreciate the generosity of our three host venues and all of those who took time out of their busy pre-holiday schedules to attend. As well, we are in debt to all of the dedicated staffers that made these quality clinics possible. (A special thanks to our DD, RD's, ADD's, Dan Moss, Jay Zedak, Tom Worley and Chuck Martschinke for all that they do).

Our on-line registration and payment system continues to work well with the help of Chris Raudabaugh (IT guru). The use of Paypal appears to have streamlined the process of registration funds changing hands while also making financial reporting for our programs easier.

## **Looking forward to next season:**

The *Division STW's Program's* still offer our best opportunity to clinic with individual region trainers, evaluators and patrollers spread over a large geographic area. We anticipate next season will offer further opportunities to reach out and spend some valuable face time with region staffers new and old. As in the past, the skills development staff will work hard to provide our members with the very best educational opportunities and support possible. Our team also remains committed to

staffing 3 Division clinics next season. We expect the dates and venues will closely mirror last years. We'll work toward finalizing details during the off season, announcing dates and place prior to the opening of registration.

**Supervisors activities relevant to this season:**

***May-November:***

Central Division Fall Meeting, Cincinnati  
 Division Alpine Clinic organization/execution

***December:***

Rocky Mountain Division (Alpine staff) for week long clinic, CO.  
 Division Alpine Clinic-Trollhaugen, WI  
 Division Alpine Clinic-Boyne Highlands, MI  
 Division Alpine Clinic-Cascade, WI

***Activities - continued***

***January:***

NMR Calibration and Training Clinic-Boyne Highlands, MI

***February:***

Division Certified prequalification/recertification clinic-Nubs Nob, MI

***March***

Division Certified Event -Perfect North Slopes, OH  
 PSIA/AASI Continuing Ed Clinic-Marquette, MI

**Financial statement - reconciliation:**

Financial information courtesy of our Division Treasurer:

**Budget Request Central Division NSP**

Name		Don Loerch			
		Year-to- date 2011-12			
Account #	Expenses		Income		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
764	\$5,000	\$5,976.84			
460	\$1,000	\$0.00			
<b>162</b>	na	na	\$ 3,500	\$5,164.09	

**Budget request for next season:**

I respectfully request that the Skills Development budget remain at the current level of \$5,000.

***Respectfully submitted:***

D.B.Loerch



**Senior Supervisor Jay Zedak**

**List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:**

**(8) Region Senior Alpine Evaluations: 60+ candidates participated (South Central Region) and (Western Michigan Region) had 100% pass rates**

**What is working well in the program:**

- NEW ALPINE EVALUATION CARDS (Skiing, Snowboarding, Toboggan)
- Regions strive for ongoing improvement in the senior alpine evaluations
- QA Team members reported that Candidates were well prepared
- QA Team members reported that Evaluators were 100% calibrated
- Performance of Central Division NSP Members are improving and being recognized by others

**What needs improvement in the program:**

- Region Directors and Region Senior Program Supervisors need to guide candidates to qualified trainers and Instructors (Senior Clinics, SES's, TES's, on Senior Terrain) and register these courses.
- Participants need more support and recognition before, during, and after events.
- Some Regions "DO NOT have Qualified Staff" for all Disciplines. (Snowboard and Telemark)
- Transitioning personnel should be seamless, and the quality of the event should not suffer
- Recognitions for the Candidates for their Senior "Journey", AWARDS at event conclusions

**Goals for program improvement next season:**

- Video Movement Matrix, providing a visual tool for candidates and staff to see standards for training
- Development of a Debriefing Candidate Sheet to be retained for Program and Candidate monitoring
- Improve Sign-offs only after appropriate demonstrations on Senior Terrain
- Communication between Examiners and Candidates before and during Debriefing
- Development of a more detailed Job Description for the Advocate Role
- Monitor Terrain to assure it is as consistent as possible from Region to Region (pitch and length)
- Continue to Build Image of the Program while increasing the Qualified Staff (QA's, Examiners both PSIA & ASE's)

**List of events attended:**

**Senior Advisor Travel Activity in the Division 2011-12**

- 10/11 Professional Development Seminar, Brighton, Michigan
- 11/11 Vail "Ski Immersion" Training Vail, Colorado
- 11/11 United States Army, Special Forces Training, Loveland, Colorado
- 12/11 Division STW at Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, Michigan
- 12/11 Division STW at Cascade Mountain, Portage, Wisconsin
- 01/12 Ohio Region STW at Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
- 01/12 United States Army, Special Forces Training, Loveland, Colorado
- 01/11 Central Division Certified Qualification Event at Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
- 01/12 Southern Division SES at Winter Place Resort, Flat Top, W Va
- 01/12 Southern Division SES at Beech Mountain, Beech Mountain, N Carolina
- 02/12 WM Region Senior Alpine Exam QA at Crystal Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan
- 02/12 Division Certified Exam at Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
- 03/11 Division Avalanche Level II Course, Inner Mountain Division, Ogden, Utah

- 03/11 PSIA Level 3 Telemark Exam, Marquette, Michigan

**Amount of budget request for next season:**

**Division Senior Program Budget 2011-2012**

Division Board Mtgs.	\$500
Division STW's x 3	\$1500
QA 8 Region's Alpine Evaluation	
Average \$250 per Region, mentors	\$2500
Promo (Video/Pictures/Shirts)	\$500
Total Program	\$5000

**Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition**

**Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT and why?**

Sue Braun from Western Michigan Region! Sue has been committed for 38+yrs, yet still strives for knowledge and willing to share that knowledge for the improvement of others. Sue participated in the November 2011 Ski Immersion Training Program at Vail Resort in Colorado. Sue attended and participated in the Division STW at Boyne Highlands in December. Sue served as an Instructor at the Central Division Women's Clinic in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at Big Powderhorn in January 2012. Sue served as a Senior Alpine examiner in February at the Western Michigan Senior Alpine Exam at Crystal Mountain Resort. She has a quiet, unassuming leadership style that has served her and the National Ski Patrol well for the past 38 years. Sue is ASE qualified thru the Central Division Skills Development Team. Sue is such a positive trainer, both within WMR and locally at Timber Ridge to candidates and other trainers alike. Sue continues to promote the Senior program by her high level of participation and her commitment to continued improvement.

New Senior Score Cards and shirts:



Next year we would like to present this type of printed shirt to all participating candidates across the Division at the Alpine Exams. These are gifts from the Central Division to the candidates regardless of outcome, as a show of support to them on their journey.

We would also like to support the build out of the Awards and Recognition portion of these events by having Certificates of Completion presented to each candidate whom completed each module (Skiing or Toboggan)

As well as an "Overall Senior Award" for those candidates who fully completed their Senior Registration Classification journey at the conclusion of the Alpine Exam. This ceremony might also include photographs and a disk of random pictures from the entire event.

Building these celebrations is a key part of recognition where we, as event facilitators, can make this day as special as possible to those whom have worked so hard to succeed and improve. They deserve it!

Thanks for your support to this program,  
Jay Zedak Central Division Senior Program Supervisor.

## **Women's Seminars**

**Sandi Hammons**

### **List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:**

This was the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. One clinic held at Big Powderhorn Resort in the North Central Region. The weekend event offered a TES and SES on Saturday and a TES and SES Sunday. We had 30 women from five different regions; eleven different patrols attended. The staff was made up of 9 women plus two locate patrollers that served as our liaisons, Mary Jo Robinson and Cheryl Carr. Darcy Hanley, the Director of Education for the NSP was our guest at the clinic.

### **Number of instructors for your program:**

We have 9 staff members, 3 PSIA Level III, 2 PSIA Level II and in that 3 toboggan IT and 2 toboggan instructors.

### **Number of Instructor Trainers for your program: 5**

### **Which IT put on the most classes/events: NA**

### **What is working well in the program:**

This year we extended our clinic to include a Friday evening dry land session. Set the ladies up for success for the weekend. Booting fitting and adjustments were made. Stance and balance was discussed and static drills were done using ramps and mirror to simulate the movement needed across the ski. The dynamics of the staff work well together and are flexible to meet the needs of the attendees on the day of the event.

Our evening dinner and program was a great event. Dana Zedak was our speaker and her talk covered, "Empowerment of Women and Leadership Roles for Women". Group activities created a teambuilding atmosphere.

Information posted on the Division web site and the electronic RPN helped with timely replies.

Electronic registration was also used and was extremely helpful.

Personal Improvement was our focus and a Pocket Journal was updated and given out the participants. 3 separate session during the weekend of which ladies had the option of: Groomed, Moguls, Toboggan, Shorties, Movement Analysis and All Mountain Tour.

Direct input from Linda Barthel the National Women's Program Director.

### **What needs improvement in the program:**

We are still in need of women Snowboard Instructor. Not an issue at this clinic but for the future, we are still searching the Division. One contact at an area is needed. Confusion is created when we had to work with 6 different individual from the Ski Patrol and Area Management.

### **Goals for program improvement next season:**

Seek out a Snowboard Instructor and add her to our staff.

Consider increasing the number of participates. We did add 2 more to our staff this season: Sue Brann and Erica Kohl mentored this season and will be used next season.

**List of events attended:**

MCAA Meeting – August 2011  
Division Meeting – September 2011  
Ohio Region Meeting – September 2011  
Division STW – December 2011  
Ohio Region STW – January 2012  
SES – January 2012  
TES – February 2012  
Ohio Region Senior Ski/Toboggan Test 2012  
Certified Test 2012  
SEM – March 2012

Financial statement-please attach completed reconciliation form:

This season we did use \$1,223 of the \$3,000 budgeted. Usually the fees meet our expenses. All the staff needed lodging and a great distance for all to travel. This was noted in our report last season that we would require the budgeted funds.

Amount spent on program and budget request for next season:

Budget Request for 2012 - 2013 = \$3000

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Dana Zedak – Her enthusiasm and interest in the clinic started in March of 2011. She was constantly working on her presentation to assist women in standing up for themselves and taking leadership roles in all walks of life. Her involvement and dedication is clear with the NSP as a passionate new candidate patroller and her years of service as a supporter to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Hammons  
Women's Clinic Supervisor

**Webmaster            Chris Raudabaugh**

Central Division Webmaster Report

2011-2012 Activities:

- Online STW/ASE Registration form with link to Paypal
- Online Women's Program Clinic Registration and Paypal Link
- Online Avalanche II Clinic Registration and Paypal Link
- Online Ski School sign up with automatic Roster updates after paypal payment.
- Online Central Division Nomination form
- Online Fall Division Meeting Registration (Region website)
- Added Special News area from Division Director
- Fielded questions from CD Contact page
- Added historical Award winners (2001-2011)
- Updates to various program pages
- Updates for Rusty Parka News releases
- Updated Senior Program/Scoresheet
- Documentation Added Fall Division meeting documentation and results.
- Updated Proform Vendors as provided by the NSP

Budget Request:

\$1000 for hosting and meeting expense for the Central Division Fall Event.

As always, I'm open for feedback to better our CD website. Feel free to contact me!

Best Regards,

Chris Raudabaugh

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**Senior Alpine Evaluation Feedback Jay Zedak**