



# National Ski Patrol

## Central Division

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## **Division Director Jim Woodrum and Brian Cobble**

Central Division Year End Report; Fiscal Year 2012/13

Jim

We kicked off the 2012/13 Ski Patrol Season at the Division Fall Meeting held at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort in Galena, Ill. Don Steen and Laura Schauer were the PD/PR hosts and lead a great team of patrollers from the area along with Mike and Sister Erin Murphy representing and support from the resort management held an absolutely wonderful event for the 250 plus patrollers and their families. There were educational events for patrollers with recreational events like kayaking, horseback riding and the like for patrollers, family, and friends to enjoy. At the banquet many Division Awards were given out and the National Outstanding and 1st. Runner Ups were presented to deserving recipients.

This year's OEC refreshers started out with the "B" Cycle of the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. While attending and teaching at the Indianhead Refresher I had the opportunity to present National Appt. #11342 to Dan Davidson. After attending several other refreshers I also had the opportunity to attend the Western Region Fall meeting and Banquet and helped present Susan Hayes with her National Appointment #11322 from Welch Village and Scott Stanley #11324 from Three Rivers Park District.

In mid-November I worked with John Keating and Tom Anderson at Ski Brule for their annual early season SES. There were about 20 participants from the North Central Region that took part in this first of the year event. Then right after the Thanksgiving Holiday we began the three successive STW's hosted by Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands, and Cascade. In these three STW's we had nearly 300 participants that continues to show the value that members place on this important event. Don Loerch and his staff did an outstanding job of making the skills development a top priority in the Division and again delivered an excellent program.

It was announced at the Trollhaugen event that I had been elected to the National Board and based on decisions made at the Fall Division Meeting, Brian Cobble, took over the remainder of my term as I stepped into my new role as a National Board Member. Brian will complete this Year End Report with his comments on the last half of the season.

Brian

The end of January, I had the privilege to attend the Division Directors meeting in Denver, immediately preceding the National Board meeting. Jim sat in on this meeting to help turn over his role and insure a smooth transition. The next day, was the first session of the board meeting. I came away very disappointed in the behavior of certain individuals on the board. Thankfully, Jim, Janet, and others are there to continue to push the board in the right direction. What I am more certain of than ever, is we need to continue to find good solid individuals that we can get behind and elect to the national board. This is the only way to get rid of the malcontents and enable the board to begin to deal with the strategic issues that need to be dealt with. The board is still bogged down in minutiae that it has no business dealing with.

As everyone knows, John Thomas (JT) won the election for Division Director. Much of my time since January has been focused on preparing for a smooth transition to JT. All advisors and program supervisors were informed to submit their resignations as well as to submit their applications if they desired to continue on in their current or a different role.

We held the annual Certified Evaluation at Nubs Nob the second weekend in March. The event was well attended with many candidates making further progress on their Certified Journey. Chris

Radaubaugh is our newest member of the certified team completing all of the requirements during the event.

Kevin and I have also been actively working on several personnel type issues, assisting the Region Directors and area owners.

We have also been working on many appropriate division awards given that we have a number of individuals who will be “retiring” from their current roles.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Woodrum  
Brian Cobble

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

Last annual report: Linda Murphy Jacobs

How time flies when you're having fun!! Thanks so much for all of the board and supervisor support over the years. I am truly proud of the work that all of the supervisors have done in maintaining and growing our programs. The board has been supportive (for the most part) of some of our innovative changes. As we move forward, these proven leaders will continue to make contributions to our Division.

At the Certified business meeting this year we celebrated Mike Longfellow Jones retirement from his supervisory position. Patrick Pearlman was selected from a slate of candidates and has been given the nod by both Brian Cobble and John Thomas. Congratulations Pat, and thanks for a job well done, Mike.

All other supervisor roles are open at this point. Some of the supervisors have indicated an interest in continuing, while others have stepped down. There is certainly room for new managers to take on individual projects (Senior best practice. PSIA Certification support, etc) as well as assume the duties of running out programs. I can report that all programs are in good shape. Best of luck to all and if I can help in any way I will.

The budget for ADD should remain the same.

Sincerely,  
Linda Murphy Jacobs

## **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 fifth 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 future structure of the Division STWs needs to be one the major priorities of the new administration.

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

- Taught at the Wilmot OEC and Refresher
- Participated in Division Staff Training event at Wild Mountain
- Lead 2 PSIA Credentialed Sr Evaluator Calibration sessions at the Trollhaugen STW
- Lead the PSIA Credentialed Sr Evaluator Calibration at Boyne Highlands STW
- Taught 2 sessions at the Cascade STW
- Taught SES at Hidden Valley, St Louis, MO
- Taught SES at Snow Creek, Weston, MO
- Participated in 3 day SkiImersion Alumni Camp at Vail, CO
- Taught SES at Wilmot Mountain, WI
- Attended Certified Evaluation at Nubs Nob

2013-2014 Budget request - \$2,000

It has been an honor and privilege to have been allowed to serve the members of the Central Division for the past 10 years. The administrators that I have had the opportunity to work with are some of the most dedicated and talented patrollers in the NSP. Going forward, I hope everyone gives the new administration the same level of support and commitment that I received.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cobble  
Assistant Division Director

## **Assistant Division Director Tom Anderson**

### **Background**

I was appointed to Interim Assistant Division Director in the fall of 2012

### **Specific tasks**

Assist where needed with various disciplines

### **Events / Meeting attended**

Fall Division meeting – Chestnut

NC Region SES – Ski Brule

Division SS & T Workshop – Trollhaugen

Division SS & T Workshop – Boyne Highlands

Division SS & T Workshop – Cascade

NC Region Senior S&T evaluation – Mont Ripley

Division Certified evaluation – Nubs Nob

### **Additional Areas visited**

Pine Mountain (2)

Black Jack (2)

Boyne Highlands

Boyne Mountain

### **Ongoing tasks**

Assist with appointment of new NSP / PSIA Liaison

### **Budget request for 2013-14 Season**

I have indicated to our Division treasurer to maintain the 2012-13 budgets.

In advance, thank you for the confidence this division board has placed in me.

I look forward to learning more about my new role and the duties associated with it.

Respectfully Submitted

*Tom*

Tom Anderson

Central Division Assistant Division Director

## **Eastern Michigan Region Director Derek Werner**

The Eastern Michigan Region had a good 2012-2013 season. We ran a TES and SES at four of six areas and an SBES at five. However, we also had several successful candidates test this season: 20 new Alpine Patrollers and 4 new Senior Alpine Patrollers.

### **MY ACTIVITIES:**

#### **April 2012**

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

#### **May 2012**

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

#### **August 2012**

- Taught during OEC course

#### **September 2012**

- Attended Central Division fall/awards meeting at Chestnut Mt.

#### **October 2012**

- Attended EMR fall BOD meeting
- Examined at OEC final at Pine Knob

#### **November 2012**

- Taught during OEC make-up refresher

#### **December 2012**

- Attended Division STW Clinic at Boyne Highlands

#### **January 2013**

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

#### **February 2013**

- Observed Region senior on-hill evaluation at Boyne Mt.
- Taught Introduction to Ski Patrolling module at Pine Knob
- Taught at MTR II course

#### **March 2013**

- Participated at the Central Division Certified evaluation at Nubs Nob/Boyne Highlands
- Observed Region senior scene emergency management at Pine Knob
- Taught at MTR II course

#### **April 2013**

- Will teach at Avalanche Safety & Rescue Course

**REGION EVENTS:**

- Avalanche Safety & Rescue Course - Pine Knob
- MTR Level I Course - Mt. Holly
- MTR Level II Course - Mt. Holly
- 2 Instructor Development Courses
- 6 OEC Refreshers
- 4 Toboggan Enhancement Seminars
- 4 Ski Enhancement Seminars
- 5 Snow Board Enhancement Seminars
- EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation – Pine Knob
- EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Mt. Brighton
- EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Mt. Holly
- EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation – Snow Snake
- Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation - Boyne Mtn.
- Senior Scene Mgt. Evaluation – Mt. Brighton

## North Central Region Director      Les Robinson

The year started for me in this position of course in July getting the handoff from Dave. I spent the first month finalizing my staff to get everything in place. The on snow year started November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ski Brule as the temps dropped low enough and the snow crew was busy. Our other area's opened at different times later as the weather permitted from mid November into January when Mount Bohemia finally had enough snow to open. At this time some areas have closed do to their closing dates while quite a few are still operating at 100% some are planning to be open thru mid April.

### My activities:

- Attended the spring division meeting as a new region director to take effect in July
- Attended the region spring meeting and awards banquet again we held many classes for our patrollers to attend.
- Instructed at 2 GP OEC classes
- Attended the fall Division meeting
- Instructed at Bruce Mound OEC instructor ref.
- Attended and instructed at section 4 OEC inst ref.
- Attended section 4 OEC ref.
- Visited the Big Powderhorn/Blackjack OEC ref. and presented some region awards.
- Attended the Div STW at Cascade
- Instructed at our GP tob. refresher
- Did IT at 2 other tob, refreshers
- Attended the region STW instructed a IT class
- Helped with senior S&T qualification clinic
- Helped with senior SEM qualification clinic
- Evaluated at the senior ski evaluation at Mount Ripley
- Helped at TES
- Attended the Certified qualification clinic and also the Certified evaluation at Nubs and Boyne Highlands.
- Attended and evaluated at the senior SEM
- Evaluated at the GP basic S&T

**I visited 9 areas of my region this year**

This has been a learning year for a new team in Northern Michigan Region. ARD's Pat Throop and Jim Markey stayed on however most other former advisers and program administrators resigned and indicated a desire to step down from patrol administrative responsibilities. After an extensive search we assembled a strong team lead the Region.

Bob Anderson , Annaka Norris, Jonathon Backos and Doug Cary are our new on-hill proficiency team and Don Smith is leading our OEC Program. My thanks to Tena Lechtanski for her assistance in transitioning the OEC program administration to Don and to Bob Lechtanski for his invaluable mentoring of myself.

Recruiting and communications appeared to be the biggest issues facing Region Patrols when I took office. I asked Don Desautels to tackle these issues and converted a vacant ARD position to this function. Don had been our WEB Master for several years and was looking at using social media to communicate with younger snow sports enthusiasts. Don redesigned our WEB site to make it easier to navigate, created a Region Facebook Page immediately after taking office.

Don recruited patrollers Rod Kivel and Paul Miller to help create a tent and bow flags for use at PR and recruiting events. He also assembled a list and stock of recruiting materials available from the National Office and other sources for use by patrols. Don was also instrumental in the publication of a half page article in the "Northern Express" a weekly paper distributed throughout the region (see attached).

Over half the patrols in the region have used some or all of these materials resulting in over 1000 direct contacts with the general public and patrons of region resorts and identifying 37 potential candidates for patrols throughout the region and three of patrols in Eastern Michigan Region.



The Region conducted and/or hosted 12 training and evaluation events this year including:

- Central Division Ski and Toboggan Trainer Workshop
- Region Instructor Calibration Clinic
- Region Candidate Clinic
- The Annual "SnowBowl " (Ski and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars open to any Division Patroller or candidate)
- Region Senior Evaluation
- Region SEM Clinic
- Region SEM Evaluation
- Region OEC Summer Program
- Section 1 Alpine Patroller Evaluation
- Section 2/3 Alpine Patroller Evaluation
- Two OEC Classes

These programs resulted in:

- Xx new Patrollers
- Xx new Alpine Patrollers
- Xx new Senior Patrollers
- Xx new Senior Alpine Patrollers

Richard (Dick) Jacques  
Region Director  
*Northern Michigan Region*

## Ohio Region Director **Bill Currier**

Due to continuing cold weather and snow in March, some Ohio Region ski areas are still open albeit with limited hours of operation. What a difference a year makes! When I went to PNS for last year's certified event, I drove through thunderstorms and a threat of tornadoes. Congratulations to all who completed another leg of their ski patrolling journey this season.

I am now looking forward to our annual Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet that will be held this year at Mad River Mountain on April 27.

Thanks to all who participated in our programs this season, and a special thanks to all Region staff, instructors, trainers, evaluators, advocates, et al, who volunteered countless hours and traveled countless miles to conduct our programs. An amazingly large number of staff (more than 100) participated in our Senior Tests this season.. As I told Dave Baumleim at the SROEC test, we could start a new large Alpine patrol in the Ohio Region with this number of volunteers and call it 'Mount Senior'. A special thanks goes out to the management and patrol leadership at BMBW who hosted both senior tests, an STW, a SES/SNES and a TES this season.

SES/SNES's and TES's were scheduled at each area, but a SES/SNES and a TES were canceled due to low interest. All events scheduled at Clear Fork were canceled due to the fact that area management were unable to provide insurance coverage for volunteer patrollers. Our new Ski School Advisor, Matt Kim, and our new OET Advisor, Rich McNitt, did an awesome job in conducting the SES/SNES and TES events this season.

Several region staff members are stepping down from their positions and will be recognized at the Awards Banquet. New advisors and assistant advisors who have joined the Region Staff and will also be recognized at the Awards Banquet. Here are a few highlights:

- 822 patrollers were registered in December.
- 9 candidates, 2 of whom became full Senior Alpine patrollers, completed the Senior S&T Test on Feb. 23-24. 6/7 candidates passed skiing; 7/9 passed Toboggan and 100% of snowboard candidates passed riding and Toboggan
- 12 candidates successfully completed the SROEC Test on March 3 at Brandywine. Also, 6 successfully completed the Aid Room Module. All candidates successfully completed both tests. Congratulations for that record achievement.
- Other events included:
  - A Division S&T Clinic held at Boyne Highlands in December with about 25 Ohio Region Patrollers participating
  - STW's held at Perfect North Slopes and Boston Mills in January
  - SES's and TES's held at most resorts in January and February (two canceled due to lack of interest)
- A Certified Pre-Qualification clinic in January held at Perfect North Slopes,
- An MTR II Course and an Avalanche Level 1 Course held in November, 2012
- Our own Chris Raudabaugh successfully completed his Certified journey at Nubs in March.

Region and Division 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. An election for the Section Chief position in Section O2 is in process and results will be announced at the Spring Banquet.

As you can tell it has been another very busy season. Have a safe and happy off-season.

Bill Currier,  
Ohio Region Director

**South Central Region Director      Joe Riley**

## **2012-2013 Season Update**

The season in the SC Region got off to a slow start, due to the lack of participation from Mother Nature, as it was in most parts of the mid-west.

Most of our areas were 100% by Christmas, and those that weren't were very close to it.

Once the season really got going, the customer counts were very strong, especially from Christmas week through the early part of March.

With this being my first year as RD, it has been a challenge to complete the objectives that I set for myself & the region. I'm proud to say that a large portion of what was set out to do, got accomplished. First and foremost, I feel the communication between the PD's / PR's and the region has been greatly improved through conference calls, meetings, the Sweep publication, and hill visits, although I didn't make it out to all of the areas in the region, I was able to make it to over half. Our Advisors however, were very active with TES/SES and OEC events around the region, visiting hills that haven't participated in the past.

Another huge accomplishment this season was to start the process of changing the PD's/PR's perception of our Senior Program. Our area leadership in the past hadn't really promoted the program, due to some of the negative comments they had heard. We tied a PD/PR meeting in to coincide with the Senior On the Hill Clinic, to show them that this is a very well run program, there to provide the patrollers with the best learning experience possible.

All in all I believe it has been a great & safe season in the South Central Region.

Yours truly,  
Joe Riley  
SC Region Director

## **Southern Region Director     Don Steen**

I had a busy and fulfilling first year as Region Director. The fall brought 14 refreshers that prepared the patrollers for the season. The late snows helped all the areas end their seasons with a “big bang”!!!

### Region Events:

- Hosted the Central Division Fall Meeting.
- Southern Region Leadership Seminar
- 56 attended the 3 Division STW’s
- 11 OEC courses were held with a total of 56 new patrollers and 7 candidates still in classes.
- 10 SES and TES were held
- 1 MTR course was held. One Fundamental and one MTR 2 are scheduled for later this spring.
- Two Aid Room Modules
- Two Risk Management Seminars
- One Certified Qualification Clinic with 10 participants.
- Region Awards Meeting
- Five Region board meetings
- Senior Alpine Proficiency Evaluation with 36 participants of which 16 were candidates.
- Two Senior OEC Evaluations – one to be held 3/23/13 with 8 candidates the other had 8 candidates with 5 successfully completing.
- 4 new Senior Alpine Patrollers
- Hosted the Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games
- Four day Region Ski Swap
- Two Section Chief elections (Sections 2 & 5).
- Two new Assistant Region Directors – Brian Rull and Rodney Sandman
- New Senior OEC Advisor – Amy Kane
- New Safety Advisor – Kevin McQuillan
- New Medical Advisor – Dr. Corey Dietz
- Added Region Election Advisor Ken Meldahl
- Added Nordic Advisor

### My Activities:

- Attended the Spring and Fall BOD Central Division Meetings
- Attended the MSAA Meeting at Boyne Highlands
- Chaired and attended the Central Division Fall Meeting Awards Banquet Committee.
- Attended 11 of 14 Region Refreshers and had a Region Representative at 2 of the 3 I could not make.
- Worked the Region Ski Swap
- Taught a portion of my patrol’s OEC course
- Traveled to and visited all 14 Alpine and 2 of 3 Nordic patrols in my Region during this ski season.
- Attended the Senior Alpine Proficiency Evaluation
- Attended the Senior OEC Evaluation – Swiss Valley and plan on attending the up coming one at Sundown.
- Patrolled the three days of the Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games
- Patrolled 106 duty shifts at my home area
- Evaluated the OEC Course Final
- Patrolled the Jo Davies County Triathlon

- Patrolled the Lead Foot Half Marathon.

Goals 2013-14 Ski Season

- Increase PSIA Level 1 & 2 certifications.
- Increase number of Accredited Senior Evaluators
- Finalize Section re-districting.
- Expand Southern Region Leadership Seminar
- Increase participation in all region programs

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donald F Steen

## Western Michigan Region Director Dave Johnson

**Date: 03/18/2013**

I had the opportunity to attend the following events this season  
Fall Division Meeting in Galena, IL.

I was an 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 (Boyne Mountain)

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

I also visited 3 of the six patrols during the ski season

Participated at the Senior OEC Clinic at Cannonsburg

I participated at the Senior OEC evaluation at Cannonsburg.

Participated at Basic Hill Test for Section II

Attended the Senior Examiners Calibration Clinic at Caberfae

Attended the Senior Hill Clinic at Caberfae

Attended the Senior Nordic Test at Crystal Mountain which resulted in 2 new Seniors

Attended the Basic Nordic Test at Crystal Mountain which resulted in 1 new Nordic Patroller.

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

We conducted Two (2) Region TES

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

May 4, 2013 is the Region Awards banquet,

Presented by Section II (Cannonsburg & Pando) at Cannonsburg

Region calendar and budget meeting will be at 2:00 PM May 4, 2013 at Cannonsburg

Senior Emergency Management Evaluation was held at Cannonsburg with 12 participants 4 of which passed resulting in 2 new Seniors

We had only one patroller for the Senior Hill Evaluation and Northern was gracious enough to let us send him to their test at Boyne Mountain. Thank you. He passed the skiing portion and will retake the toboggan portion next year.

An election for Section Chief in Section II is underway

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

All areas are still open in some capacity at this date.

## **Western Region Director      John ‘JT’ Thomas**

OEC – Refreshed 23 patrols, Hosted 2 SOEC pre-courses attended by 13 patrollers, hosted the SOEC exam at Three Rivers ski and Snowboard area 7 patrollers tested with 6 passing. Hosted 4 instructor recertification with 80 instructors attended. Region hosted a “last chance refresher”. Three new OEC IT candidates, held a Winter OEC IT meeting, New OEC WEB Page (instructor information).

Toboggan – 7 TES with 35 patrollers attending, Re-certified 20 Toboggan instructors. new 1 IT candidate

Ski school – The new director hosted 5 events and 26 patrollers attend the one day event. We got 3 new level 1 instructors.

Senior on the snow – Held a examiners quality clinic Held 2 pre-courses with 14 people in attendances, The exam was held at Wild Mt. with 6 of 6 passing the Toboggan and 8-7 passing the skiing section. Held the Metro Senior training clinic with great success.

Region Women’s Clinic – We held our 1<sup>st</sup> every Women’s clinic at Afton and it was a sold out crowd with 20 patrollers in attendance and was self supporting event. They are planning on holding another event next season.

MTR – I’m in desperate need of my advisor getting signed off as an MTR Instructor. We continue to hit road blocks with John Wachter

Nordic – Hosted the Birkie Patrol. The 2014 race will be the 35 year of Region organizing the Patrol for the event. Held a Senior Nordic clinic and exam.

John Thomas

## **MSAA**

## **Ken Meldahl**

The Midwest Ski Area Association (MSAA) held their summer meetings and Trade Show at Boyne Highlands Resort, Michigan on August 5-8, 2012. Jim Woodrum, Linda Murphy Jacobs and I were in attendance along with a good number of Region Directors and patrollers from the area. Tim White, NSP Executive Director also joined in during the meetings.

The Education Series Workshops dealt around the theme ACCOUNTABILITY, EXECUTION, AND EMPOWERMENT. Giants Ridge Ski Area shared with those attending the huge value of holding a Mock disaster drill. In addition to the Keynote Speaker, Michael Berry giving everyone insight of our industry trends, Tim White and Jim Woodrum held a session on Medical Quality Assurance on the Mountain: the New Patrol initiative which was very well attended by patrol personnel. There was also a good session for patrollers on Terrain Parks & Incident Investigations.

Jim, Linda, Don Steen and I manned our booth at the trade show where we answer questions and display our educational material. We handed out NSP Lip Aid and posters that were supplied from the National office.

I again encourage patrol leadership to talk to their area management and indicate you would be interested in joining their team and attend this event. I am pretty confident that you will not be disappointed.

The next MSAA meetings will be held Alpine Valley West Resort at East Troy, Wisconsin on August 4-7, 2013.

**Treasurer Joe Hamel**

**Financial Assets as of March 26, 2013:**

Cash and Bank Accounts	Amount
Wells Fargo Checking	\$110,245.05
Total Bank Accounts	\$110,245.05
Investment at Leshnak Securities as of 3/15/13 *	\$70,394.55
Total Assets	\$180,639.60

\* See Investment report included in Financials

**Legal Advisor    Kevin McQuillan**

Due to the fact that most communication is restricted, being Attorney – Client Privileged, Kevin did not issue a report.

## Registration Sherwin VanKlompenberg

Central Division Membership Registration processed the membership registration for 5883 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 at this point with numbers for spring of 2011-12:

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
• Ohio	823	842
• Eastern MI	536	550
• Western MI	515	510
• Northern MI	336	345
• North Central	555	577
• South Central	976	971
• Southern	871	883
• Western	<u>1271</u>	<u>1291</u>
Totals:	5883	5963

Total Membership Registration for 2011-12 was 5,988. Thus, these totals may increase slightly with some new member Registrations.

I want to thank all of the Patrol Directors/Patrol Representative, and/or their registration coordinators for their patience and commitment to this process especially with the changing of the Registration Account to Wells Fargo which created additional work for this year. Working together, the changeover occurred, and we continue to improve the system each year.

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 with the Patroller ID #.
2. 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.**
3. The ACH Dues Authorization Form previously submitted remains on file. **It is only necessary to submit a new ACH Membership Dues Authorization Form each time you change banks or bank accounts.**
4. Pertaining to spring and summer new member registrations to begin OEC Training, if they have **not** participated in any on-hill activity for the year 2012-13, register them for the OEC Class immediately and then complete Membership Registration after July 1, 2013. Then, they will be paid through 2014 and not assessed Membership Dues for 2012-13.
5. All Membership Registration for 2012-13 are due no later than June 20, 2013. This gives us opportunity to complete are year end calculations and activities by June 30, 2013.
6. Division Late Fees are now part of the calculations in the Database which makes things easier and reduces any errors.
7. NSP Patrollers, who have 50+ years of service, are eligible for a free Lifetime Membership and thus no National Dues. Along with this, Division and all Regions have waived their dues for Patrollers with 50+ years of experience. However, this is not part of the Database. Thus, the Patrol Director needs to send me an e-mail notification of those who are 50+ years and I will credit their accounts with the dues of these individuals.

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 Klompenberg  
Central Division Registration Coordinator

## **Elections Ken Meldahl**

For the 2012-2013 season, Central Division held 3 different elections. There was an election for the next Central Division Director. Also, Eastern Michigan and South Central Regions each had an election for their next Region Director. As the Central Division Election Coordinator, I either administered or monitored the elections. Below is a brief synopsis of each region election.

### **Eastern Michigan**

Michael Schons of the Pine Knob Ski Patrol was the only candidate nominated. Eastern Michigan holds the normal 'Leadership' method of voting where Section Chiefs, Patrol Representatives and additional voters depending on size of patrol are the voters in the election. There were 18 ballots sent out and 13 returns which is a 72% return. Michael received 100% of the returned ballots and is declared the next Region Director of Eastern Michigan.

### **South Central**

South Central also had only one qualified, nominated candidate. Joe Riley of the Cascade Mountain Ski Patrol was the only candidate. South Central holds a 'one member, one vote' method of election so every member of the region received a ballot. 968 ballots were sent out with a return of 276, a 28.5% return. Joe received 98.2% of the returned votes with 5 ballots marked invalid. Joe is declared the next Region Director for South Central Region.

### **Central Division Director**

The election for Division Director turned out to be uncontested. John Thomas of the Welch Village Ski Patrol and Western's Region Director was the only nominated candidate. There were 219 ballots sent out and 127 returned before the deadline. With a 58% return of ballots, John received 97.6% with 3 ballots marked invalid. Needless to say, John has been declared the next Central Division Director.

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. There were a few issues that came up that will hopefully be resolved with proposals that I have made for the Division P&P and Bylaws. Thanks go to the Election Review Committee that confirmed the results quickly.

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

Next season's Region Director Elections will include Ohio, Western Michigan and Western Regions. Sections 3 & 6 should also have elections. The Election Review Committee for the 2013-14 season will consist of the Region Directors from Eastern Michigan, South Central and Northern Michigan regions.

Submitted by,  
Ken Meldahl

## Administrative Assistant      Frank Cleary

### Fall Meeting 2012

I posted notes from the Central Division Spring Meeting 2012 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. One new proposal was introduced at the meeting. 20 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 2013

I maintained minutes from the Central Division Fall Meeting 2012 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. 18 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 2013-2014 remains the same as the Budget amount for 2012-2013, at \$1300.

Frank Cleary,  
Administrative Assistant

Ski Patrol activities;

Sept 7-9 Fall CD Meeting and Banquet Galena, IL as Admin. Assist.

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

Oct 14 Attended PNS OEC refresher

Nov 4 Sold equipment at PNS Ski Swap

Dec 7-9 Attended AASI training event at Boyn Highlands

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

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

Jan. 5-6 Participant at Region STW Ski and Snowboard trainer workshop at PNS

Feb. – Mar. Region Awards Judge

Feb.23-24 Senior Ski and Snowboard Test (Examiner) Boston Mills

Mar 2-3 Attended Ohio Region SEM at Brandywine, acted as Station Manager

Mar 7-9 Attended Division Certified event at Nubs Nob and Boyne Highlands

Apr 6-7 Attended Spring CD Board Meeting as CD Admin. Assist. In Chicago, IL

Apr 27 Spring Ohio Region Board Meeting as Ohio Region ARD

May 11 Attended PNS Banquet

**NSP-C / PSIA-C Liaison      Tom Anderson**

**Background**

Limited in scope this position primarily serves to maintain lines of communication between NSP-C Ski School and PSIA-C.

**Specific tasks**

Attend Division and other pertinent meetings  
Promote PSIA and its role with NSP

**Events / Meeting attended**

Fall Division meeting – Chestnut  
NC Region SES – Ski Brule  
Division SS & T Workshop – Trollhaugen  
Division SS & T Workshop – Boyne Highlands  
Division SS & T Workshop – Cascade  
NC Region Senior S&T evaluation – Mont Ripley  
Division Certified evaluation – Nubs Nob

**Additional Areas visited**

Pine Mountain (2)  
Black Jack (2)  
Boyne Highlands  
Boyne Mountain

**Accomplishments**

Completed PSIA education credit course “Instructor Development”  
Completed on hill training sessions and welcomed four new Alpine Patrollers to the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol

**Ongoing tasks**

Assist with appointment of new NSP / PSIA Liaison

**Budget request for 2013-14 Season**

This position will be reassigned for the coming season. For budget numbers I would suggest the same amount as previous season.

Due to appointment as Assistant Division Director, I am resigning from this position.

Respectfully Submitted

*Tom*

Tom Anderson  
Central Division NSP/ PSIA Liaison

## Ski School Director Dan Moss

### Ski School Region Advisors

Our team was stronger this year with more consistency. Our team is comprised of:

North Central	David Dahl*
Northern Michigan	
Eastern Michigan	Rob Carpenter
Western Michigan	Kevin Fultz
Ohio	Matt Kim
South Central	Tim Weinand
Southern	Dave Malhiot
Western	Jill Nothwehr*

*\* new this year*

### Fall Division Region Ski School Advisor Training

This was the first time that all Region SS Advisors have ever been in the same room. Our attendee was 5/7. To be commended for their work was David Dahl, Rob Carpenter, Matt Kim, Dave Malhiot and Jill Nothwehr. They worked diligently in a 3 hour seminar that included everything from goal setting and strategies, to SES 101 and credentialing advancement. It was quite a success and a super way to start of the season.

### NSP-C Ski School Membership

The NSP-C registered 169 members this year: EM 11, NC 14, NM 9, Ohio 72, SC 8, S 19, W 28, WM 8.

### On Line Registration for NSP-C Ski School

This gets easier and more congruent each year. Members are understanding the simplicity and ease of registrations. This is of course compounded now because almost all of our Division and many of the Region events are using online registrations for all events. Chris Raudabaugh continues to do an outstanding job for us.

***Regarding Item 7; of the Board Tasks List: Upon registration, each individual receives a welcome letter with proof of purchase, detailing insurance contact information and how to process a claim, in addition they receive a paypal receipt.***

***Regarding Item 8; insurance commenced November 1 of each calendar year. Verbal and email confirmations are executed annually prior to the first event.***

### Division SS Staff Development

This was our second year of training and calibration for our core traveling SS staff. It's an incredibly important day of calibration and fine tuning before we head into the three Division STW weekends. Our staff focus that evening was 'Upping the Disney Factor'. Our day was spent at Wild Mountain, 12 staff attended.

### Credentialing Development

This was our first year of a credentialing development program at the STWs. 57 people signed up for development in their PSIA journey for higher credentialing. It was a greatly popular. Many have advanced their cause with credentialed outcomes, and many more continue the journey.

### Calibration for Senior Examiners

We continued to staff our Division STW's for our Calibration of our Region Sr. Examiners. It is our hope that we continue to support the Regions in their development of great and consistent examiners.

### Events

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

### 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

My hat is off to the Region SS Advisors and to the Region Directors for doubling down on increasing the quality of our communications. Last year we had many local patrols not getting the word on Division STW events and registrations; this year was greatly improved! Thanks.

### Events Registered & Participation

The Central Division registered with National 40 SESs, 16 SESBs, 4 SESWs, 4 SNESW, & 9 STWs. Our entire Division ski school provides significant staffing to these events. But more importantly, we had 579 participants in SES's alone! 82 in Ride seminars....that doesn't include the STWs, Women's clinics, etc. We are reaching our colleagues which will show greater outcomes of ski/ride performance.

Region SS Advisors Reporting for Their Respective Regions to the following questions:

1. *How many people in your Region NSP-C Ski School advanced their PSIA/AASI credentials?*
2. *How many SES/SNES's did you execute in your Region NSP-C Ski School?*
3. *How many STWs did your Region NSP-C Ski School help staff?*
4. *Did you / your team help staff your Region Sr. Alpine test?*
5. *What did you do for personal ski/ride development?*

**Western: Jill Nothwehr**

1. I had 4 people get Level I cert.. They are not all members of the ski school this season, but plan on joining when they can make a contribution to the region.
2. We also put on 2 dry land clinics for instructors looking for certifications, and people going for senior cert..
3. 2 or 3
4. Yes.
5. I attended weekly certification clinics at Afton Alps Oct-Feb. I attended weekly clinics presented by Blizzard Ski School instructors Jan-Feb. I taught lessons for my local patrol, as well as at all SES's we presented.

**Southern: Dave Malhiot**

1. One member advanced from level 1 to level 2 [Dave, Level II]
2. Three SES's one SNES.
3. No STW's were held in the southern region this year.
4. 4 members of the southern region NSP-C were evaluators at this years senior S&T eval.and 1 shadow.
5. Made improvements in skiing and teaching, advanced from level 1 to level 2.

**Western MI: Kevin Fultz**

1. 1 - Kathy Brennan Level 1 Snowboard
2. 1 SES. 11 attended. We attempted to have more and the people who attended from other sections in the region are going to push to have them at their home area's.
3. 1
4. Our senior test was canceled. It was my understanding we offered to help NMR but was not needed.
5. I participated in the Level 3 development clinic at the Division Clinic and participated in a Telemark clinic as well as got approved to run toboggans using Telemark gear. My goal is to take PSIA Level 1 in the next year or two on Tele's.

**South Central: Tim Weinand**

1. Eric Gesteland passed his level 1 Telemark exam at Marquette.
2. We ran 3 SES/SNES in South Central Region - All were well received.
3. South Central helped with the STW at Cascade last December.
4. Yes, The staff ran the skiing clinic at Cascade and the exam at Cascade. South Central and North Central had an examiner swap for the test. I went to North Central and two examiners from North Central came to Cascade.
5. I attended the STW at Cascade and spent two days with Chuck Martschinke. I attended several instructor clinics at Sunburst and worked with you for a bit at the Certified event at Nubs.

**Eastern MI: Rob Carpenter**

1. 0
2. 2
3. 4
4. Yes, seven of eleven members participated in the Sr. Alpine test (2 administrators, 2 examiners, 1 candidate, 2 support staff)
5. Attended PSIA Level 3 Portfolio clinic

**Ohio Region: Matt Kim**

1. The Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School held 13 events this past season. They included 2 Ski Trainers Workshops (STW), 5 Ski Enhancement Seminars, 5 Snowboard Enhancement Seminars, and 1 Sr Alpine Test for both Ski/Ride portion of the test.
2. We had a total of 140 patrollers participate in our STW and SES/SNES events held at various resorts within the Ohio Region.
3. This season, we also had 2 members advance their AASI certification. Vern Dehaven successfully accomplished both AASI I and II this season and Jim Seeger was able to successfully accomplish AASI II.

**North Central: David Dahl\***

No Report submitted.

**Northern Michigan :** No staff for the third year in a row.

Division Goals 2013-14

1. Staff Training at Wild Mountain. Staff the 3 Division STWs.
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. Continue Credentialing development at the Division STWs.
6. Support the CD Skills Development Advisor for Ski/Ride staffing at the CD STW's.
7. Streamline on line registration even more.

Budget 2013-14 adjustments submitted under separate document to Joe Hamel.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Moss  
NSP-C Ski School Director

**Alumni Beach Day**

Carrington Beach Day

**Auxiliary Supervisor**

**Open**

## **Avalanche Dale Mihuta**

## **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 Wassau, Wi.
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
10. Attend Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 National Awards Committee teleferences
11. Attend National Awards Committee Meeting in Lakewood Co. June 6- June 8, 2013.

### **CURRENT SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Attended and assisted awards presentation at Fall Central Division Banquet at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort in Galena IL..
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. 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 2002-2012
8. 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 2001-2012.

## **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 35-40 % of all National Awards from Jan 2010-Jan 2012, 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

## **Certified Supervisor    Mike Longfellow Jones**

- We started season the season with sixty five staff members and nine candidates.
- Recertification / Qualification events were held at the following areas:
  - Perfect North Slopes            12 participants
  - Nubs Nob                            11 participants
  - Chestnut Mountain                8 participants
  - Marquette Mountain               8 participants
  - Lutsen Mountain                   cancelled
  - Welch Mountain                   4 participants
  - Cascade                              5 participants
- The program added 4 new candidates for the 2012-13 season; this was aside from the 2 candidates that had to drop out for personal reasons just weeks prior to the evaluation event.
- This year's Certified Evaluation marked the 31<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. The event was hosted by a joint venue between Nubs Nob and Boyne Highlands in Northern Michigan Region.
- 48 staff members, 12 candidates, and approximately 44 supporters all contributed to a great and successful event, with one of the highest attendance numbers hit ever. 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 Nubs Nob site in the area main lodge, which was made available to us after Dan's Last Run, a great event for all who knew and loved Dan Somalski.
- 49 individual program components were passed over the course of the event for a 59% over all pass rate.
- One patroller completed their Certified requirements at this event. Chris Raudabaugh of the Ohio Region is a new Certified Patroller #760.
- The 2014 Certified evaluation is currently planned to take place at Marquette Mountain in the North Central Region. The 2015 evaluation is tentatively planned for Lutsen Mountain.
- I have been requested to attend the National Certified Conference at Mammoth Mountain in California on April 29 – May 3. I currently plan to attend this event.
- 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.
- I announced my plans to step down as Supervisor of the Central Division Certified Program after eight years in that role. At the annual Certified meeting, a vote was taken of the staff, and Patrick Perlman will be brought forward as my planned replacement.

### 2013/2014 Certified Budget Request:

- Consistent with past years and in line with what is historically needed by the Certified Program, the budget request for the 2013/14 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*

In 1999, I took over the Division Supervisor's job. I have been to all the regions during that time for classes. It has been a very interesting time with some challenges. There have been many changes to the course, but not really the substance. In all we still have fine instructors and mentors. I see many of the ID instructors as components of recertification for instructors of all disciplines, that is a good thing.

**New Books**

The Supervisors have just completed the new student book and the instructor book. We are currently working on the e course. Target date next year 2014.

**On Going Management**

The E- course still has its challenges as presented now, especially when a well-meaning instructor of a discipline tries to push someone or a group through to be instructors. Both the full day class and the E-course have been putting out great instructors.

This year I have traveled to Western region. I hope to get to one more before the end of the season. I still have problems with IT's trying to send me and not their discipline Supervisor course completions for new instructors as well as an occasional instructor sending me course completion sheets. I believe the new paperwork will help to solve this problem. The other problem I encounter is classes which don't get closed because the course either didn't happen or not all participants are finished.

Students this year have numbered about 35.

I have included an article in every Rusty Parka Newspaper.

**Resignation**

Finally with the change of our Region Director, I resign as the Instructor Development Supervisor.

**Virginia Rodeman**

## Medical Advisor Steve Werner

Supervisor Position applying for: MEDICAL ADVISOR  
Name: Stephen E. Werner MD  
Address: PO Box 368, Clarkston, MI 48347  
Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: 248 332 8391 FAX: 248 332-8525  
Cell: 248 408-4313 E-Mail: steve.werner@usa.net  
Current Registration Number: 128281  
Currently Registered with: Pine Knob Ski Patrol  
I am a member of other organizations such as PSIA, NORBA, etc.: include levels and years of Service: CPR instructor for American Red Cross for over 20 years;  
Formerly member of PSIA, Alpine Level II, and AASI Level I

### List NSP Offices held (Include years)

Central Division Medical Advisor for the past 5 or 6 years.  
Eastern Michigan Region, Asst Director 2001-2003  
Pine Knob Ski Patrol Director 1992-1998

### List NSP Awards Received (Include years)

Distinguished Service Award 2009  
Meritorious Service Award 2004  
National Appointment #8006 1995  
Yellow Merit Star 1998, 2003  
Central Division Certificate of Appreciation 2003, 2005, and 2008  
Numerous Certificates of Appreciation from Region and Section  
Region Outstanding Patrol Director 1998  
Region Outstanding Instructor 2001  
Region Outstanding OEC Instructor 2008  
Region Outstanding Administrative Patroller 2009

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

I am an orthopedic hand surgeon with extensive training and experience with trauma, which is a great background for someone administering and teaching Outdoor Emergency Care.

My experience as Patrol Director of a large patrol (100+) for six years gave me enormous insight into the workings of the National Ski Patrol. During this tenure I introduced the first bylaws and procedures manual for the patrol.

I served as co Instructor of Record, with my wife, for ten years for our patrol's OEC course. I continue to serve as Instructor of Record for one OEC refresher each year.

I enjoy playing a leading role in the annual training of patrollers for the Senior SEM evaluation, as well as participating in the evaluation itself, sometimes as the Quality Assurance officer.

I have been privileged to participate in numerous National Ski Patrol training programs over the years in addition to Instructor Development and OEC instructing: Mountain Travel and Rescue, Basic and Advanced Avalanche, Patroller Enrichment Seminar, Aid Room Module, Powderfall (2002, 2003), and several toboggan and snowboard enhancement seminars.

I have also been privileged to assist at the OEC portion of most of the Certified Patroller evaluations over the past 12 years, and for several years have provided Quality Assurance feedback to the Certified staff.

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

In my tenure as the Medical Advisor, I have been consulted by Region Directors, Patrol Directors, and patroller members of the Central Division on a variety of issues pertinent to patrolling. Most recent examples are a Patrol Director in Illinois asking about getting a Medical Advisor for his patrol, and a resort in Michigan needing a prescription to obtain Oxygen for patrol use.

I communicate with the Division Awards Advisor usually 2 or 3 times each year to discuss award nominations.

Communication is almost always by e-mail.

**Would you be able to travel for this position?**

Yes.

I have traveled to all but one of the Certified evaluations in the past 12 years. I have attended most of the division Fall Meetings for the past 10 years or so.

I traveled to Denver to meet with the National Medical Committee, and the Division OEC Supervisors to plan the rollout of OEC 5<sup>th</sup>.

One year, I represented my region at the division Spring Meeting when our director could not attend.

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

Based on the variety and frequency of consultation requests, I believe that there remains a need for the position of Medical Advisor. I believe this will increase in the future, as it is my understanding that medical oversight of day to day rendering of prehospital care to injured or stricken skiers, snowboarders, guests, and employees of the various resorts will be required. Based on information we were given in Denver a couple years ago, I believe there is planning being given to initiate this medical oversight. I believe that the division Medical Advisors across the country will be an important step in this process.

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

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

**(Use additional paper if so desired)**

I suspect that each Division Medical Advisor will be called upon by the National Ski Patrol System to bring the concept of medical oversight to each patrol. This will require indentifying qualified medical people (doctors, nurses, paramedics etc.) on each patrol who may be recruited in this endeavor. This could be done thru the annual NSP registration process, and I suggested this to our leaders in Denver. Admittedly, I have not been kept in the loop, and, regrettably, there has not been any communication with or among the National Medical committee for quite some time. Therefore, I don't know where the NSP stands with this issue at this moment in time.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen E. Werner MD \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/3/2013 \_\_\_\_\_

## Mountain Travel & Rescue John Wachter

My focus has been on three regions trying to get them running strong and on their own. We have new region advisors in southern and western region. I have been working with them to help market and build up the program. A course is set in April for western region and another one is set for the last weekend in March for southern region. I anticipate having several new instructors emerge from both regions. Both regions have some very enthusiastic people working through the program. We are still looking for a person to take over the south central region. We have someone filling in on a temporary basis.

At the Central Division Awards Banquet, the MTR program gave its 6th Program Supervisor Award.

I have been trying to be as frugal as possible and will hold to the same budget as last year. I carpoled and teamed up with others to keep expenses down. So far I have been asked to make three trips this spring to three different mtr course's.

### Budget Request

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

John Wachter  
CD MTR Supervisor

## **Nordic Advisor Pete Wollan**

It has been a strange winter. "Meteorological winter" (December, January, and February) ended up with a bit more precipitation than normal, but it only came as snow in December and February, with rain in January. Lots of rain.

For the Nordic program, this meant that skiing was ok in December, and good in February, but January was awful. In particular, the Division Nordic Workshop at Minocqua, January 12-14, went from what looked to be record high participation to record low. We ended up salvaging a decent weekend, by shifting to two days of Telemark skiing at Indianhead instead of one, and writing off one day of classic and skate skiing. We ended up with 8 Telemark skiers, which was not bad, and up from previous years. Considering how many people cancelled, though, it is clear that the Workshop is increasingly popular, and given snow, it will continue to be a success.

There is a surge of interest in Nordic Patrolling in the Minneapolis area. This is facilitated by the Three Rivers Park District, in particular Elm Creek park, with its loop of artificial snow. Viking Nordic Patrol is growing, with a number of young people, some of whom are Nordic-only. They seem to be coming out of High School and College race programs, and they ski very well; at the Western Region Nordic Workshop at Elm Creek, February 16, we tested five patrollers for Senior Nordic Ski, and passed 4 of them. This is a major change from past years, when interest in the Senior Nordic program was sparse at best. All of these patrollers need to complete other components of the Senior program, but they are well on their way.

The Birkie was its usual high-energy celebration. Conditions were good, the races went well, and patroller participation was up. The Birkie serves as a unifying gathering in the Nordic program, and is in a sense the core of the Nordic program in the western half of the Central Division. The Nordic patrols in western Minnesota and in Northern U.P. Michigan are having some difficulties maintaining membership and activity, but in the rest of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois Nordic patrolling is doing quite well, and the Birkie is much of the reason.

Extending and reestablishing the Nordic program in the Eastern half of the Division has proved challenging. There are Nordic Patrollers, and they ski, but they have little contact with the national program. I plan to have a workshop in Central or South Michigan or Ohio next season, but I have not yet identified someone who is willing to take on the job of organizing it. Efforts continue.

I expect to pay for NSP-C Ski School for several patrollers next season. The exact number will depend on who intends to instruct in Division events outside their local area, and will probably end up at four people. Division support for PSIA certification is limited to encouragement at this point. I intend to pursue Level 2 Track Ski certification next spring (I am currently Level 1).

## OEC Supervisor Karen Hadden, Kathy Glynn

Program OEC Supervisor Karen Hadden, Assistant 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: 54 Basic OEC Courses. Pass percent of 89 % of those reported (333 enrolled, 298 passed). 6% improvement over last year.

0 OEC Challenge Courses

67 Refreshers

15 SEM Clinics

9 SEM Evaluations (approximately 72% success rate) 11% improvement over last year

Eastern Michigan 10 pass

Western Michigan 4 pass

Northern Michigan No report

Ohio 12 pass

Western 6 pass

South Central 5 pass

North Central 2 pass

Southern 9 pass

Number of instructors for your program: 1250 OEC Instructors. 60 new instructors.

Number of Instructor Trainers for your program: 141 OEC IT's. 12 new IT's. 4 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

Use of myNSPkit. Instructors are using the tests and PowerPoint's

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 SrOEC Module across all Regions. Calibration Clinics for the SrOEC module will assist with this.

Goals for program improvement next season:

Consistency across Division in regards to quality.

Roll out the National SrOEC manual. Will take the next 2-3 years to certify all Sr Trainer Evaluators.

More Travel to maintain visibility

Continue to mentor new ROA's

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

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.

Kathy and Karen: Certified as SrOEC Trainer/Evaluators at National OEC Supervisor Meeting in Dec

Karen: working on National OEC Outdoor First Care Manual

Karen: Chaired rewrite of Section D of the National SrOEC manual

Kathy: Serves on the National OEC Final Practical exam team

Karen: Served on the selection committee for the new National OEC Program Director

Kathy: Chair of scenario committee. Writing both Basic and Senior scenarios. Re-working the myNSPkit scenario test bank.

Budget request for next season: We request that the Budget for 2013-2014 increase by \$1000 in account #750 to support Certification Clinics for the OEC Sr Trainer/Evaluators. Account # 750.1 can remain the same.

Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT? 2012-2013 Deb Allison Southern Region

Supportive Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition

Deb's performance has been stellar the past season. She has had her share of OEC concerns. She has met each challenge professionally and tactfully resolving them appropriately with integrity. Deb continues to lead her region OEC staff with outstanding work ethics and competence.

**P101 (Introduction To Patrolling) Jeannine Mogan**

**Date:** April 2013

**Position/Program:** Introduction to Patrolling (Patroller 101)

**Please complete where applicable**

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

There are currently 26 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 continued access to the data base for a few months

**What need improvement in the program:**

- Ability for instructors to close the programs through the website.

**Goals for program improvement next season:**

- Install a new advisor for this program!

**List of events attended:**

I attended: the Division meeting in fall of 2012, Fall and Spring Region meetings, Senior Ski and toboggan and OEC events, and the Western Region Patrol Representative's meeting, Division and Region Women's clinics.

**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 2013-2014 = \$1500 for travel money

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

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

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## Public Relations Ty Damon

## Rusty Parka News Editor      Tim Zimmerman

I wish to thank our board members and CD staff for the great content submitted this season. 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.

**RPN 2012 – 2013 Details to Date** 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 have had 54 articles submitted (31 Fall 2012, 23 Winter 2013) by 31 unique authors this far with one issue yet to publish. Nice work everyone! I will state again, I believe I may have the best support of any program in the Division. Thank you very much.
3. **Email Notification Update:** During the 2012 – 2013 season, the only complaints I have received have been from members who tell me they have not been notified of RPN posting on Central Division site. I took four complaints on this topic since July 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the complaints are result of patrollers not updating their email addresses on the National web site in their member information file. Others are result of National office not updating the email notification database prior to each email blast they send on my behalf. I worked with Candace Horgan at National office to get the email database updated prior to winter notice to members and will remind her to do so prior to each notice in future.

### 2013 – 2014 Budget

Budget request for upcoming year is as follows:

\$1650.00	hard copy printing and mailing costs
\$ 200.00	meeting costs and meeting related travel
\$ 200.00	contingency (unanticipated travel, soft ware or other expenses)
Total	\$2050.00

I consider it a privilege to have served the Central Division 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. Attached to this report is my letter of resignation effective June 30, 2013. I intend to re-apply for this position and will gladly accept appointment if our incoming Division Director chooses to re-appointment me.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Zimmerman  
RPN Supervisor

## Toboggan Supervisor Tom Worley

**Date: March 22, 2013**

**Position or Program: Toboggan /Transportation Supervisor**

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

35 Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) with 619 participants. 3 December Division STW Toboggan Instructor Review programs with 129 participants.

**Number of instructors for your program:**

645 Toboggan Instructors (this number includes 131 Toboggan IT's).

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

131 Toboggan Instructor Trainers.

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

Rich McNitt from Ohio conducted 5 TES pprograms

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

Increased the number of Toboggan Instructors and Toboggan IT's. Conducted 3 Division wide Local Toboggan Trainer seminars at the # December STW's.

**What needs improvement in the program?**

TES programs at remote areas. More Region Supervisor support of Toboggan IT Recertification. Only 51 Alpine ski areas reported a Toboggan Refresher being conducted at their area..

**Goals for program improvement next season:**

Improve the number of areas conducting and reporting their annual toboggan refresher. Improve documentation of IT plans for season and documentation of what was fulfilled. Will not permit any IT to be reappointed without submission of their season plan and fulfillment documentation. Work with interested persons to replace myself in coming years.

**List of events attended:**

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 Nubs Nob/Bpyne Highlands; Instructed at SES programs at Perfect North Slopes (2), and Paoli Peaks; Instructed (2) TES at Perfect North Slopes and at Paoli Peaks;

**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 2013-14 seasons.

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

Jeff Cripps, Toboggan IT and Assistant Div. Toboggan Supervisor, East (See included write up)

**Supportive Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition**

Jeff participated as an instructor for the Local Toboggan Trainer groups in the Division STW's at Boyne Highlands as well as Cascade Mountain. His biggest contribution was the creation of his widely distributed and highly beneficial power point presentation titles "Tail Roping 101". Every STWE participant received thios presentation and was widely praised and beneficial in conveying tail rope technique.

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

## 2012-2013 Season: Central Division Toboggan Statistics

Regions	Members	Instructors	Instr. Trainers	TES Programs	Participants
Eastern Michigan	550	52	8	4	60
North Central	557	74	24	1	60
Northern Michigan	345	45	16	3	64
Ohio	823	95	23	7	128
South Central	971	89	17	2	28
Southern	883	84	15	10	156
Western	1291	149	17	3	64
Western Michigan	510	51	10	3	37
Alumni/Admin.	8	6	1	1	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5889</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>619</b>

### Jeff Cripps: Outstanding Toboggan IT, 2012-2013 Season

Jeff is one of the Toboggan Assistant Supervisors. During the summer we met and discussed the need to teach tail rope skills with a far greater emphasis. Jeff volunteered to develop a guide to help our membership better understand the technologies and techniques necessary to best handle the toboggan tail rope functions.

Jeff didn't just explain the obvious but dug to the core of the issues. He researched with Dan Moss, Division Ski School Director to incorporate PSIA philosophies and teaching practices that are consistent with current skiing/boarding skill teaching. Jeff has an engineering background so he also included some diagrams that helped us better understand some of these PSIA terms. The guide titled "Tail Roping 101" included many photos, diagrams and cartoons to help convey the message.

After developing the guide he then sent it to several other NSP-C ski school level three teachers and asked for their comments and if necessary editing. That proved to be very helpful in tempering some of the technologies and replacing with everyday terms that are more familiar to our membership.

After the reviewing and editing the document was finalized. It was so well received by several other "experienced" toboggan trainers that it was electronically sent to all December STW participants in advance of their particular STW. Needless to say it was well received and generated many positive comments from the STW participants.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS     STEVE BEIL**

**Overview of programs and activities undertaken during the 2012-2013 season:**

□ Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Program (an update):

As our third season of the 'ASE' certification program concludes, we've made further strides in expanding region senior evaluator staffs. Individuals seeking this certification have demonstrated a willingness to develop and demonstrate their ability to train/evaluate senior alpine candidates. 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 1-2, 2012

Boyne Highlands, Michigan December 8-09, 2012

Cascade Mountain, Wisconsin December 15-16, 2012

***Clinics – Recap***

We're pleased to report the skills development team had another productive December. Once again 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 Workshop, Future Toboggan Trainer Intro, Senior Candidate Toboggan/Ski-Ride Clinic, Senior Alpine Manual Review, ASE Certification Exam, Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration and lastly Credentialing Development. 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).

The on-line registration and payment system continues to work well with the expert help of Chris Raudabaugh. The use of PayPal has streamlined the process of registration funds changing hands while also making financial reporting for our programs more efficient.

**Looking forward to next season:**

The Division STW's Program's still offer our best opportunity to reach out to individual region trainers, evaluators and patrollers spread over a large geographic area. We anticipate next season will provide further opportunities to achieve 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 in the fall.

**Supervisors activities relevant to this season:**

**May-November:**

Central Division Fall Meeting, Cincinnati

Division Alpine Clinic organization/execution

**December:**

Skill Development Team Calibration – Wild Mountain, MN.

Division Alpine Clinic-Trollhaugen, WI  
 Division Alpine Clinic-Boyne Highlands, MI  
 Division Alpine Clinic-Cascade, WI

**January:**

NMR Calibration and Training Clinic-Boyne Highlands, MI (staff)  
 Southern Region STW – Chestnut Mountain, IL (staff)

**February:**

Division Certified prequalification/recertification clinic–Nubs Nob, MI (staff)  
 Eastern Michigan Region – Senior Evaluation – Boyne Mtn., MI (QA staff)  
 Northern Michigan Region – Senior Evaluation – Boyne Mtn., MI (staff)

**March**

Division Certified Event –Nubs/Boyne Highlands., MI (staff)

**Financial statement - reconciliation:**

Financial information courtesy of our Division Treasurer:

**Budget Request Central Division NSP**

Name		Don Loerch			
		Year-to- date 2013-14			
Account #	Expenses		Income		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
764	\$5,000	\$10,305.00			
460	\$0	\$0.00			
<b>162</b>	na	na	\$ 5,500	\$7,866.24	
<b>127</b>	na	na	\$ --	\$8,277.04	
<b>646</b>	na	67.31			

**Budget request for next season:**

Understanding that we have actively worked to grow our programs, both the income and expense sides of our balance sheet have increased. If our goal is to achieve a more modest growth in the future the budget should be adjusted accordingly. I'd respectfully request that the Skills Development budget be increased to \$8,000 reflect this direction.

***Respectfully submitted:***                      *D.B.Loerch*

**Senior Supervisor      Open**

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

This was the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. One clinic held at Cascade Mountain Resort in the South 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 7 women a locate patrollers that served as our liaisons, Jennifer Thompson. Linda Barthel the National Women's Program Director attended as staff and guest speaker.

**Number of instructors for your program:**

We have 7 staff members, 3 PSIA Level III, 2 PSIA Level II and in that 2 toboggan IT's.

**Number of Instructor Trainers for your program: 5****Which IT put on the most classes/events: NA****What is working well in the program:**

We continued with the 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, "What is Leadership and how Women can be and become Leader, Lead by Example." NSP "Lead by Example" was the continued theme when Linda Barthel spoke to the group.

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.

The Women's Program Logo was shared on helmet stickers.

3 separate session during the weekend of which ladies had the option of: Groomed, Moguls, Toboggan, Movement Analysis and All Mountain Tour.

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

Jennifer Thompson really stepped up and helped promote the clinic to the area management and solving logistic issue that came up with lodging and other accommodations.

**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. Ohio Region may have a future AASI Level I, that is her goal for next season. She just earned her Senior Alpine Riding. The recruitment process has been started.

**Goals for program improvement next season:**

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

Considering a survey of the women that have participated in prior clinics to determine the interest in a clinic in the UP of Michigan where the terrain is more challenging. Concerns are that it might limit the attending. Regions had held and more are planning to hold their own clinics. If the interest is to go to the UP, our goal is to have a staff member assist at the Region Clinics.

**List of events attended:**

Patroller Education Conference – April 2012

MSAA Meeting – August 2012

Division Meeting – September 2012

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Ohio Region Meeting – September 2012  
Division STW – December 2012  
Ohio Region STW – January 2013  
Ohio Region Re-Cert and Pre-Cert – January 2013  
SES – January 2012  
TES – February 2012  
Ohio Region Senior Ski/Toboggan Test 2013  
Certified Test 2013  
SEM – March 2013

Financial statement-please attach completed reconciliation form:

The Clinic was not self funded this season. We did not exceed our budget. 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 2013 - 2014 = \$3000

Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition

Jennifer Thompson our liaison from Cascade Mountain. Jennifer is an APD at Cascade, her leadership and commitment made our program a success.

Division Director Change

J.T. I am respectfully stepping down so that you may select the patroller that you wish to run the Women's Clinic. I will assist in anyway necessary to continue to promote and grow this wonder program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Hammons  
Women's Clinic Supervisor

## **Webmaster          Chris Raudabaugh**

Central Division Board: This is my official resignation from the webmaster position. While I'm happy to help with managing the website, my future position with the Central Division may inhibit me from being as responsive to website needs as in the past. I'm willing to continue helping as long as there is need.

### 2012-2013 Activities:

- Post CD open positions on website
- Create Image of Region boundaries.
- Create Somalski Memorial page and paypal link
- Create 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner ordering page
- Online STW/ASE Registration form with link to Paypal
- Online Women's Program Clinic Registration and Paypal Link
- Online Ski School sign up with automatic Roster updates after paypal payment.
- Ski School Payments updates to Joe
- Online Central Division Nomination form
- Fielded questions from CD Contact page
- Added 2011-12 Award Winners
- Updates to various program pages and Calendar
- Updates for Rusty Parka News releases
- Updated Senior Program/Score sheet 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 which will hopefully be someone who can step up and take the webmaster role.

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

Best Regards,

Chris Raudabaugh  
CD Webmaster

# Senior Alpine Evaluation Feedback Linda Murphy Jacobs

## Central Division Quality Assurance Feedback for Senior Alpine Evaluation

Visiting Division Staff Completing Form: Jacobs

Region: Central Division Compilation  
Location:

Date:4/2/13

Region Alpine Evaluation Administrator:

### Participants

Number of Examiners:  
Staff:

Number of Candidates:

Number of Support

Ratio of examiners/candidates:

- Did the event appear organized and start on time?
  - Was the division release form used?
  - Was there registration prior to the evaluation?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes,yes yes	Yes,yes,yes	Yes,yes,yes	Yes,yes,yes	Yes,yes,yes	Yes,yes,yes	Yes,yes,yes

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- Which Central Division Alpine Evaluation Scorecards were used? Individual or Group?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
G	G	G	G*	I	G	G

\*used copy of last years card because of poor scanability from web

- Were all events on the Toboggan Scorecard evaluated?
  - If not, why?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
NO*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

- \* did not test toboggan unloaded approach and load

- Were all events on the Skiing/Boarding Scorecard evaluated?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes						

- Were level I, level II, or level III PSIA certified examiners used?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes	No*	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

- \*did not meet minimum requirements as outlined in senior manual

- Were adequate pre and post demonstrations done?

- If not, why?

○	NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
pre	yes	No*	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
post	no	no	no	no	○	○	○

- \*only one obstacle avoidance demonstrated, two man was fast and not precise
- Post: it appears that no regions are running post runs

- Who did the demos?

This question needs to be rewritten : I believe we are asking for driver credentials, not names.Perhaps we want to look at how regions select drivers and develop a protocol.

- Were non-candidate drivers used in the toboggan evaluation?

- If yes, who?
- If no, why not?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes						

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- Did the candidates have ample opportunity to demonstrate their skills?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes						

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- Was the terrain adequate for the evaluation?

- What hills were used?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes						

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- Were the candidates well prepared?(A)

- Did the candidates participate in a region sponsored SES or TES? (B)

- Is there a region pre-test clinic? If yes, is this clinic mandatory?(C)

○	NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
A	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
B	Yes, most	yes	?	most	yes	yes	some
C	Yes,yes	Yes,yes	Yes,no	no	no	Yes,yes	Yes,yes

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- Did the region use the candidate skills sign-off sheet?

•	NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes

- Sign off sheets are different in manual and on link>needs to be checked

- Were the examiners calibrated?

- How are the examiners calibrated?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
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yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Region calibration	Region calibration	div.STW region calibration	Day of calibration	Region and Div. STW	Div.STW	Region calibration

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- How were the final results tallied and then presented to the candidates?
  - Was there an examiner consensus on all the scores?
  - When and how was the feedback presented to the candidates?
  - Was there adequate information provided for continued skill enhancement?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
consensus	consensus	consensus	consensus	consensus	consensus	consensus
individual	group	individual	individual	individual	individual	individual

- All candidates were given verbal and written feedback

- What was the pass/fail ratio of the candidates?

	NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
ski	3/5	6/8	57%	6/7	6/7	5/6	100%
tob	6/9	6/8	60%	7/9	10/11	4/6	80%
Snb	•	•	•	3/3	1/1	•	•
Snb tob	•	•	•	•	2/2	•	•

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- Was there recognition for candidates successfully completing the evaluation and for new seniors?

- Was the region director or other dignitary present?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
RD	RD	RD (2)	RD	RD	?	RD

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- Was the *Evaluation Feedback* form available to the candidates?

•	NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
•	yes						

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- Did the event satisfactorily meet all requirements for the senior alpine evaluation as outlined on the scorecards?

NC	EM	NM	O	S	SC	W
No*	No#	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

\*did not test unloaded approach and load

# did not adequately staff ski evaluation groups as per manual

General comments of the evaluation:

NC: Good organization, great venue, well seasoned eval teams

EM: Ran smooth, stayed on schedule  
NM: Good organization, well run.  
O: Great team work and leading by Tom T.  
S: Good demos and Scorecard Performance Objectives reviewed by each team  
SC: Well run and on time,  
W: SMOOOOOTH

What did you like about this event?

NC: Hospitality and celebration was excellent, good communication prior to event  
EM: Good organization, early start, thoughtful examiners, good calibration, good celebration  
NM: Good organization at event  
O: Good efficiency in using gauntlet style toboggan event, evaluators were very pro-candidate, good debriefing and use of form  
S: Lauren and team kept things moving and on time  
SC: Senior candidates were used as drivers  
W:

**Any recommendations to improve this event?**

NC: Use a logistics person to ensure that sleds were used effectively, keep extraneous persons at a distance from candidates, clinic with areas that are not understanding the sign off criteria, keep holding the line with sign offs. Great job.  
EM: Future toboggan evaluations include all obstacle avoidance maneuvers, Ski evaluation teams must contain current ASE or Level 2-3 PSIA, continue to develop movement analysis skills  
NM: Feed the staff and candidates something during the event, have more of a celebration at the end to congratulate the participants  
O: Consider an early season examiner calibration event, be sure both ski and snowboard groups are using the same terrain, think about dividing components (detracts from 2 day event schedule, but might work every other year).  
S: Continue to develop more PSIA level 2-3 evaluators  
SC: Run all drivers through calibration prior to event, assign all roles prior to event to eliminate wait time between events  
W: Apparently there are too many cooks in the kitchen: One spokesperson needed.:)

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