

NSP PROPOSAL FORM <i>Revised 01/97</i> Do Not Use Previous Versions		Proposal Number S14 P008
		Assigned Committee:
The proposal maker(s) submit this proposal for consideration by the NSP Board of Directors in accordance with the NSP Policies & Procedures. This proposal has been researched, is submitted in final wording with all applicable boxes completed and information provided. I (We) have contacted and discussed this proposal with the appropriate National Program Director or other staff and/or NSP Department Director prior to submitting the proposal to the national office. I (We) have indicated how I (we) believe this proposal will impact the budget, both long- and short-term. <i>I (we) understand that incomplete proposal forms will be returned to the maker(s).</i>		
Proposed by: Mike Schons	Position: Eastern Michigan Region Director	Date: April 2nd
I (we) have consulted the following people in drafting this proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> Staff comments (if any) attached <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Pgm. Director: <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Office Staff: <input type="checkbox"/> National Staff: <input type="checkbox"/> Others:		
The following references are relevant to this proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Bylaws: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Strategic Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Policies & Procedures: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Central Division Certified Program		
I (We) anticipate the following expenses, and have attached budget details and an explanation (as necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses):		
The Executive Director: <input type="checkbox"/> agrees with proposal expense estimate, OR <input type="checkbox"/> anticipates the following expenses: <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses):		
Proposal Text (attach additional pages as necessary; for bylaw, P&P, or other amendments of existing provisions, show changes with added words underlined, and deleted words with a line through them): Recommend to the Division Certified Advisor that he work with the Certified Leadership Team to: Develop a rotation among the four Regions (Northern Michigan, Western, Ohio and North Central) that currently hold the event for the riding (skiing/snowboarding) modules. The rotation would be set up so that the Region has the ability to host the event once every four years. At this event the riding modules will be offered based on acceptable snow conditions along with any of the other modules needed by the Division/Regions.		
Proposal Explanation and Justification (attach additional pages as necessary): See next page for greater detail		
Committee Revision of Proposal (if any): Proposal split into two pieces for review.		
Committee Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Drafted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Revised <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn		
Committee Chairman Explanation and Votes:		
Final Board Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Reported <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated		
Vote on Final Consideration (if vote count taken): For - 6 Against - 1 Abstain - 1		

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Full detail remains below, but actual proposal split into two portions.

There are many benefits to recommending to the Certified Advisor the development of the above proposal. By allowing the Certified Program to offer the various non-riding modules in multiple Regions, it will provide the opportunity to take the program to more patrollers within the Central Division. Patrollers must see this group in action before making the time commitment decision along with the commitment to drive 12+ hours at their cost to an event. Many recent Certified Candidates officially observed the test or "dropped by" while the test was held in Northern Michigan and Ohio Regions. A fair number of candidates are coming from Major metropolitan areas that were within five hours or less of these recent exams. When patrollers are coming to these events just to "check it out", many if not all are doing so at their own expense.

The NSPC Ski School has become the most active and productive in the nation with their efforts to TRAVEL to the people. Patrollers must be exposed to this group to be inspired to participate. It would be a very fair estimation that over 50% of the new candidates coming into local patrols have no idea what the Certified Program even means let alone what it is about. This number is also true among folks classified as Alpine Patrollers and even a large population of Senior Alpine Patrollers.

Most of the other programs, within reason of course, move around the regions to reach as many people as possible. For example, the Central Division Women's Program and the STW's. We have already seen the benefits and impact of these programs on our patrollers' skill sets and with developing new leadership.

The need to move this program around would have a positive impact on our "patrol brats". A significant number of families have had the benefit of meeting and getting to know so many Certified Patrollers. Their lives are forever enriched by this experience of spending time with these leaders. ALL of our "patrol brats" should experience this. THEY are our future patrollers and leaders. Imagine the positive impact that the Certified Program could have on the members of the NSP Young Adult Program?

By setting up a rotation that the program follows, it would allow the Regions to work together to plan for the event in advance. This would ensure that every Region has fair and equitable chance to host the event. This is the same concept that the Fall Division meeting follows. If one Region decides that they want to split the event with another Region then they could do that. If a Region decides that they don't want to host the event, then the next one in line is given the opportunity to do so. The program has enough history within the division that it does not need to keep coming back to the same area every other year.

The final reason that we should be looking at these two recommendations is that the National Ski Patrol has a very long history with the NSAA & MSAA. We as a patrol are here to serve the local ski resorts where we patrol. There are areas within the Central Division that would welcome the opportunity to host this event and witness the caliber of ski patrollers that attend the event.