



Table of Contents

DIVISION DIRECTOR	JOHN (JT) THOMAS	2
ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR	CHRIS RAUDABAUGH	3
ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR	JULIE STONE	4
ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR	TOM ANDERSON	5
EASTERN MICHIGAN	MIKE SCHONS	6
NORTH CENTRAL	LES ROBINSON	8
NORTHERN MICHIGAN	DICK JACQUES	9
OHIO	GUY DAY	11
SOUTH CENTRAL	RON PLUMER	12
SOUTHERN	DON STEEN	13
WESTERN MICHIGAN	CHIP KNAPPEN	15
WESTERN	JIM RUZICKA	16
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	CHERYL RAUDABAUGH	17
ALUMNI	OPEN	18
AVALANCHE	DAN HAMILTON	19
AWARDS	GREGG REESE	20
CERTIFIED	PATRICK PERLMAN	22
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	VIRGINIA RODEMAN	24
LEGAL/RISK MGMT	KEVIN MCQUILLAN	25
MEDICAL ADVISOR	STEVE WERNER	26
MSAA/MTG/ELECTIONS	KEN MELDAHL	28
MTR	JOHN WACHTER	29
NORDIC	PETER WOLLAN	30
OEC PROGRAM	SUE HAYES	31
OET	DAVE BRAMEL	33
PATROLLER 101	VICKI ZIERDEN	34
PSIA LIAISON	DAN MOSS	35
PUBLIC RELATIONS	RUSS LIVERMORE	36
REGISTRATION	DEAN BRANDT	37
RUSTY PARKA NEWS	KATIE FLANAGAN	38
SAFETY TEAM	MIKE HUSAR	39
SENIOR	DAREN LUKES	40
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	BRITT GUSTAFSON	41
SNOW SPORTS SCHOOL	HAROLD PARK / MARTY BLASZKOWSKI	42
SOCIAL MEDIA	DARCY HANLEY	46
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PAUL BOTNEN	48
TREASURER	MARTY JARVI	49
WEBMASTER	KENT ANDERSON	50
WOMEN'S SEMINAR	SANDI HAMMONS/KERSTIN HAMMARBERG	51
YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM	JANE BICKERSTAFF	51

Division Director John (JT) Thomas

The 2015-2016 Season was kicked off with the Central Division Fall meeting held by the Western Michigan Region in Grand Rapids MI. Chris Stoddard from MSAA attend the meeting and gave us an update on the industry and the view points of the owners of the Midwest region.

OEC refreshers were kicked off, we added a number of patrols that signed up for the online version of the refresher. The feedback I received from the patrols doing the online version was all positive. The requests that I received was to have the online refresher stay active until later in the year so that it can be used for make-up refreshers. I would suggest if it's being used for a make-up refresher, that we charge the full amount plus an additional charge for these people.

The Central Division Administrative staff also pushed very hard to get members to vote in the National Board elections. We will look at the results of the Central Division and continue to work to get more members to vote in the National Board elections. The administrative staff will continue to look for qualified board members to put on the ballot.

The division STWs were canceled because of the warm weather which didn't allow for snow making until later in December. This has caused a few challenges with the administration of the ASE program. The Division Board will need to look for solutions to the challenges.

This year's weather has challenged the ski areas in the Midwest. The warm November and December made the holiday season tough. The good part was January and February weather help kept the season not a total bust.

We have plenty of challenges this up-coming season. The new IT system that is rolling out from National will change the registration process. The ASE program needs some modification with the training at the Region level.

Assistant Division Director Chris Raudabaugh

March 27th, 2016
Central Division Assistant Division Director Report

As we all know, it was an unusual season. For myself, my home area suffered a fire that engulfed the main lodge and our patrol room. The mild season created late starts for most ski areas. To top it off, a mid-season injury took me out of the game for about 3 weeks.

2015-2016 Activities:

- Northern Michigan Region Spring Meeting and Banquet
- Ohio Region Spring Meeting and Banquet
- Ohio Region Fall Meeting
- MSAA Summer Conference
- CD Fall Meeting
- Perfect North OEC Refresher
- Certified Prequalification and Recert
- Ohio Region STW – Perfect North
- Ohio Region Senior Ski/Toboggan Clinic
- Ohio Region Senior Ski and Toboggan
- Certified Exam – Nubs Nob/Boyne Highlands

Budget Request:

\$3500 – Same as last year. Did not have the opportunity to travel as much as I could have last season so the actual is low.

Best Regards,

Chris Raudabaugh
Assistant Division Director

**Central Division – Assistant Director Report
April 9, 2016**

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. December 2015.
 - a. Invited to Division STW as Sr. Toboggan evaluator. Event cancelled
4. January 2016.
 - a. Invited to be an Instructor at the Southern Region's STW, instructing Sr. Toboggan calibration clinic.
5. February 2016.
 - a. Article submitted for RPN
 - b. QA for Western Region Sr OEC exam, February 2016.

Report of Program Activities

1. ADD Goals
 - a. Review website and submit updates as necessary
 - b. Earlier report submitting to Cheryl
 - c. Monthly communication with each Advisor
2. Programs
 - a. OEC
 - i. Attend frequent routine and problem-solving conference calls
 - b. MTR
 - i. Communication with Advisor includes
 1. Instructor renewals
 2. Goals
 - a. Create a group list of each Region's MTR Advisors
 - i. Improve communication
 - b. Consider integrating events with Avalanche and Nordic programs
 - c. Plan for possible MTR Advisor meeting in September
 - d. Consider mentoring for a future Advisor replacement
- c. Medical Advisor
 - i. No activities
 - ii. Goal
 1. Create a group list of each Region's Medical Advisors
 - a. Initiate communication
- d. Introduction to Patrolling
 - i. Change of Advisor in January
 1. Goals include
 - a. Manual update
 - b. Improved networking with Region Advisor
- e. Public Relations
 - i. New Advisor
- f. Young Adult Program
 - i. NEW PROGRAM
 1. At request of JT, Invited Jane Bickersmith (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

Division Director JT has requested resignations as he finishes his first term and enters his second. I therefore submit my resignation and request reappointment as Assistant Division Director.

**Respectfully Submitted
Julie A. Stone
ADD Central, November 2014-present**

2015 -16 Yearend Report

Planning for the 2015-16 season started in early summer with the skills development team. As presented at the previous spring meeting our goal was to design the upcoming STW's in a manner that would attract the best trainers, the right messengers to carry back to their respective regions the specific topics as well as focused skills and drills. Well as you know the two schedules dates for our events came and went. Although disappointed that we could not roll out the refocused formats we did communicate to our region advisors that all is not lost and that to continue on training with a focus on getting back to the basics. This would have been what an attendee to the division STW's would have experienced. The good news in all of this is that the format and focus is packaged and ready for delivery to next season's events.

Other off hill discussions were and are still being held in regards to the ASE program. Both in future adjustments in the program as well as recruitment of new evaluators and QA personnel.

For the coming season we will be looking to 'retool' and shift some responsibilities among the Skills Team as we have lost some people due to changes in their off hill careers and other family obligations.

Job Description

The job description for ADD is, in my opinion, up to date and need not be adjusted.

Budget

The previous years budget for ADD is sufficient and would not recommend adjustments

At the pleasure of the Division Director I look forward to continuing as Assistant Division Director

Respectfully submitted

Tom

My goals beginning the 2015-2016 season were to improve our region's website adding electronic registration and waiver. Visit all the patrols within the Eastern Michigan Region. To date, we have a new and much more dynamic website. I have personally written six newsletters which were emailed to the EMR membership and put on the website. I also visited with 7 of the eight patrols, however, met personally with all 8 PD's.

The Eastern Michigan Region had a very good 2015-2016 season. We ran four TES and SES at four of six areas. We had 35 members register for the Senior Program. We had 13 new Senior Alpine Patrollers and 2 new Senior Patrollers.

April – 2015

Attended CD Spring Meeting

May – 2015

Attended EMR Spring Meeting

Attended Alpine Valley Awards Banquet

Attend EMR Awards Banquet

August – 2015

Chaired Patrol Directors Meeting at Pine Knob

Prepared CD Awards presentation slideshow

Completed the on-line Cycle "C" Instructors

September – 2015

Grand Rapids – Division Fall Meeting

October – 2015

Attended CD conf.call

Chaired EMR Fall Meeting

Attended and participated in Pine Knob CPR, Chair Evacuation and OEC refresher

Supported and participated in Pine Knob Fundraiser (Ski Swap)

Attended and participated in Mt. Holly OEC refresher

January – 2016

Participated in Region TES / SES at Mt. Brighton and met with local PD

Participated in Region TES / SES at Mt. Holly and met with local PD

Participated in Region TES / SES at Apple Mtn. and met with local PD

Participated in Region TES at Pine Knob and met with local PD

Instructed OEC Enhancement at Pine Knob

Met with Blizzard Ski Club and Patrol Rep.

Attended and observed EMR Senior pre-evaluation clinic at Pine Knob

February – 2016

Attended and observed EMR Section I Basic Evaluation at Alpine Valley

Supported Detroit's Winter Blast as Emergency medical volunteer
Attended and observed EMR Senior pre-evaluation clinic at Pine Knob
Attended and observed EMR Senior On-hill Evaluation at Boyne Mtn. Cross utilization of evaluators from NMR

February/March – 2016

Attended Certified Event at Nub's Nob, MI.

Attended NMR Section 1 Basic Evaluation at Boyne Mtn.

Region held two Alumni ski and lunch event at Mt Holly and Alpine Valley

Attended and participated in the Region Senior OEC at Pine Knob

IOR for Senior Aid Room Module

Attended and participated in TES (Low Angle Rescue) at Alpine Valley

Chaired EMR Awards meeting

Les Robinson
NC Region Director
H 715 325 3025 C 715 213 2918

This has been a great albeit different year in the North Central Region, we had several area's open nearly on time in November however limited in runs and acreage, most area's opened late around Christmas. We had to cancel several TES's and SES's and only were able to hold one STW in the region. We were able to hold several TES, SES, and senior clinic again. We ran our senior OEC module clinic again.

We ran our senior S&T evaluation and had some issues because of rain making very soft and not so well groomed snow but overall had a great day with one of the largest groups in recent times, we had 14 candidates in the ski group and 13 in the toboggan group. We had success rate of 79% and 62%. We then had our senior OEC module were we had 11 candidates with 7 passes for 63%. We have 2 new senior alpine patrollers and 4 more that need a couple more electives. We have added numerous patrollers that completed OEC and Patroller 101, some are still working towards their goal. Most all of our areas are closed, we still have 5 areas open as of March 28, 2016

What I accomplished this year

- Did IT QA for OEC refresher at Pine Mountain, attended instructor OEC ref, instructed at OEC refresher, and instructed several OEC classes for Granite Peak.
- Was the IT QA at another OEC evaluation.
- Instructed several of the ski portions of Granite Peak basic class.
- Instructed toboggan at our STW for the region.
- Instructed at our local on the hill refresher.
- Instructed a TES for some of our senior candidates and others at BPM.
- Evaluated at a S&T evaluation basic,
- Attended the Certified evaluation.
- Attended the senior S&T evaluation and evaluated as Lead Toboggan.
- Attended the senior OEC evaluation and did the calibration.
- Visited 9 of my 22 region area's
- Still managed to put in almost 200 hrs at my home area!

The plans for our spring awards banquet and business meeting are coming together nicely. We are holding it April 22-24th at The Waters of Minocqua.

After a slow start with most pre-Christmas events being canceled for lack of snow, Northern Michigan Region kicked into high gear. First up was a very successful weekend of on-hill clinics for Instructors and candidates. Over 20 instructors updated and calibrated their skills on Saturday then applied those skills while teaching Alpine and Senior Alpine Candidates on Sunday. The on-hill team gathered again in January to work with 30 patrollers from Eastern Michigan and Northern Michigan Regions in full day Snow Sports and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars. These two events, combined with local patrol training, prepared 14 candidates to complete Alpine Patroller Evaluations and 8 to complete Senior Ski and/or Toboggan Evaluations.

The OEC Team conducted a Senior Candidate Clinic for 10 patrollers at Nub's Nob in early February. Candidates participated in eight practice scenarios including dealing with drunks, a pregnant skier, a stroke patient with a developmentally challenged adult child, a father who collapses while snow shoeing with his infant child in a chest pack and two with teenagers. All candidates did well, discovering strengths to build on and weaknesses to build up.

Seven of the 10 were sent to the final evaluation at Schuss March 6th. Five candidates successfully completed the evaluation. Congratulations to Marcy Harris of Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol who completed her last requirement and is Northern Michigan's newest Senior Alpine Patroller.

Unfortunately we only had about half the number of volunteers needed to adequately staff an evaluation of this size. As a result evaluators and station staff were on the hill for nearly seven hours and some candidates had to wait over three hours to learn results. Next year we will try to get more Instructors and patrollers involved to address both these issues.

Despite the late start and what looks like an early demise, the 2016 Ski Year was very successful in Northern Michigan. Our On-hill Proficiency Team is at full staff and has addressed the issues we faced three years ago. They have returned the FUN to on-hill training and made the evaluations very "user friendly".

The OEC Team is implementing the new OEC Module of the Senior Program. This program requires candidates to successfully complete four "on the snow" scenarios, analyze written scenarios, create an original scenario and review all OEC 5th Edition skills before taking the final Evaluation. The final evaluation must also be conducted "on the snow" and in a location appropriate for the scenario. Fitting all this in around the on-hill events and managements restrictions on hill use makes for many interesting challenges with little added value.

Spring Meeting and Awards Dinner

This year's Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet is moving. Since the first weekend in May is Mother's Day Weekend, the Spring Meeting and Banquet will be held on April 30th at Nub's Nob. Several classes and events are planned for the day followed by a "cook out dinner" and 2016 awards presentation.

Thank you!

- Thank you to all the trainers that prepared candidates at Patroller, Alpine Patroller, Senior Patroller and Alpine Senior Patroller levels this year.
- Thank you to the Patrol Administrators that honestly evaluated candidate's preparedness and did not send candidates that were not ready to evaluations.
- Thank you to all the Instructors that attended calibrations clinics and taught Region sponsored
- Thank you to the Instructors that taught at Region sponsored snow sports and toboggan clinics, SES and TES events.
- Thank you to the evaluators that confirmed the ski and toboggan skills of basic and senior candidates,
- Thank you to the staff that planned and conducted the Region's on-hill events.
- Thank you to the OEC instructors who conducted and assisted with the three NMR OEC classes in the "off-season" last year.
- Thank you to the OEC Instructors that conducted the required "On-the-snow" OEC MSP Clinic.
- Thank you to the patrol OEC Instructors that finished preparing candidates for the OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC MSP).
- THANK YOU to the 29 EOC Instructors, OEC Evaluators, Patrollers and Family Members that assisted with the OEC MSP Evaluation.

- And finally, thank you to all the patrollers that stayed on-the-hill covering our resorts so all the trainers and candidates could participate in all the Region Training and Evaluation Events.

Dick Jacques
Northern Michigan Region Director

Ohio Guy Day

Ohio had a tough year which was also felt by the other regions with in the Division. We were successful in getting all of our OEC refreshers done with the last one being completed in early November. Due to the lack of snow and more importantly cold temperatures, we had to cancel all of the STW/OETW events planned within the Region. On average, the areas within the Region were open 62 days. We were successful in getting SES/TES offered and completed for those areas that requested them. We were successful in holding the Senior OEC event in late January and the Alpine portion in late February.

The Certified Program needed to cancel the scheduled recert in January but was able to hold another event later in the season. Due to some changes at PNS with terrain, the Region forgo it's turn in the rotation and welcomes when our turn comes back around. We have added a YAP Advisor to our organizational chart. Les Fischer from MRM will be taking on this role for us. We have several folks that are retiring from the Region Staff.

The construction at Mad River will continue over the summer with the plan being to have the new facility open next season. We will be having our Spring Meeting and awards banquet near Perfect North Slopes on April 23rd. We hope to have a PR's retreat in August and will be posting that information to the website.

Guy Day

2015 – 16 END OF SEASON REPORT – Submitted by Ron Plumer, Region Director

During the 2015 – 16 season, the region completed the following:

- Scheduled and held 4 meetings of the Board of Governors
- Attended the Fall Central Division Meeting , Grand Rapids, MI.
- Conducted a Fall Patrol Representative/Director Meeting.
- Maintained & updated the region website including, but not limited to:
 - o Current contact information and photos of all region staff
 - o South Central Region Calendar, updated monthly
 - o Copies of the Region SWEEP Newsletter
 - o Board of Governor's Minutes/Policies & Procedures/Bylaws
- Prepared an operating budget with participation from region staff and advisors
- Published & mailed 4 issues of the South Central Region **SWEEP** Newsletter to active & alumni members.
- The Region Director visited 6 ski areas within the region
- 3 Region staff members attended the Division Risk Management Seminar at Granit Peak Ski Area.
- Recruited an Introduction to Patrolling (Patroller 101) Advisor to coordinate local patrol training programs use of this program.
- Conducted 3 Instructor Development Courses.
- Conducted 3 CEIC Courses.
- Conducted 2 Region-wide patrol level Awards Preparation Seminars
- Conducted 2 Region Awards Committee meetings.
- Conducted a Ski & Toboggan Trainer's Workshop at Nordic Mountain Ski Area.
- Conducted & staffed an SES Course for 16 patrollers at the Devil's Head Resort & Convention Center
- Conducted and staffed a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar at the Tyrol Basin Ski Area.
- Conducted 1 Senior OEC Candidate Training Clinic for 9 candidates
- Conducted 1 Senior OEC Evaluation for 7 candidates with 3 passing and 1 promoted to Senior.
- Conducted 1 Senior On-Hill Training Clinic at Tyrol Basin Ski Area for 7 candidates.
- Conducted 1 Senior On-Hill Evaluation at Tyrol Basin Ski Area for 7 candidates.
- Conducted the South Central Region Women's Seminar at Little Switzerland Ski Area with 26 patrollers attending.
- Conducted a level 1 Avalanche Module course (at Little Switzerland Ski Area)
- Attended the Spring Central Division Meeting in Naperville, IL.
- Region senior leadership staff attended 11 patrol refreshers, 5 basic patrol hill evaluations, 4 OEC Candidate evaluations, and visited a total of 12 patrols during the season.
- Conducted the annual Region Awards Banquet.

The Patrols in our 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 1 & 4. A region awards meeting was held as well as 8 region board meetings.

Training

Training was a priority in the Southern Region this season. On the proficiency side, 42 attended the our region STW, 6 SES/TES were held, 1 Mountain Travel and Rescue courses were held across the region. An Aid Room Module took place in May. One Avalanche course and a Patrol Rep retreat was held with a National Board Rep, Division ADD, Division Legal/Risk Management Advisor all participated with Leadership Training program.

Instructor Development

3 Instructor Development classes were held with one to be held in May. These courses have resulted in 15 patrollers who are in the mentoring process and 11 new instructors being signed off as full instructor in their disciplines.

Senior Program

A Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator course was held and another one is scheduled for this summer. 4 Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluators helped evaluate at a Sr evaluation held in another region. A Senior OEC Evaluation was held with 37 participants including 4 candidates. A Senior Alpine Proficiency Evaluation was held with 20 participants including 11 candidates. All this hard work has resulted in 1 new Sr. Alpine Patrollers and 9 who have completed one or more components.

OEC

OEC was active with 8 OEC courses were held.

New Patrols

The Southern Region added 2 patrols this year. Michiana Bike Patrol in Jones, MI and Oak Ridge Motocross Patrol in Tama, IA. Both of these patrols are non-traditional patrols, but are active year round. Most of the patrollers secondary with another patrol for skiing activities.

My Activities

This season has been very different because of the weather. We had one patrol that only had a 52 day season which is normally is 90 days. My home hill had 72 days which is normally 100-110 days. Not good for our ski partners.

Southern Region has 940 register patrollers and 440 of them voted in the National Board election this year. That means we had a 46.8% of the Southern Region Vote. I am very proud of this accomplishment. I believe my visiting 12 of the 18 patrols, talking about the importance of the election help get a good turn out. I also had a staff member attend when I was unavailable. I have also attended the Spring and Fall BOD Central Division Meetings and the Central Division Fall Awards Banquet. I attended 11 of 15 Region Refreshers and had Region Representatives at the 4 I could not make. I worked the Region Ski Swap, taught a portion on my patrol's OEC course, attended both the Region Sr Alpine Proficiency Evaluation the Region STW, and the Sr OEC Evaluation at Dubuque's Sundown resort. I patrolled the three days of the Illinois Special Olympic Winter Games, the Jo Davies County Triathlon, the Lead Foot Half Marathon. At my home area, I patrolled 51 duty shifts which amounted to 1266 hours. I was re-elected for a 2nd term as Southern Region Director.

My goals for 2015-16 are:

1. Update the Region Policy and Procedures
2. Form a Senior Toboggan Accreditation Program
3. Survey Ski Area Management's view of the OEC program

Respectfully submitted,
Don Steen
Southern Region Director

Western Michigan Chip Knappen

Western Michigan Region has been very busy during the shortened 2015-2016 ski season.

- There were two SES's held this year in our Region - one in Section one and one in Section three
- There were three TES's held this year - one in each section with 35 total participants
- There was one STW (OETW) held this year with 19 participants who are all toboggan instructors
- The Region added 6 new toboggan instructors
- The Region added 5 new Senior Alpine Patrollers
- The Region filled two hill advisor spots by adding a PSIA level II in Telemark and a AASI level II Snowboarder. These people will be working at SES's and grading Senior Hill Tests in the future
- MTR/ Avalanche had a busy season.
 - put on 6 low angle rescue events
 - taught one MTR I class
 - completed one MTR II class
- Crystal Mountain started a Mountain Host program with 6 new Hosts. The area is very excited about the program and so is the patrol. Four of the Hosts want to become patrollers.
- Crystal Mountain hosted the Division Woman's Clinic
- The Nordic patrol added 4 new basic patrollers - total membership 15 patrollers
- The Nordic patrol patrolled at VASA, Special Olympics, White Pine Stampede
- There was one Instructor Development class last fall with 12 participants and another class scheduled for 4/19/16 and 4/26/16 with 7 participants signed up
- At the OEC-MSP 5 people passed out of 8 that took the test
- Our Region passed 5 new Senior OEC Evaluators this year
- The Region P&P is currently being reviewed and updated by our Legal Advisor and proposed changes hopefully will be made at our May meeting. This has not been done since 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Knappen

Western Jim Ruzicka

Please find below a quick re-cap of the 2015-2016 Season in the Western Region;

- 23 Active patrols
- 1 NEW Patrol forming – Pinehurst Winter Sports Area in Eau Claire Wisconsin. Our Region OEC Administrator is currently working with them to get approximately 5-8 patrollers through OEC this summer.
- 60 Candidates that passed the OEC class this season. An additional 21 enrolled but did not pass.
- 19 OEC Refreshers were held (some of the active patrols combine efforts so this number is less than total number of patrols)
- 4 Patrollers passed the SR OEC (out of 5)
- 5 Patrollers passed the SR toboggan (out of 6)
- 5 Patrollers passed the SR ski/snowboard (out of 7)
- 1 Patroller completed all of her Senior requirements
- 1 Region 4th Annual Women's Clinic held at Powder Ridge – 30! (up from 18 last season) women attended with classes in OEC, Toboggan basic, toboggan in moguls, ski skills & snowboard skills.
- 17 OEW/TES Workshops. 71 participants and added 13 new Toboggan Instructors
- 7 SES with over 90 patrollers participating.
Held a clinic at Lutsen Mountains for those patrollers pursuing PSIA certification.
- 1 Western Region will host the 2016 Division Meeting in Minneapolis – September 9-11. Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area/Patrol will host the meeting at their new facility in Bloomington. Registration for hotel rooms is up and available at www.NSPWR.ORG . Final Registration/Offerings being finalized at this time and expected full event registration open in May/June.
1 2016 Fall BOG (afternoon) and 2016 Awards Banquet (evening) will be held in Rochester, MN hosted by the Welch Village Ski Patrol on September 24th.

Sincerely,
Jim Ruzicka (Zeke)
Western Region Director
Patrol Director – Lutsen Mountains Ski Patrol
612.369.5109
jrpatroller@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Raudabaugh

Key Activities/Accomplishments during 2015-2016

- Systems/File Retention: We have successfully transitioned to the use of Google Drive for all CD file storage, and for our interactive use during meetings through shared folders. In the fall meeting I was able to provide open access to any meeting attendee through a web page link, then a separate more secured area for board members. Our only restriction is that we do now require internet access availability at all meetings to accommodate this process, but it allows me to update documents on the fly with relative ease.

From a records retention aspect, I link files to a computer that is backed up to Carbonite. Also, several members of the division staff have access to all of the Admin folders as an additional backup. I do recommend that program supervisors should begin sharing records online at least with an assistant to make sure that valuable information is not lost should someone leave quickly.

We are starting to run tighter on allowed free space, so may need to change to a paid account for a small fee (~\$30/yr). I will investigate further and make the changes based upon the amount of records that the division would like me to retain online.

- Fall and Spring CD Meetings: standard role filled for agenda, reporting, minute taking, action items, PnP and Bylaws documentation, proposals monitoring. Maintain org chart and distribution, and web listings based on changing staff.
- Budget submission for 2016-17 will again be \$1,250, based on recurring costs for meeting attendance and office/computer supplies.
- I have submitted my resignation and offer to continue in this role if desired by Division Director.

Ski Patrol Activities:

- Attendance at Fall and Spring division meetings, in Admin Asst role.
- Active as OEC IT and ID IT in Ohio Region for QA, Sr OEC training/evaluation, other OEC training support, ID class coordination and mentoring of new instructors.
- Received my PSIA Level II Alpine Skiing accreditation this year in January.
- Member of NSP-C Ski School actively teaching local candidates; part time ski instructor with Mad River ski school
- Enhanced personal skiing skills through participation a clinic with Heidi Ettlenger- D Team member, several clinic sessions with Dan Moss (CO and OH), and local ski school clinics.
- Attended Certified event in Nubs/Boyne as a supporter/helper, coordinated moulage for OEC testing.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Raudabaugh
Central Division Administrative Assistant
NSP #8391
OH Reg, Mad River

No report

GOALS FOR THE 2015/2016 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 Bloomington MN.
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 2015-2016 National Awards Committee teleconferences

CURRENT SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Attended and assisted awards presentation at Fall Central Division Banquet in Grand Rapids MI.
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 Patrollers who attended NSP awards round table at the Fall Central Division meeting in Grand Rapids MI and also 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 types of awards given by Central Division and National from 2002-2015.

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 2001-2015.

FUTURE GOALS

1. Continue to assist and advise the Division Director and Assistant Division Directors as needed concerning awards.
2. Continue to assist Region Directors, Region Awards Advisors, 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. Continuous close communication and cooperation with the 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 % of all National Awards from Jan 2001-Jan 2015, 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 Directors and 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 Patrick Perlman

- We started season with sixty-three staff members and fifteen candidates.
- Recertification / Qualification / Awareness events were held at the following areas:
 - Perfect North Slopes 12 participants
 - Nubs Nob 10 participants
 - Lutsen Mountain 4 participants
 - Chestnut Mountain 8 participants
 - Marquette Mountain 7 participants
- The program added three new candidates for the season. One additional candidate applied into the program but decided not to qualify this season.
- A pilot evaluation was scheduled for Devils Head, WI on February 6th. This event had minimal interest and was subsequently cancelled.
- This year's Certified Evaluation was held February 25th through February 27th at Nub's Nob and Boyne Highlands, MI. (Ohio Region deferred their turn for hosting the event due to run closure at Perfect North Slopes)
- 43 staff members, 17 candidates, and 25 supporters all contributed to a successful event.
- This year's annual meeting was held Friday night at Nub's Nob. A banquet was held Saturday evening at Boyne Highlands.
- 27 individual program components were passed over the course of the event for a 52% overall pass rate.
- Three patrollers completed all of the requirements of the Certified program at this event. Stephen Jarboe of Perfect North Slopes was presented as Certified Patroller #800. Rashid Farahiti of BM/BW/AV was presented as Certified Patroller #801. David McKinley of Perfect North Slopes was presented as Certified Patroller #802.
- In December I attended the National Certified committee meeting in Denver. We spent two days working on the national manual. Regular teleconference meetings are also held. We are getting closer to presenting a rewritten manual to the National education committee.

2016/2017 Certified Budget Request:

- Consistent with past years and in line with what is historically needed by the Certified Program, the budget request for the 2016/17 Fiscal year is for \$1,200.
- 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.

2016/2017 Planning:

- The 2017 Certified evaluation is planned for Marquette Mountain in North Central region March 2nd-4th. (Ohio Region will continue to defer their turn for hosting the event until their turn in the rotation comes up again)
- Recertification and Qualification clinics will be held throughout the division.
- A committee consisting of the eight Region Advisors will continue to have regular conference call to discuss improvements to the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Perlman
Central Division Certified Program Supervisor

2015-2016 Pilot Evaluation Report
Action item # 12

- The region advisors held four conference calls during the past year
- Southcentral was chosen to be the location for the pilot program this season. This was chosen since it is a region that does not currently hold a certified evaluation. In attrition no other certified event was scheduled for this region this season.
- The weekend of February 6th and 7th was chosen with a tentative location of Alpine Valley, WI. Since we were unable to get approval from area management Tyrol Basin was selected.
- The date was published in September in order to make anyone who wanted to attend time to adjust their calendar
- A surveymonkey was send to certified candidates to determine interest attending this event. There was minimal interest from candidates in attending this event.
- In addition, no other members were interested in attending this event to learn about the program.
- As a result the event was cancelled.

While the concept of evaluating non-terrain events at alternate locations seems like a good idea there is minimal interest in conducting this event annually. Several factors support this:

- Minimal candidate interest as stated above
- Difficulty to get staff to attend the event.
- NO interest from potential candidates to learn more about the program.

We recommend not continuing this pilot program. The program marketed by promoting the Senior program as a gateway to the Certified program. The Certified program can also be marketed at Senior events by inviting candidates to observe the Certified event.

Instructor Development Virginia Rodeman

Instructor Development End of Year Report 2015-16

It has been a busy year in this discipline. Last April the Supervisors met in Utah. Since that time we have been working on the new hybrid course. As of my writing, we have not completed that task. We are in the stages of editing and completing the instructions for using it. Central Division and Eastern Division are the only Divisions that typically have used the hybrid class. Most of the Divisions run the full class and not the hybrid. They feel it is a better product for those wanting to be instructors; also, some do not allow it to be “just” a senior elective.

We have completed an all discipline ID booklet for IT’s to use in re-certification. It reviews the parts of the ID course; then the IT can use discipline specific material.

We have completed revisions to the ID manual, and it is on line for use by current instructors as well as students.

Throughout the Division, ID instructors have had 85 students in classes this year. We have added 3 new instructors and 2 IT’s added to the cadre. All Regions except one have updated the ID Instructors and IT’s for the current year.

I have attended classes in two regions, the Central Division Fall meeting, written articles for the RPN each issue, and held 4 Continuing Education (ID, 2-OEC, MTR) classes, lead a refresher station, helped in Senior OEC training and examined at the Senior OEC Module and QA’d a T/E for the Senior OEC Module Class.

In order to have quality instructors, I believe strongly that each needs a quality mentor to work with, which is the next step beyond ID within the instructor process. In some regions, this process could improve. I often hear that some OEC or Toboggan, etc. Instructors aren’t strong or do not know how to close classes. If that is the case; then someone did not complete his/her job. To fix this problem there are two solutions: start off with quality instructors in the beginning and/or continuously run and invent ways to improve current instructors and or IT’s. I think the first is the best solution. Instructing isn’t a reward and honestly sometimes people need to work longer at it than others or need to work with someone for support. Please keep this in mind as your region administers and IT’s bring more instructors into their cadre (in any NSP discipline).

I have two goals for next year: the first to have each region submit recertification in a timely manner, and secondly to roll out the new class either by traveling within each region or at the fall division meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Rodeman

Provided Oral report only.

Medical Advisor

Steve Werner

My activities for the past 6 months include the following:

1. Attendance at the Fall division meeting held in Grand Rapids. I attended a substantial portion of the meeting as well as the social events.
2. I was an instructor at our patrol OEC refresher.
3. I was Instructor of Record for a late Fall “make –up” OEC and CPR refresher held for patrollers from all over the division. Donations from this event yielded almost \$2000 for our endowment fund, “Karen’s Fund For Education” administered by Comerica Bank.
4. I was one of a handful of patrollers who regularly met with candidates for the OEC-MSP, signing off skills, and providing a series of senior level scenarios. We trained seven candidates from our patrol.
5. I participated with the OEC-MSP evaluation by assisting the Region OEC Advisor in the event planning, by creating the necessary moulages, assisting with the scenario calibrations, and observing several stations.
6. I attended the division certified evaluation in Harbor Springs, reviewing the proposed scenarios, and bystander module with the OEC administrator prior to the evaluation. I was present for consultation during calibration, and along with two other OEC instructors, provided a QA analysis of a segment of the evaluation.
7. I continue to serve as an elected member of my patrol Board of Governors.
8. I have been in periodic communication with our National Medical Advisor, Dr. David Johe, on OEC issues.
9. I have reviewed several Purple and Blue Merit Star nominations for Dr. Gregg Reese, and written letters supporting the nominations.
10. I reviewed three segments of the new Outdoor First Care prior to publication.
11. After hearing concerns about the OEC program from MSAA leadership at the fall division meeting in Grand Rapids, I offered my analysis of the OEC program which I shared with Division Director JT, the Central Division National Board reps, and certain other Central Division leaders.

Changes in budget: No change recommended

Changes in Job Description in Division P & P: No change recommended

Goals for the coming year: In addition to maintaining my present activities, I would hope to find the time to write an article for the RPN. I am hoping that the coming year will see more discussion among the members of the National Medical Committee regarding the OEC program, and the subject of medical oversight.

The OEC program is the flagship program of the NSP, well respected in the pre-hospital care field, positioned between wilderness medicine and the urban EMS system, and designed to be between Medical First Responder and EMT in level of curriculum. There have been shortcomings in the teaching of OEC and I believe some of these have already been addressed, but a more critical look is needed as to how we will teach OEC in the future. We need to adapt to different learning styles. I am neither a professional educator nor a sociologist, but I know there is a huge generation of millennials from which we have to attract new members to the NSP. As an OEC instructor conducting refreshers, and training senior candidates, I know there are some significant gaps in knowledge and skill competency in our current patrollers. How do we not let this get worse with the next generation of patrollers? Is there a way to better certify new OEC technicians based on competence rather than

time in class? Should there be a mentorship of new OEC technicians coming on line, much like OEC and on-hill instructors?

With respect to medical oversight of the day to day care provided by our members, things seem to be moving slowly, if at all. I know the subject has been discussed at the National Board level by Dr. Johe. A non-punitive, and non-discoverable method of mentoring or providing feedback to patrollers providing treatment that is tailored to the needs of individual resorts and their insurers would serve to help raise the overall competency of our people, and help guide where more emphasis is needed at refresher time.

The coming year should be another year for a Powderfall event, and I would make every effort to attend.

MSAA/Mtg/Elections Ken Meldahl

MSAA

The Midwest Ski Area Association (MSAA) held their summer meetings and Trade Show at Alpine Valley West in Elkhorn, Wisconsin on August 16 - 19, 2015.

MSAA continues to have programs that include a focus on patrol activities. There was a good amount of time spent between our leadership team and MSAA regarding the need for an OEC program that would be more in line to what our area owner's needs, something that will help with them with recruitment. That being said, I continue to encourage patrol leadership to work 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 Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan on August 21-24, 2016.

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. Section Chief elections will be held for Sections 3 and 6.

I don't see a need to change my budget from the current \$300.00.

Submitted by,
Ken Meldahl

No report received

Annual Report, 2015-2016 Season, Nordic Program

It's been a reasonably good season. Snow conditions were terrible till the end of December, then pretty good in some areas till the Birkie weekend in February, and then everything melted. Southern Wisconsin and the Chicago area never did get snow.

The January Nordic Workshop at Minocqua/Indianhead had a bit lower attendance than usual, but was otherwise successful. Some of the major races had snow troubles, but the Birkie came off by a whisker, as the day of the race began the big thaw — but the trail conditions held up very well for the day.

My activities this year have been as follows:

- Attended Division and Western Region meetings
- Conducted Minocqua Division Nordic Workshop at Minocqua
- Continued PSIA activity (continuing education)
- Attended Birkie
- Attended Junior National Championships at Telemark

We invited the National Nordic Director, Rick Shandler, to the Birkie, and the visit was very successful. The visit will hopefully have the effect of improving the understanding of midwest Nordic skiing in the other Divisions, and increase sympathy with our needs compared to Eastern and Western Nordic programs.

Two regional NSES's were held, at Minneapolis and SW Michigan.

For next year, I plan to continue the activities I've been doing, and patrol a couple more of the major races. And, as I have progressed in PSIA, I am coming to believe more and more strongly in its importance. I will continue to encourage and support others to get PSIA certification. I am requesting that the budget remain at \$1750.

Administratively, the new database features will require a special effort to make sure that Nordic patrols and Nordic patrollers get records accurately entered. I intend to continue the roll out of the new National Nordic guidelines for trail refreshers. I will improve contact with Michigan and Ohio Nordic patrollers. And, I will work diligently to get paperwork done promptly.

Peter Wollan

OEC Program Sue Hayes

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:

49 Basic OEC Courses. Pass percent of 85% of those reported (315 enrolled, 269 passed). 5% DECREASE from last year. (Western data not available)

0 OEC Challenge Courses

74 Refreshers Majority were Hybrid. Didactic on line with skills portion hands on refresher

18 SrOEC Module Clinics

8 SrOEC Module Evaluations (average 65 %success rate) 62 % last year.

Eastern Michigan 15 candidates/9 passed 60%

Western Michigan 8/5 63%

Northern Michigan 7/5 71%

Ohio 14/10 71%

Western 5/4 80%

South Central 6/3 50%

North Central 11/7 64%

Southern 5/3 60%

Number of instructors for your program: 1063 OEC Instructors. 47 new instructors. Total 1110 OEC Instructors

Number of Instructor Trainers for your program: 132 OEC IT's. 13 new/in training IT's. Total 145

What is working well in the program?

Hybrid Refresher B was improved, well-received and successful.

QA Improvements in the OEC classes and final exams

Use of myNSPkit and myPearson online courses.

3 ROA webinars- well attended and good discussions.

Yearly report template to ROAs – timely updates

What needs improvement in the program?

Timely two-way communication from all disciplines

Understanding of the IT role and job requirements

Crucial updates for ALL OEC instructors on use of correct forms, protocol, procedures.

Demonstrating dignity and respect with dealing with peers

Forums for discussion and exchange of ideas with ROAs, ITs and instructors

*Timely and accurate updates of patroller records and Instructor rosters by National.

*Understanding of T/E requirements for OEC-MSP

*Improvement of Instructor mentoring and job requirements.

*Understanding of chain of command for OEC/NSP questions/concerns.

*Communication across the Division for courses: Refreshers, T/E Clinics, Instructor Continuing Education Clinics, OEC-MSP for help.

Goals for program improvement next season:

Continue roll out of T/E certification clinics- would like to put on a Division-wide clinic

More hybrid refreshers

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

Consider spreading out the SrOEC Module Evaluations over a few months rather than all occurring on the same weekend in March. (3 were held on March 12,2016) Start in Jan. and continue thru the first two weeks of March. Snow was a challenge this year.

Continue to reinforce training to the standards in the 5th edition for testing rather than local protocols.

List of events attended:

Sue: recruitment and development of OEC IT's

Sue: Arranged or performed QA for numerous refreshers, OEC classes and SEM's.

Sue: Published articles for RPN

Sue: Attended Section and/or Region instructor and IT meetings

Sue: Taught at various OEC Classes (IOR), Refreshers and Clinics

Sue: Skied schedule at home areas.

Sue, Kim Zambole, Rae Ann Ruddy: Attending National OEC Supervisors Meeting in Denver (April 7-10).

Sue: working on National OEC Basic Final test for 2016-17 season.

Sue: appointed 4 patrollers on work on National OEC Test Bank: Western, Southern, Western MI,

Sue: on National OEC committee for OEC Instructor Recertification Clinics.

Sue: on National OEC committee working with Pearson online resources.

Sue: on National Senior OEC-MSP scenario committee.

Sue: Participated in National conference calls as requested

Sue: Attended fall Division Meeting

Sue: QA'd all OEC-MSP evaluations or sent a representative.

Sue: QA's at Region Fall Refreshers

Budget request for next season: Requesting same base amounts as last year. In addition, I've requested that the Budget for 2016-2017 be increased to allow ROA's to attend the Division Meeting in the fall. Request for approximately \$4725.00 for this has been submitted to the treasurer. Details are in that report.

Who should be recognized as Outstanding IT? Ed Thompson from Western Region was nominated so far.

OET Dave Bramel

End of 2015/2016 Year report Toboggan - Dave Bramel, Supervisor

Program and Activities Overview:

Division Alpine Clinics:

->Venues

Afton Alps, Minnesota <CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SNOW>

Boyne Highlands, Michigan <CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SNOW>

->Offerings

Toboggan IT certification, 2 full days open to each Region's choice of IT's, administrators or lead instructors. These clinics focused on "back to the basics" ski proficiency critical to effective toboggan handling/training/evaluation. Continued Toboggan leadership training through problem solving, 6 pack lesson plan, sharing of best practices, peer to peer teaching and round table discussion of the duties and responsibilities.

Supervisors Activities Highlights:

Attended Central Division Fall meeting in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Attended NSP National Event "Powderfall" at Canyons and participated as one of the Toboggan Instructors.

Monthly - participate in conference call National Toboggan Supervisor Jay Zedak and Division supervisor peers. Assess OET course descriptions with this group and rewrite/reclassify.

Edit and produce a new OET IT QA form for certified program - toboggan.

Participate in monthly conference call with CD skills development team.

Redevelop and plan new format for Central Division STWs.

Mass Communication/multimedia :

Wrote a 2nd article for Ski Patrol Magazine. Published in the 2015/16 winter issue.

Wrote articles for all Rusty Parka News issues.

Multiple Posts on the Central Division Facebook page.

Program Administration:

Work cooperatively with region toboggan administrators to successfully update instructor and IT rosters.

Effectively worked with National office to correct continued record keeping issues with the National Database.

Registered approximately 120 new toboggan instructors.

Budget Request 2015-16 705 Toboggan \$2,000.00

Respectfully Submitted: David W Bramel

No report

The 2015-16 season has been a difficult season for weather as you all know; this had a direct correlation on PSIA credentialing. (Ski School will report numbers). Many of our colleagues re-adjusted their goals and targets as we might expect.

I continued to lay out the challenge all year long to patrollers and PSIA instructors during education events...’have you purchased the 2014 Alpine Technical Manual’? Unfortunately, the majority of responses I collected this year were clearly on the “no” side. Please, keep carrying this banner. Is it not as important as our OEC 5th addition?...irreverence I know. But, in our profession, if we can’t access the patient and ensure their confidence in us once they are loaded, the OEC 5th doesn’t do us much good.

I attended the fall division meeting and had some great conversations with our colleagues: subjects ranged from goals to education style, from ‘where do I go from here’ to the NSP-C Snowsports School. I continue to act as a lobbyist amongst patrollers, encouraging development and membership to the PSIA. Similarly, when at PSIA Training and Education events I try to promote a good and healthy view of the NSP. And I contributed articles to the Rusty Parka throughout the year.

As PSIA Ed Staff, I examined or was education staff at 4 events within the Central Division this year. I saw many patroller colleagues getting their continuing education credits or taking exams (Boyne, Mad River, PNS, BMBW). I also provided a week’s worth of clinics at Mad River for patrollers and instructors. It is my intention to continue this calendar load for next year.

I reported last year that it is important for ANY region if they feel that they are falling behind in their ski/ride skills, *to reach out*. I’m convinced that once a Region starts to fall behind, the road back becomes immense. We must continue to cultivate and nurture great ski/riders! Several resources exist:

1. Your NSP-C Snowsports School; local, and traveling Region and Division Staff
2. Your local PSIA Education Staff
3. Your local PSIA Ski School
4. Your Alpine Technical Manual

Budget: Request the budget to remain the same for 2016-17, which covers two trips.

Resignation: I will resign per request with the Division Director’s end of term.

Respectfully,

Dan Moss
Certified Patroller #669
PSIA Education Staff

2015-2016 – Season

I accepted the responsibility of P.R. Advisor, upon Ty Damon stepping down to run for the National Board. During this period there were no requests for assistance.

2016-2017

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

I will start to have interaction with RD's and PD's from Central Division to provide them with a the PPT presentation on the history of the NSP and the obligations of Patrolling, which they can tailor, to their local use.

Russ Livermore
P.R. Advisor

Registration Dean Brandt

Registration was busy again this year. There has been lots of focus on “new registration process” with less than satisfactory information. But prior to discussing new process, we need to look at Central Division population trend. We are currently shrinking. Currently 200 less members Y2Y (about 3% down).

There does not appear to be any particular region or patrol(s) driving this trend, but rather lots of little deltas. This might just be a normal cycle in membership; but definitely we need to watch to make sure this is not a trend.

Region	Sum of 13/14 Qty Registered	Sum of 14/15 Qty Registered	Sum of 15/16 Qty Registered
000	1	1	3
201	857	854	818
202	551	559	552
203	499	492	484
204	357	339	346
205	544	546	512
206	974	896	866
207	884	909	858
209	1283	1296	1249
Grand Total	5950	5892	5688

Thanks to all the focus on communications, the number of banking issues remained low this year. Also the number of adjustments in registration process were minimal.

The NSP IT committee plans to roll out a new registration process (along with new NSP database) on July 1, 2016. We have not seen enough information on new system to totally comprehend whether it will serve our needs or not. However, there is a fair level of concern with the change.

The purposed solution would require PR/PD to approve rosters. The individual patrollers on the approved rosters would then receive an e-mail instructing them to logon to NSP database to renew registration and pay dues. Monthly, Division and Region dues would be transferred to Division.

I will continue to review the material I receive and will continue to ask questions.

At this time I do not know what role a Division Registration Coordinator will play; or whether one will even be needed.

Plan is to focus on new registration process. The desire is to continue to support the Division with the registration process.

Sincerely..... Dean Brandt

Rusty Parka News Katie Flanagan

I want to thank all the members of our board and the Central Division staff for all articles submitted during the 2015-2016 ski season. You have all helped ease the transition for me in taking on this new role. Thank you to all of you for making our newsletter so strong.

Details are reported below-

1. **Copy Subscribers:** We currently have 196 patrollers and MSAA members receiving the RPN as a hard copy, gray scale, print version. This is same as last year at this time. The balance of the division is supplied via electronic version.
2. **Tim Zimmerman** stepped down this year and Katie Flanagan took over during the fall newsletter. Thank you to Tim Zimmerman for continued support and help during the transition.
3. We have had articles submitted (22 Fall 2015, 21 Winter 2016). Thanks everyone!
4. **Division E-mail Service:** The Division E-mail service works well and allows me to quickly notify the division when the RPN is ready for download. It does only allow me to submit a link to the article instead of the actual article due to servers thinking the PDF is SPAM. But this still is a very efficient method of delivery.

It is a privilege to serve as RPN Supervisor, thank you for the opportunity. I welcome and encourage your comments and ideas for improvement. Feel free to contact me at any time via email at rustyparka1@gmail.com

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Flanagan

No report

Senior Daren Lukes

The 2015 - 2016 season was my third and last season as Senior Program Supervisor. The season began with the Central Division Fall Banquet held in Michigan hosted by the Western Michigan Region. The weekend consisted of Division Board meetings, Skills Development Team Meetings, the Awards Banquet and food. We discussed the upcoming Ski Trainers Workshops and the Accredited Senior Evaluator Program. The season progressed with conference calls, Ski Trainers Workshops and Senior Program testing.

There were many discussions revolving around programs hosted by the Skills Development Team. As with any good team, the feedback we received has been embraced and will be used to improve processes moving forward. We also experienced a Leadership change of our Assistant Division Director shortly before the Snowsports Trainers Workshop. Our Team lead by Britt Gustafson, Dave Brammel (Toboggan), Harold Park (Snowsports School) and myself (Senior), were able to sustain our direction as we had planned and run some of the most successful Snowsports Trainers Workshops to date. We have been extremely blessed to have Tom Anderson take over leadership of our team and work with us through the balance of the year.

Overview of programs and activities during the 2015-2016 season:

Board of Directors Meetings:

At this year's board meeting, the Skills Development team presented our plan for the 2015 Snowsports Trainers Workshops. This included all of the programs being offered including the Senior program offerings.

Ski Trainers Workshop Planning and Execution

Through the months of September, October and November, the Skills Development Team had a number of conference calls. We spent many hours discussing dates, facilities, and programs that would be provided in December. I worked with the group and provided them with an Excel spreadsheet that was used to track the registration. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not cooperate and the events had to be canceled.

At the 2015 Ski Trainers Workshops we intended to offer the following four Senior programs;

Senior Toboggan Trainer/Evaluator workshop (2 Full Days): This session is intended for senior toboggan trainers and senior toboggan evaluators. The emphasis of this workshop will be senior level toboggan training techniques and definition of the senior toboggan evaluation card. (PREREQUISITE: Participant must be a current NSP Senior Toboggan Trainer or NSP Senior Toboggan evaluator in good standing)

Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration Clinic (2 Full days): This session is designed for all current senior evaluators (PSIA/AASI Level 2 /3 certified or ASE certified). The objective will be to calibrate senior evaluators to the current senior alpine standard. Successful completion of this calibration clinic is required every three years and is a prerequisite to participating as staff at senior alpine ski/board evaluations.

Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Exam (2 Full days): This session is designed for senior evaluator candidates not currently interested in pursuing PSIA/AASI credentials. The objective will be to award ASE certification after validation of senior evaluator skills. A successful candidate must have an appropriate understanding of: senior score card, skiing skills, movement analysis, feedback modeling, evaluation calibration and technical knowledge. Certification will be awarded based on successful performance and is valid for a 3 year period with recertification required during the specified term. Registration is limited to Region evaluators selected by their respective Region Director. This session will no longer be offered at all division STW's. Instead, they will be prescheduled based on demand.

Goals for the 2016 – 2017 season:

All of the Division supervisors were forced to resign their positions and the end of JT's term. I will not be re-applying for a second term. A special thank you to Tom Anderson and the Division Leadership team for allowing me the opportunity to participate in a Leadership role in this great organization. It has been taxing, educational, rewarding, and most of all a pleasure to work with such great people. Looking forward to a snowy season and a great 2016-2017 season!

Best Regards

Daren Lukes

Senior Program Supervisor

Skills Development Britt Gustafson

As described by Tom Anderson, we had a lot of time invested over the summer and fall in planning for our events at Boyne Highlands and Afton Alps. As you know, the warm and rainy weather did not permit the clinics to go as planned. We did pass on information to the regions on what to focus on locally, and many of our division staff was available for region events to help pass on some training and support. The stage is set for the clinics in December 2016, and hopefully the weather will be more cooperative. This team has been amazing to work with!

Job Description

The job description for this position is up to date.

Budget

The previous year's budget is sufficient and would not recommend adjustments.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this team.

Britt

Snow Sports School Harold Park / Marty Blaszkowski

Report provided by Harold Park

Snow Sports Region Advisors

- North Central David Dahl
- Northern Michigan
- Eastern Michigan Marty Blaszkowski
- Western Michigan Kevin Fultz
- Ohio Jim Seeger
- South Central Tim Weinand
- Southern Dave Malhiot
- Western Jill Nothwehr

NSP-C Snow Sports School Membership

Total Registered Members – 167

- North Central 15
- Northern Michigan 7
- Eastern Michigan 13
- Western Michigan 8
- Ohio 68
- South Central 13
- Southern 23
- Western 20

NSP-C Snow Sports School Insurance

This year the National Ski Patrol recognized the Central Division Ski School as a sanctioned organization for teaching skiing and riding. Under the new general liability insurance anyone who is a member of the NSP-C Ski School was covered by this insurance liability. This enabled the NSP-C Ski School Staff to teach any NSP member and not have to pay additional insurance.

NSP-C Short Skis

The short skis were out in the Division this year assisting our fellow patrollers. Western Region – Jill and team took full advantage of the Short ski and provided several clinics. THANKS Jill! They are available during the year upon written request.

Division Goals for 2015-2016

- Develop our Region Ski School Advisors and their Regions
- Assist Regions in more SES/SNES within the Regions (Division Staff to assist)
- NSP-C Ski School Division Staff to hold two clinics to further PSIA/AASI development
- Division Staff training at first STW (PSIA Education Staff to assist)

Region Ski School Advisors Report

- A. What did you do personally do this season to enhance your skills in teaching and or Riding/Skiing?
- B. How Many SES/SNES's did you hold in your Region this year?
 - a. Please list the locations and the number of participants and staff that attended.
- C. Senior Alpine Exam
 - a. Please list the names of your staff members that assisted and what their role was in the event.
 - b. How many patrollers passed ski/ride portion?

- D. How many individuals in your Region NSP-C Ski School advanced their PSIA/AASI credentials?
 a. Please list how many by Level I, Level II, Level III and by each discipline PSIA/AASI
- E. What ideas do you have to increase membership in your Region NSP-C Ski School?
- F. What can the Division do to assist your Regions ski School?

No Reports Submitted:

North Central: David Dahl

Western Michigan: Kevin Fultz

Southern: Dave Malhiot

Eastern Michigan: Marty Blaszkowski

- I attended the PSIA mini academy at Boyne Highlands in December.
- Held a 8 week dry land clinic reviewing the Alpine basic text.
- Held on hill ski and teaching enhancement clinics.
- There were 4 SES's this season. Apple Mt, Mt Holly, Mt Brighton and Pine Knob. I do not have the current count for the staff or participants.
- We had a 100% passing the senior exam, 17 total. Larry Ambrowski, Allen Radke, Linda Barthel, Ty Damon, Stan Utti, Mike Taylor, Derek Werner, Doug Young, Carl Parkins, Jamie Roelle, Darrin Mallord, Pam King and Chuck Povlitz were all examiners at the event.
- The local PD's do not believe that the ski school does anything for them. Working with the region ski school director to develop a region ski school and hold events at the local areas.
- Work with the PSIA to have 2 or 3 nsp specific events in each region. Offsetting the cost to the region.

Ohio: Jim Seeger

A. What did you do personally do this season to enhance your skills in teaching and or Riding/Skiing? Since we had such a short season, I decided to hold off on taking my PSIA Level 2 until 2017. I participated in 4 SES (3 as a skier & 1 as a snowboard instructor)

B. How Many SES/SNES's did you hold in your Region this year? In the Ohio Region, we had 5 SES (1 Senior Focused) for the patrollers and their development on skis or board.

a. Please list the locations and the number of participants and staff that attended. 1/17/16 Snow Trails: Total number of participants (16) staff Troy Southwick, Jim Vickroy, Micheal Abrams, Dale Mihuta, Jim Seeger;

1/23/2016 Perfect North Slopes: Total number of participants (23) staff: Dale Mihuta, Chris Raudabaugh, Tom Worley, Tracy Buchanan, Jim Seeger, Mentees: Andrej Gutik, Brian Harrison, Colleen Fisher, Chirs Korte

1/30/2016 Mad River Mountain; Total number of participants (25) staff: Vern DeHaven, Dale Mihuta, Micheal Abrams, Jim Seeger, mentee Andrej Gutik

1/31/2016 Boston Mills, Total number of participants (16) staff: Marty Collins, Troy Southwick, Tracy Buchanan, Colleen Fischer;

2/6/2016 Paoli Peaks, Total number of participants (11) staff: Dale Mihuta, Vern DeHaven, Jim Seeger

C. Senior Alpine Exam

a. Please list the names of your staff members that assisted and what their role was in the event. Chris Raudabaugh, Troy Southwick, Frank Clearly (Snowboard Team) Tom Worley, Dale Mihuta, (Ski Team)

- b. How many patrollers passed ski/ride portion? I don't know the passing numbers.
Contact Tracy Buchanan, Senior Advisor Ohio Region
- D. How many individuals in your Region NSP-C Ski School advanced their PSIA/AASI credentials? 2
 - a. Please list how many by Level I, Level II, Level III and by each discipline PSIA/AASI Vern DeHaven PSIA Level III; Cheryl Raudabaugh PSIA Level II
- E. What ideas do you have to increase membership in your Region NSP-C Ski School? Continue to communicate with in the division and region for the importance of membership
- F. What can the Division do to assist your Regions ski School? We have a strong NSP-C Snow Sports School and it is due to Harold Park and his hard work over the past 3 seasons. Also, I was very comfortable with the position and my staff in the Ohio Region.

Western : Jill Nothwehr

Region Ski School Advisors Report

- A. What did you do personally do this season to enhance your skills in teaching and or Riding/Skiing? I took an 8 week clinic for instructors- Tuesday nights. Skied out west with my husband.
- B. How Many SES/SNES's did you hold in your Region this year?
We had a total of 7 SESs.
 - a. Please list the locations and the number of participants and staff that attended.
Andes Tower: 9 Students and 4 staff
Lutsen: 21 Students and 6 staff
Buck Hill: 11 Students and 4 staff
Afton Alps: 12 Students and 5 staff
Detriot Mt: 11 Students and 4 staff
Mt Kato: 12 students and 5 staff
Women's Clinic: 15 students and 3 staff
- C. Senior Alpine Exam
 - a. Please list the names of your staff members that assisted and what their role was in the event.
I don't know. I'm not involved.
 - b. How many patrollers passed ski/ride portion?
Don't know
- D. How many individuals in your Region NSP-C Ski School advanced their PSIA/AASI credentials?
2
 - a. Please list how many by Level I, Level II, Level III and by each discipline PSIA/AASI
2 passed PSIA Level 2 alpine
- E. What ideas do you have to increase membership in your Region NSP-C Ski School?
I'm holding a meeting next week to discuss with region dir., div. director, and Level 3's.
- F. What can the Division do to assist your Regions ski School?
I'm not sure.

From Tim Weinand:

- A. What did you do personally do this season to enhance your skills in teaching and or Riding/Skiing? - I achieved Children's Accreditation 1 this season as my event.
- B. How Many SES/SNES's did you hold in your Region this year?
 - a. Please list the locations and the number of participants and staff that attended. We ran a two day Senior clinic at Tyrol Basin and a one day SES at Devil's Head for the region. The SES had 16 participants and 4 staff.

C. Senior Alpine Exam

- a. Please list the names of your staff members that assisted and what their role was in the event. – Staff was Tim Weinand (tob), Eric Gesteland (ski/ride), Katie Voss (ski/ride), Mark Haring(ski/ride), Tom Merritt (tob), Tony Ortega(tob), Dean Dolence(tob), Anne Blaedow(tob), Larry Golding(tob), Chuck Jonas(tob), Jeremy McPherson(ski/ride), Dani McPherson (advocate), Tim Theisen (tob), Rich Manteufel (advocate) and Mike Hare helped at the clinic.
- b. How many patrollers passed ski/ride portion? 3 of 5 passed ski/ride and 4 of 5 passed toboggan. One participant was injured in training and opted out of the exam.
- D. How many individuals in your Region NSP-C Ski School advanced their PSIA/AASI credentials?
 - a. Please list how many by Level I, Level II, Level III and by each discipline PSIA/AASI Rich Manteufel – Level 1 Alpine this season.
- E. What ideas do you have to increase membership in your Region NSP-C Ski School? The cost of joining PSIA is still a deterrent to a lot of people. Our region does reimburse for work at events but the instructor still has to front the money, time and effort before they see any reimbursement. I don't have any good ideas around the issue
- F. What can the Division do to assist your Regions ski School? More training opportunities to level up.

Social Media Darcy Hanley

The Facebook views continue to grow and there is a great response for the Tip of the Week. In addition, when certain events have happened in the Central Division these are posted as well. I have included the metrics from Facebook to explain the development of the page. The FB page does have a lot of shares as well. I have utilized Hootsuite which is free software that allows one scheduled post to go to Facebook and Twitter. The Twitter account has not grown as quickly (@cdpatrol). The Facebook page has been used to provide news about patrollers, the election results, ski patrol programs, and patroller accomplishments. Please be sure you patrol page or region page has liked the **Central Division Ski Patrol** facebook page.

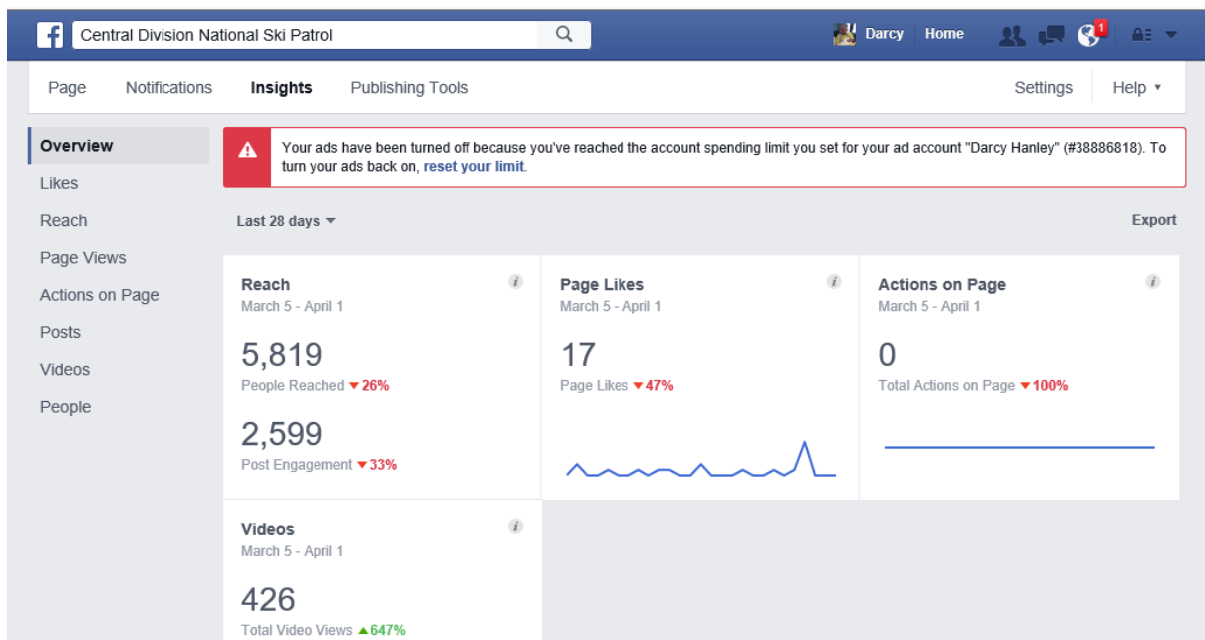
Goals for 2017:

1. Increase Twitter involvement by posting daily. When anyone posts on Twitter be sure to use #cdpatrol and this will help the circulation.
2. Double the number of likes on Facebook. We are closing in on 1,000. One method is to promote other central division facebook pages.
3. Increase use of the YouTube account.

If anyone has a suggestion or wants additional posts to promote a particular sport, event, or patroller accomplishment please IM me.

Have a great summer!

Darcy Hanley



- Overview
- Likes
- Reach
- Page Views
- Actions on Page
- Posts
- Videos
- People**

Your Fans | **People Reached** | **People Engaged**

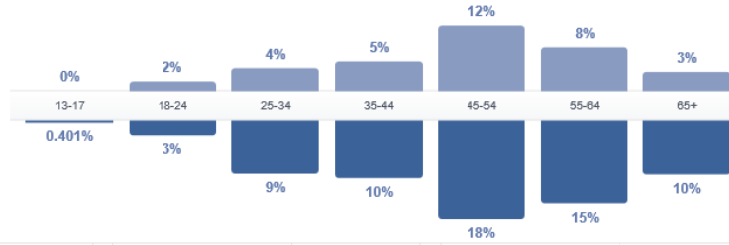
The people who like your Page

Women

34%
Your Fans

Men

65%
Your Fans



Country	Your Fans	City	Your Fans	Language	Your Fans
United States of America	731	Duluth, MN	13	English (US)	730
Spain	6	Madison, WI	12	Spanish	5
Argentina	3	Rochester, MN	11	English (UK)	5
Canada	3	Minneapolis, MN	10	Spanish (Spain)	5

Telecommunications Paul Botnen

It was a very quiet year for the Central Division Telecommunications program this year. So far this season I have not received any phone or email requests.

For the balance of this year and going into next season, I am working on a survey of all the patrols in the division to verify that they are using their radio resources appropriately. After I have collected that information, I will create a spreadsheet and report that info to the board. I am also researching some new radio technology that may be suitable for the patrols to be aware of.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

As always, I am available for the patrols and patrollers if they have questions about Telecommunications use.

Regards,

Paul Botnen
612-860-3033

Financial Assets as of March 31, 2016:

Cash and Bank Accounts	Amount
Wells Fargo Checking	\$126,275.56
PayPal Balance 4/8/2015	\$6,661.87
Bank Accounts	\$132,937.43
Investment at Leshnak Securities as of March 29, 2016*	\$78,773.00
Total Assets	\$211,710.43

* See Investment report included in Financials Section

Summary of accomplishment year to date

- Completed the 2014-2015 990 reporting to the federal government
- Paid expenses as approved in a timely manner
- Reviewed registration costs
-

Objectives for 2016-2017

- 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
- Finalize Region Support Distribution funds
- Reduce expenses of maintaining a bank account and registration

Job Description

The job description for Treasurer is, in my opinion, up to date and need not be adjusted.

Webmaster Kent Anderson

- 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.

- Implemented application for National Ski Patrol Subaru Tracking.

Plans:

- Continue the development online Web Change Request process so as to keep better track of requested changes.

- Complete the online Division Wide email function to provide Division and Region Staff membership.

- Provide additional online tools for Program Managers to manage their program pages.

- Provide better interface into the social media site for photos and information.

Budget Request: \$1500.00

\$1000 meeting expenses.

\$500.00 for annual web hosting fees.

Women's Seminar Sandi Hammons/Kerstin Hammarberg

No Report Received.

Young Adult Program Jane Bickerstaff

No report - new program