



Patroller 101 Annual Report

Brian Ulrich, Division Advisor

Central Division Meeting

September 2016

Topics:

- Summary of your past year's activities
- Vision statement
- 2016-2017 Program Goals
- Opportunities



Summary of Previous Period

- For the 2014-2015 season there were a total of 41 courses registered. Of those, there are still 17 courses that have records indicating they have not been closed. Additionally, there are still courses that are outstanding from 2013 and 2014.
- Still open- Action Item #15: "Begin re-write of current national manual for Patrolling 101 which has not been updated since 1999."
- For the 2016-2017 season there are three courses currently registered/ open

Course Title	Course Number	Instructor Name	Begin Date	End Date	Patrol	Division
Introduction to Patrolling	C08216001	Leon LaVene	8/9/2016	3/17/2017	Mt Holly	CENTRAL
Introduction to Patrolling	C11216002	John D. Hamilton	8/29/2016	3/11/2017	Snow Creek	CENTRAL
Introduction to Patrolling	C16116003	Mike Hare	12/17/2016	2/26/2017	Nordic Mt	CENTRAL

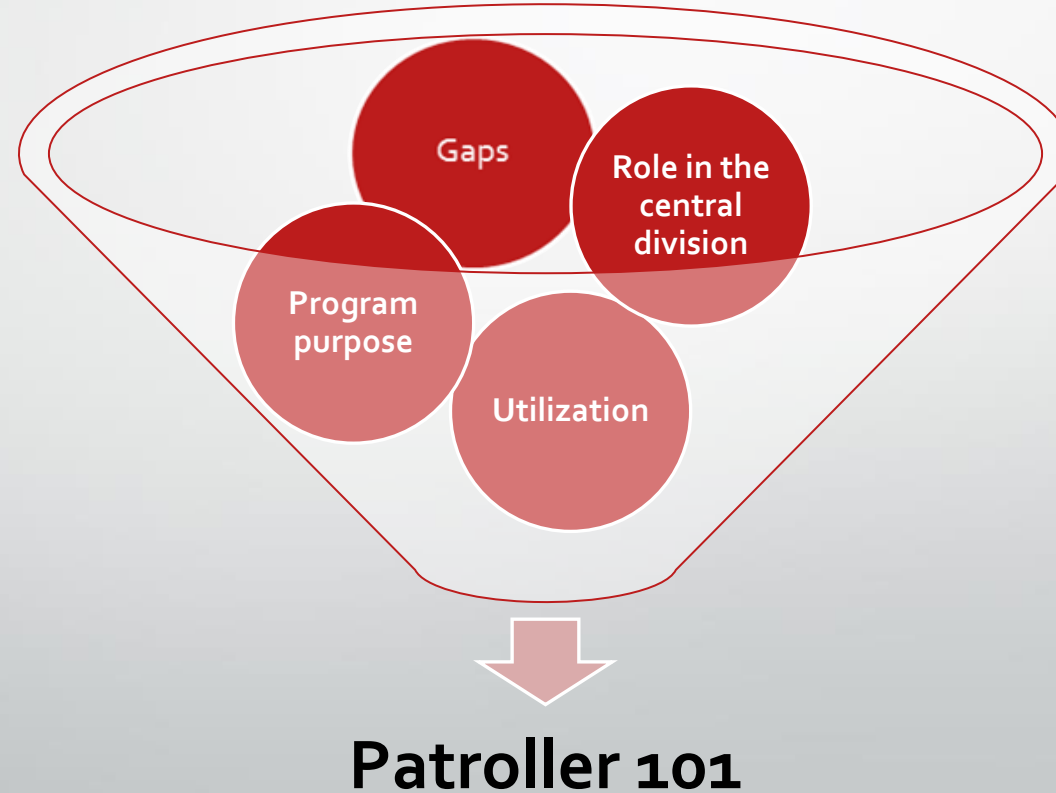
Vision

- Provide the central division with a highly utilized program based on transparency, information sharing and learned best practice.



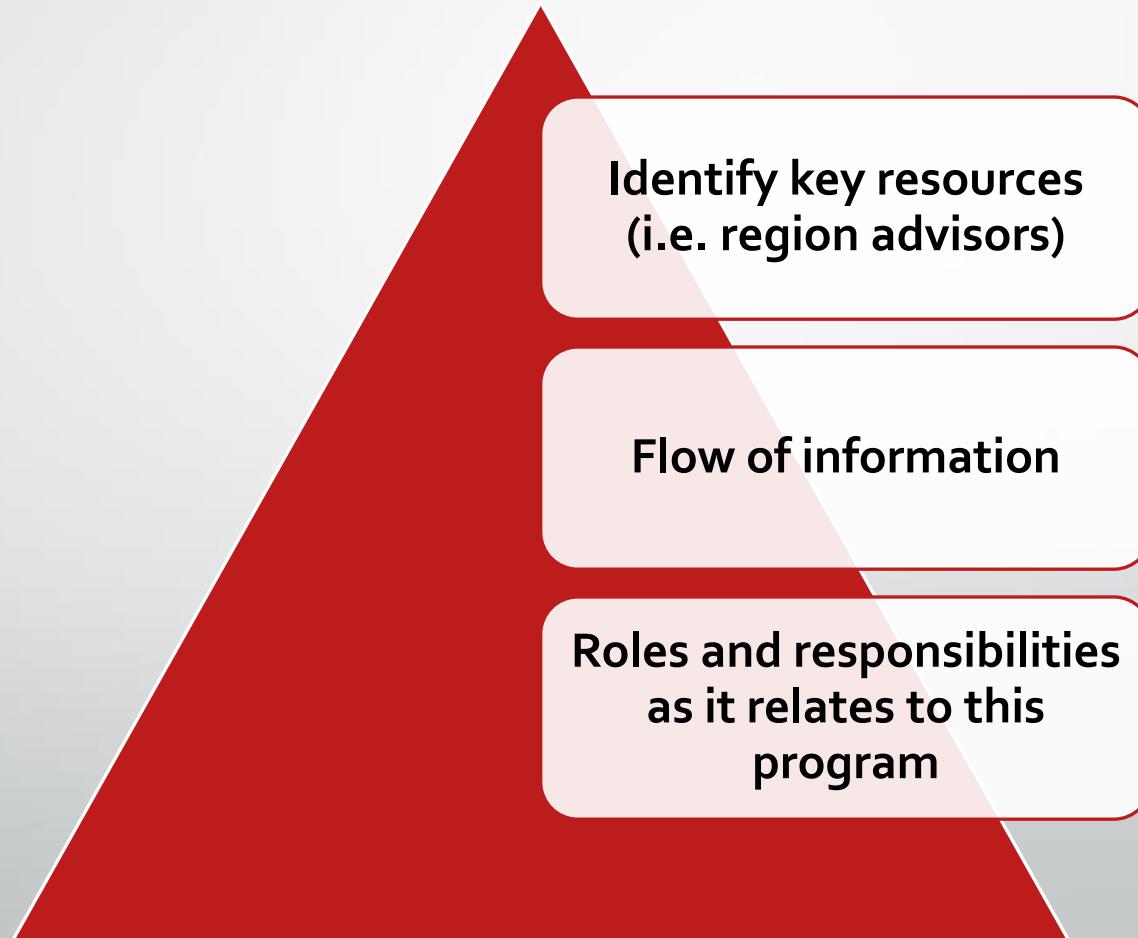
Program Goals 2016-2017

- Conduct an assessment of the program



Program Goals 2016-2017

- Develop a communication plan



Additional Opportunities

- Improve the information at NSP site
- Guidelines to for use of course from at the Patrol level
- Standardize/ Revise curriculum
- Lobby to make course development a priority at NSP
- Data collection

QUESTIONS

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Skills Development Program

CHERYL RAUDABAUGH, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SUPERVISOR

1 PROGRAM GOALS FOR 2016-2017

- Facilitate and administer two top notch Alpine Skills Development Workshops (ASDW) for our combined regions in December. Our theme is "Spread the Word" representing our plan to present key concepts drawn from the PSIA/AASI and our OET Technical Manuals to top region staff who will then spread the word through their regions to all training and evaluating staff.
- Improve Skills Development communications through development of a new website (www.centraldivision.org) to provide a forum to share ideas, progressions, as well as event materials. Communications can also be enhanced through more frequent email, keeping our regions up to date – before they have to ask for it.
- Begin planning for the Future: we need to be more proactive in all our programs about mentoring new people, and allowing them to shine more as we begin to move to advisory and support roles. We are actively searching out new division instructors to become the next "Best of the Best" for the Central Division.

2 PROGRAM NEEDS

- Budget adjustments:
 1. The initial budget of \$8,500 would have required 284 participants in order to achieve. That's more than what we had when the clinics were open to all who wished to attend. With the transition to more of an Invite process, the anticipated revenue will be closer to \$4,000.
 2. Program expense funding: To fund the basic program meeting needs and reimbursement for division instructors that are leading the groups, I anticipate expenses of approximately \$10,000. Note that this only reimburses lead group instructors for the ASDW plus three for one ASE exam. (Team supervisors are reimbursed under their separate budgets.)
- Program review: The Division clinics yearly are events intended to calibrate our trainers and evaluators at the top level in accordance with our technical manuals and relationship with PSIA/AASI. We need to evaluate and plan ways to insure that the calibration is effectively re-delivered within each of the regions to best continue development of our overall skills.
- Building for the future: Our budgets do not currently provide for funding of Assistant Supervisors or for mentoring division instructors. I recommend that at this level if we want to continue to develop a top notch set of leaders, then we provide at least partial financial support for those whom we invite to groom for the future.

Region Events

The region hosted the GS and Slalom portions of the Iowa Winter Games as well as both the Illinois and Iowa Special Olympic Winter Games. A four day Region Ski Swap was held in the fall which helps alleviate the cost of region patrollers attending educational events. Section Chief Elections were held in Sections 2 & 5. A region awards meeting was held as well as 8 region board meetings. Region Leadership Retreat with emphasis on the new OEC rollout with 40 in attendance.

Training

Training was a priority in the Southern Region this season. The Division STW was canceled due to lack of snow, but the Region STW was held in Dubuque with 50 in attendance. 2 SES/TES were held and 1 instructor development class course.

Instructor Development

1 Instructor Development classes was held in May with 20 participants.

Senior Program

A Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator course was held with 3 participants. A Senior OEC Evaluation was held with 37 participants including 8 candidates.

A Senior Alpine Proficiency Evaluation was held with 35 participants including 11 candidates.

All this hard work has resulted in 1 new Sr. Alpine Patroller and 7 who have completed one or more components.

OEC

OEC was active with 7 OEC courses were held with a total of 47 new patrollers. The patrols in the region work very well with each other allowing 6 candidates from other patrols attend evaluations outside their home hills.

Four new advisors, avalanche, MTR, Senior Patroller and Web Master and a new ARD.

My Activities

This season, I have attended the Spring and Fall BOD Central Division Meetings, the Central Division Fall Awards Banquet in Grand Rapids, the Midwest Ski Area's Association Meeting at Shush Mountain, and the Division OEC seminar in DeForset, WI. I attended 10 of 15 Region Refreshers and had Region Representatives at the 5 I could not make. I worked the Region Ski Swap, taught a portion on my patrol's OEC course, and attended both the Region Sr Alpine Proficiency Evaluation and the Sr OEC Evaluation at Sundown. I patrolled the three days of the Illinois Special Olympic Winter Games, the Lead Foot Half Marathon. At my home area, I patrolled 430 volunteer and 770 were pro hours a total of 1200 hours.

Goals

I completed 2 of my 5 goals from 2015-16. The remaining 3 are still a work in progress.

My goals for 2016-17 are:

1. Update the Region Policy and Procedures
2. Form a Senior Toboggan Accreditation Program
3. Implement a region advisor year end reporting process
4. Increase the percentage of patrollers voting in the National election

Respectfully submitted,
Don Steen
Southern Region Director

**CENTRAL DIVISION
NATIONAL SKI PATROL**

FALL REPORT — 2016

PROGRAM: Division Awards Supervisor

GOALS FOR THE 2015/2016 SEASON:

1. Assist and advise the Division Director as needed concerning awards
2. Assist Region Awards Advisors as needed and continue to provide templates and advice so that all patrols can write-up more effective presentations
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11. Work with the National Awards Committee to better clarify awards (teleconferences)

CURRENT SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Responded to inquiries from members of the Division regarding awards available and proper preparation of those awards.
2. Assisted Region Awards Advisors in assuring proper preparation of awards submitted by evaluating and advising all 2015-2016 awards submissions before they are submitted.
3. Sent Region Awards Advisors synopses of all awards each region gives out to members
4. Central Division Outstandings- All 8 regions submitted Outstandings and 9 Central Division Outstandings were submitted to National – Two National Outstandings winner and two National First Runner-up
5. Developed spreadsheet detailing all Central Division Awards winners from 2002-2016 with their names, patrol, region, and award
6. Developed spreadsheet for all region submissions for Outstandings 2002-2016
7. Assisted all attendees of awards seminar at the Grand Rapids Fall Meeting with detailed information in technique of writing various awards
8. Assisted incoming Awards Supervisor with 2016 Fall Awards Banquet
9. Total Central Division Awards 2015-2016: (186)

BMS- 7
CD Outstanding First Runner-up- 8
CD Certificate of Appreciation- 36
CD Lifetime Achievement- 2
CD Outstandings- 9
CD Critical care- 34
CD Program Award- 8
DSA- 10
Leadership Commendation Appointment- 1
MSA- 8
National Appointment- 14
Patrollers Cross- 12
PMS- 10
YMS- 14
Gold Merit Star- 2
Gold Unit Citation- 1
Silver Merit Star- 1
Silver Unit Citation- 1

2016 YAP activity: Jane Bickerstaff

- Participated in monthly phone conference with Paul Tourangeau, NSP YAP advisor and other division advisors
- Contacted each Central Division region supervisor regarding status of YAP programs
- Contacted region supervisors regarding possible appointment of region YAP advisor

Goals for 2016-17:

- Provide support to regions/patrols interested in growing the YAP programs in their areas.
- Discuss recruitment issues and possible solutions with region YAP advisors
- Provide support for possible region/division YAP events
- Maintain communication with region YAP directors regarding news for YAP programs at the National level.

Central Division – Assistant Director Report September 10, 2016

Report of Personal Travel Activities supporting the Central Division (since September Central Division meeting)

April thru September

1. September 2016
 - a. CD meeting, hosted by Western Region in Bloomington, MN
2. August 2016
 - a. Attended Southern Region Leadership Seminar – Assisted ROA by making a presentation and demo of *Empowering Instructors* – Turning the Classroom Inside Out.
3. August 2016
 - a. Attended MSAA meeting, Shanty Creek, MI
4. July 2016
 - a. Attended Division OEC Seminar and assisted as possible
5. May 2016
 - a. Attended Southern Region Annual Meeting and Banquet
6. April 2016
 - a. Attended PSIA Academy to progress towards Level 2

September thru April

7. February 2016.
 - a. Article submitted for RPN
 - b. QA for Western Region Sr OEC exam, February 2016.
8. January 2016.
 - a. Invited to be an Instructor at the Southern Region's STW, instructing Sr. Toboggan calibration clinic.
9. December 2015.
 - a. Invited to Division STW as Sr. Toboggan evaluator. Event cancelled
10. November 2015.
 - a. Discussed importance of voting in the upcoming election at Hidden Valley Ski Patrol's refresher, at the request of Region Director. Assured Voting Stations were connected and each patroller (including visiting patrollers) had time available to vote.
11. October 2015.
 - a. Attended Snow Creek Ski Patrol Refresher to discuss importance of voting in the upcoming NSP election, at the request of Region Director. Set up a Voting Station with my personal computer and Internet access.

Report of Program Activities

1. ADD Goals
 - a. Review website and submit updates as necessary
 - b. Timely report and article submissions
 - c. Monthly communication with each Advisor
2. Programs
 - a. OEC
 - i. Attend frequent routine and problem-solving conference calls
 - ii. Assisted with Seminars this summer as directed by BOD, attended WI in person
 - iii. Assisted Region ROA to disseminate information learned from CD seminars
 - b. MTR
 - i. New Advisor Michael Wallenta
 - ii. No updates to report at this time
 - c. Medical Advisor
 - i. April report:
 1. No activities
 - a. Goal
 - i. Create a group list of each Region's Medical Advisors
 - b. Initiate communication
 - ii. No progress
 - d. Introduction to Patrolling
 - i. Change of Advisor in January to Brian Ulrich
 1. Goals include
 - a. Manual update
 - b. Improved networking with Region Advisor
 - ii. PP presentation as report at BOD meeting. Continues to work
 - e. Public Relations
 - i. New Advisor Russ Livermore
 1. Unable to attend CD meeting due to health

- f. Young Adult Program
 - i. NEW PROGRAM
 - 1. At request of JT, Invited Jane Bickerstaff (Mt. Brighton Ski Patrol) to serve as first Advisor
 - ii. Initial Goals
 - 1. RPN article introducing Program and herself
 - 2. Create a job description following others (as applicable) in the CD Policies and Procedures
 - iii. Progress
 - 1. Job Description submitted for Board approval
 - 2. Jane attending meeting to discuss initiatives

Respectfully Submitted

Julie A. Stone

ADD Central, November 2014-present

Rusty Parka News

KATIE FLANAGAN

PROGRAM GOALS FOR 2016-2017

- Continue to create and edit the Rusty Parka Newsletter.
- Add the link to the actual webpage of the current RPN instead of the central division website for the newsletter.

1 PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Hard Copy Subscribers:** We currently have 196 patrollers and MSAA members receiving the RPN as a hard copy, grayscale, print version. This is same as last year at this time. The majority of the division is supplied via electronic version.
 - **Hard Copy Mailings**-Per season there is different prices for each season due to number of hard copy pages per issue differences. Amount is for printing and mailing of 200 copies.
 - Summer \$395
 - Winter \$413
 - Fall \$423
- **Participation:** We have had articles submitted (25 Fall, 21 Winter, and 18 Summer) by 29 unique authors.
 - Thank you to everyone for getting their articles to me on time and for participating. We have a wonderful newsletter thanks to all your contributions.
 - Next contributions for the 2016-2017 years
 - Fall- Articles due October 1st
 - Winter- Articles due January 15th
 - Summer- Articles due June 1st

2 NEEDS

- Program review: The newsletter is contributed to well by all staff members. I want to consider possibly removing the calendar and saving printing pages or find a way to have the calendar up to date for all regions.
- Printing: We are still using our same printing company- Sun Printing. They underwent some administration staff changes this year and we received a new liaison, but after the changes all is working out well.
- Building for the future: The program Tim Zimmerman used is not compatible with my computer. My computer is a Mac and the program is written for a PC. There is no way to convert it to work on my computer. I tried 30-day trials, but it has been a continued problem for me this year.

3 CLOSING

- I consider it a privilege to serve as RPN Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity. Taking over this year has been an honor and I appreciate everyone's help and advice that was provided to me this year to help the RPN be successful.
- As always, I welcome your comments and ideas for improvement.
 - You may contact me at any time via email at rustyparka1@gmail.com , phone- cell: 248-767-4146

MSAA/Elections 2015-2016 Ken Meldahl

MSAA

The Midwest Ski Area Association (MSAA) held their summer meetings and Trade Show at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan on August 21-24, 2016. This meeting was attended by your Division leadership team that consisted of John Thomas, Chris Raudabaugh and Julie Stone. Also in attendance was National Board member Jim Woodrum, NSP Executive Director John McMahon and the NSP Medical Advisor Dr. David Johe, MD.

MSAA continues to have programs that include a focus on topics that include Risk Management, terrain parks, snowmaking, lifts and about anything else that is involved in ski area management. Michael Berry, NSAA President shared his insight of the future of the ski industry and Senator Chip Perfect, President of Perfect North Slopes shared his thoughts on revealing your optimum potential while staying true to yourself. Both of these sessions were excellent. JT, Jim Woodrum, John McMahon and Dr. Johe met with the area owners and GMs explaining what both the NSP and Central Division are doing with the OEC program to make it more acceptable to our customers.

I continue to encourage patrol leadership to work with their area management team to invite them to participate in these meetings. It is well worth the time.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The next MSAA meetings will be held at Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, Wisconsin on August 20-23, 2017.

ELECTIONS

The 2015-16 elections in Central Division consisted of Division Director and Region Director in Eastern Michigan and South Central regions. Each race this year was uncontested so following the Division P&P and Bylaws, in the event that there is only one validated candidate, that candidate shall be declared the winner by the DEC after confirmation by the Election Review Committee and ballots are not to be sent out. I am pleased to announce that John Thomas will continue being our Division Director for his second term. Also, Mike Schons and Ron Plumer will continue being the Region Director to their respective regions. Congratulations to all of you.

Next year, Region Director elections will be held in Ohio, Western Michigan and Western Regions. I will be contacting all current RD's with a list of those patrols who get extra votes determined by the size of the patrols and will expect to hear from them in a timely manner the names of these patrollers. Section Chief elections will be held for Sections 3 and 6. These elections are managed by the individual regions.

Submitted by,

Ken Meldahl

Webmaster Kent Anderson

2015-2016 Activities to Date:

- Designed and implemented changes requested by Program Supervisors for the following pages:
 1. Avalanche – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 2. MTR – Updated Program Page with additional information, Added Supervisors Contact Information
 3. OEC – Added Documents and material to Program page, Added Supervisors Contact Information
 4. Certified – Created Program Page and moved information from outside web site into NSPCentral.org domain, Added Supervisors Contact Information
 5. Nordic – Created Program Page and Document Library, Added Supervisors Contact Information
 6. Skills Development – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 7. Patroller 101 – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 8. NSP-C Snow Sports School – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 9. Awards – Update awards section for 2014-2015 winners, Added Supervisors Contact Information
 10. Senior – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 11. ASE – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 12. Instructor Development – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 13. Toboggan – Added Supervisors Contact Information
 14. Women Clinic– Updated Clinic information and registration process for 2015-2016, Added Supervisors Contact Information
- Implemented updates and provided support for Rusty Parka and Election Programs.
- Provided support and updated to the Staff Rosters and Calendars for the Division Events Calendar for calendar year 2015-2016 Ski Season.
- Provided ongoing support for the 2015-2016 Ski Season and the Division Web Site.
- Added 2016 Fall Division Meeting information that was provided by Western Region.
- Implemented application for National Ski Patrol Subaru Tracking program.

2016 – 2017 Plans:

- Continue the development online Web Change Request process so as to keep better track of requested changes.
- To complete the online Division Wide email function, have to determine how the database is refreshed from the national new web site or provide a method for the division membership to update the division database with their profile information.

- Provide additional online tools for Program Managers to manage their program pages as requested by each manager.
- Develop a standard registration template that all regions will use for events and meetings
- Develop method for each region calendar to be integrated into the division calendar. This will require each region to provide a person to work with during the year in order to assist in this task.

Budget Request: \$1500.00

\$1000 meeting expenses.

\$500.00 for annual web hosting fees.

Central Division Women's Program – Kirsten Hammarberg

From the Central Division Women's Program:

The 2017 Women's Clinic will be held in the Southern Region January 27-29th! The location is not yet confirmed, but we are hoping to hold it at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort. The Division Women's staff is stepping up to do great things this season! Our general theme for the Women's Clinic will be focused on Leadership Development. We have plans for clinics in ski proficiency, toboggan handling, and have added snowboarding to our mix with a Level 2 snowboard instructor! We welcome a couple of new staff members - Judy Hill and Cheryl Raudabaugh, to our already stellar staff members. We are very excited to refocus our staff efforts and provide the greatest opportunity for women patrollers in the Division!

CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL SKI PATROL

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10. Continue to work with Division Webmaster to post awards information
11. Work with the National Awards Committee to better clarify awards if requested (teleconferences)
12. Investigate how each Region in the Division handle Awards review and judging.
13. Send copies and make available to Region Awards Advisors the Guideline documents created by Western Region.

CURRENT SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS
(These Are Gregg's Accomplishments)

FUTURE GOALS (Continue the work and procedures Gregg has established)

1. Continue to assist and advise the Division Director as needed concerning awards.
2. Assist Region Awards Advisors, Patrol Reps and individual patrollers as needed
3. Attend Division and National meetings as needed
4. Respond to inquiries from any and all patrollers in the Central Division
5. Continued close communication and cooperation with the National Awards Coordinator and National Awards Committee.
6. 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.
8. Prepare awards as needed for fall Division Awards Banquet
9. Continually develop ways to recognize and honor more of our Central Division Patrollers
10. Work to simplify and clarify the National Policies and Procedures Chapter 10

Central Division Nordic Program Annual Report

Overview: The Nordic Program is generally healthy, but its health varies quite a bit by location. Minneapolis continues to be a center of activity. Michigan Nordics, both Western and Eastern, are active and in contact with the rest of the Division. However, remote patrols, such as those in Detroit Lakes or Michigan's UP, are suffering from a shortage of members and too few new recruits. Nordics in Ohio continue to do their own thing.

2015-16 Season:

NSES: Ski Enhancement Seminars were held at Minocqua WI; Minneapolis MN; and in Western MI. This is more seminars than in the past, and the Western Michigan program represents an ongoing increase in activity for that area. Attendance was a bit lower than it should be.

National Nordic Junior Finals: CD patrollers provided support to the medical staff for the National Junior competition held in Cable, WI in March.

Birkie: The Birkie committee handled the transition from Howard Holz's era quite well. We invited the National Nordic Director, Rick Shandler, to attend; he participated enthusiastically, and earned the coveted "New Guy" rock.

Ongoing teleconferences with other Division Nordic Supervisors, focusing on the Nordic Senior program.

Plans for 2016-17 Season:

Clarify National Nordic policies and procedures regarding Instructors and ITs, clean up records, and appoint new Instructors and ITs as needed. Some Nordic patrols still don't have an officially appointed Nordic Instructor, and there are not enough ITs to have one readily available for some isolated patrols.

Publicize the new Trail Refresher guidelines, along with course registration and course completion procedures. This will be done both through direct contact with Nordic Patrols, and through posting on the CD website.

Publicize requirements for Basic and Senior Nordic, both through direct contact with Nordic Patrols, and through posting on the CD website.

Birkie: This year the Birkie will go to a 2-day race format, which is a major change. A committee has been hard at work figuring out how to deal with this, and making arrangements for the new system. We will need to have either more patrollers, or have patrollers stay for a longer time.

Minocqua Workshop: The Central Division Nordic Workshop will be January 7-8 at Minocqua, and January 9 at Indianhead for telemark. We'll be staying at a different cabin, but otherwise the format will be the same as before. This year we'll advertise more to increase participation, and we'll try very hard to arrange registration and payment through the Division PayPal system.

MTR classes: The MTR program is separate, but vital to the Nordic program. We will coordinate with the MTR Supervisor to support offering both MTR 1 classes, to help recruit new Nordics, and MTR 2 classes, to feed into the Nordic Senior program.

Avalanche classes: Avalanche Level 1 is required for Nordic Senior, so we need to have classes available. We will coordinate with the Avalanche Supervisor to try to make sure that prospective Seniors will not be impeded by a shortage of classes.

I will continue my activities in PSIA, and also my participation in Adaptive Cross-Country through the Courage-Kenney program.

2016-2017 Senior Program Objectives

- **Focus on senior alpine examiner recalibrations at ASDWs**
 - Catch up from missed 2015 division events
 - Increase emphasis on snowboard and tele
 - Conduct additional senior ski/ride examiner recalibrations, if necessary
- **Conduct one or two ASE exams**
 - Convenient location and time based on region needs
- **Assist regions in putting on excellent senior alpine tests**
 - Facilitate sharing of best practices, QA tests
- **Central Division Senior Program Manual 6th Edition (Proposal 1)**
 - Administrative and quality updates
- **Revise senior alpine examiner recalibration requirements (Proposal 2)**
 - Continuous improvement changes to improve senior program efficiency, quality, and consistency

2016 Fall Central Division Meeting

Bloomington, MN

September 9 – 11, 2016

PR Advisor Report

2016/2017 Programs



2016/2017 Programs

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- How to apply: www.nspcentral.org

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2016/2017 Programs

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2016/2017 Programs

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2016/2017 Programs

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Budget

- I would like \$750 for 2016/2017 season

2016 Fall Central Division Meeting

Bloomington, MN
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Thank you.



National Ski Patrol Central Division

P.R. Advisor Report

2015/2016 Season Report

I was brought onto the Division staff mid-season in 2016. There were no actions requested to close out the year.

2016/2017 Plan

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Russ Livermore
P.R. Advisor

MEDICAL ADVISOR REPORT
NSP CENTRAL DIVISION FALL MEETING
September 10, 2016

In the interim since the Spring Central Division meeting, I have participated in the following activities:

I have reviewed six nominations for Purple Merit Stars, and some Blue Merit Star nominations. These reviews included a letter certifying or rejecting the medical appropriateness of the nominations, prepared for Dr. Gregg Reese or Martin Fahje, the Division Award Advisors, and forwarded to the National Awards people.

Over the summer, I have been very active in the OEC program at my home area, teaching six classes, and assisting at several others.

I was re-elected to the patrol governing board at Pine Knob Ski Patrol.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Werner MD

NSP, Central Division Medical Advisor

**National Ski Patrol
Central Division Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Treasurer Report
Grand Rapids, MI
September 9-11, 2016
Marty Jarvi**

Financial Assets as of August 31, 2016:

Cash and Bank Accounts	Amount
Checking	\$99,039.11
PayPal Balance 4/8/2015	\$24.15
Total Bank Accounts	\$99,063.26
Investment at Leshnak Securities as of August 31, 2016*	\$83,879.86
Total Assets	\$182,843.12

* See Investment report included in Financials Section

Summary of accomplishment year to date

- Started move to new bank account to reduce expense and accrue interest
- Setup ACH transfers for region support to expedite the process
- Modified financial reporting process to validate year end balances

Objectives for remainder of 2016

- With the help of our Region Treasurers File 2015-16 Central Division NSP IRS 990 Report on time (November 15, 2016)
- Continue to remit expenses as soon as they are approved
- Formulate income and expense process for Division funded programs
- Finish move to new bank account
- Eliminate ACH process if not needed for registration

Central Division OET goals for 2016

Alpine Skills Development workshops

- Dec 9th -11th Boyne Highlands MI
- Dec 16th – 18th Cascade Mountain WI
- Other workshops for recertification as needed

The goals for these sessions are:

- Recertify Senior Toboggan Evaluators
- Recertify Instructor Trainers

With the cancellation of last years sessions we will need to accommodate a large number of Toboggan Instructor Trainers and Senior Evaluators for their recalibration/recertification. Therefore we are proposing two extra recertification sessions one on each side of the lake.

At all of these workshops the Division Training staff will recalibrate and certify that the participants are teaching the curriculum as found in the Outdoor Emergency Transportation/Principles of Toboggan Handling Guide.

The Division staff will put the senior evaluators through demonstrations of the tasks to certify that these evaluators can successfully demonstrate at the senior level, and recognize performance at the senior level in order to provide a consistent Senior Test across the division.

We will instruct the region Toboggan Supervisors to provide TTW(s) for the rest of their toboggan training staff to calibrate and certify those needing their recertification.

We will ask them to provide a TES in each of the ski areas for which they are in charge, to train the local alpine patrollers.

Our message is to teach in harmony with the Guide using the six-pack method. Be cognizant of the three types of learners, Verbal, Visual, and Kinesthetic. Seek help in understanding principles that are not clear.

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