

Western Michigan Region Director's Report

April 1, 2017 to Present

Region Leadership, Board and Staff Changes:

- John Donnelly took over as Region Director effective, July 1, 2017
- Lourie Hurley assumed Section Chief, Section 3 (Crystal and Caberfae) effective July 1
- Three new patrol directors assumed their positions July 1:
 - Doug Haase – Bittersweet
 - Jason Kovacs – Timber Ridge
 - Dennis Menke – Caberfae
- Pando patrol discontinued operations effective July 1 – their area closed two years ago and the patrol operated for two years under the P&P. Remaining funds were transferred to Section 2 in July and patrollers have generally moved to other patrols in the Region.
- Region Staff and Advisors:
 - Pat Livingston will continue as Assistant Region Director (ARD) – Off Hill
 - Chip Knappen is taking the position of ARD – On Hill after stepping down as Region Director
 - Doug Mesara has taken over as ROA (change took place in May after Dan Goldberger asked to step down from that position)
 - A number of Region advisors continue on in their positions after the change in Director: Telemark, Snowboard, MTR/Avalanche, Senior Advisor, Women's Program, OEC MSP, Legal, Webmaster, Awards, Certified, Safety and CPR
 - Region Staff Appointed or taking on New Positions are as follows:
 - Treasurer: Adam Medema
 - YAP (new advisor position): Maddie Dodson-Garrett
 - Alpine Proficiency/Ski School: Erica Krol
 - OET: Shawn Rhoda
 - Senior Hill: Kyle Jones
 - Leadership Advisor: Sue Brann
 - Alumni Advisor (new position): Tony Wolfer

Other Region Matters:

- Three Basic OEC programs are underway in the Region (one per each section)
- OEC MSP:
 - Clinic: January 28, 2018 at Bittersweet
 - Final: March 18, 2018 at Bittersweet
- Senior On-Hill:
 - Clinic: January 21, 2018 at Caberfae
 - Final: February 25, 2018 at Crystal Mountain
- Region Women's Clinic: February 3-4, 2018 at Crystal Mountain
- Awards Banquet: May 5, 2018 at Timber Ridge

North Central Region Director Les Robinson

We again are sponsoring our NC Region STW for our patrollers at no cost to them. It has been a popular event with us averaging between 50-70 attending. Last year we broke the senior candidates and instructor/evaluator group away from this event and held it separately, not sure what we will do this year as the results were good but breaking apart means it's harder to have all people there.

We also are holding an election for RD meaning my term is up so we are looking for candidates to run, keeping the NC Region running strong, efficient, and as a team player for the division.

My activities for the upcoming season

Attending the fall Division meeting here in MI, then hold our annual Region board meeting at Ski Brule October 28th.

Help plan Bruce Mound OEC ref. as IT

Instruct several GP OEC class, one done already.

Attend and instruct at section 4 OEC inst ref.

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Navarino Hills OEC refresher as IT, Mount Ripley as IT.

Take my PSIA level 2 eval.

Instruct at the Div STW at _____, ASE recert. ???

Instruct at our GP candidate class skiing, and annual tob. refresher
IT tob refresher at Bruce Mound, and anywhere else Steve needs me.

Attend the region STW at Ski Brule and instruct IT's or where needed.

Help with senior S&T qualification clinic

Help with senior SEM qualification clinic

Evaluate at the senior ski evaluation

Help at TES's at GP, where ever else needed.

Attend the Certified evaluation atLutsen.

Evaluate at the senior SEM

Evaluate at the GP basic S&T

I will visit at least 12 of my 20 area's.

I am also helping the GP area install an official LAR program after having and near miss situation last year, the hill decided that we need one for our patrollers safety as well as helping keep guests safe. Like so many other CD area's we had no official policy on LAR.

2017 EMR UPDATE

Continue driving towards all region trainers to be PSIA

Apprentice Program pulling folks up to Level II trainers only

Certifying all our trainers – both on and off hill

Goal to get 2 new candidates into the Certified Program

Goal to get another 20 new senior patroller candidates.

EMR enabled 16 of 17 candidates to demonstrate their practical skills as being worthy of becoming a National Ski Patroller.

Almost as exciting was the participation of members from the different patrols across this great state of Michigan including:

- Mt. Brighton
- Boyne Highlands
- Pine Knob
- Mt. Holly
- Alpine Valley
- Schuss Mt.
- Nubs Nob
- Snowsnake Mt.
- Apple Mt.

It is an awesome display of unity that we can all come together to work towards helping our candidates begin the process of becoming a patroller.

Also cool (and a first for Mt. Brighton) was working with 9 participants in the Young Adult Program. Special thanks go out to Jane Bickerstaff and Mike Wiggins for coordinating with all of the young adults and for their participation and vigilance throughout the class.

Another first for the Mt. Brighton OEC team was working with the instructors and helpers from Boyne Highlands every week during the class, who were all talented and very experienced.

South Central Region Directors Report

April 9, 2017 to Present

Region Staff Changes/Open Positions:

- As of June 30, 2017, after 11 years as the Section Chief, Section I, Paul Fuchs of the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol, has stepped down. Filling his position for the remainder of the term is, Erik Hudson of Alpine Valley Ski Patrol.
- As of June 30, 2017, Tom Merritt of Fox Hills Ski Patrol has stepped down as the Region Taboggan Advisor. Stepping into his position is Jeremy McPherson of Cascade Mt. Ski Patrol.
- The Region has brought on three (3) new OEC Instructor Trainers: Lean Olson Taunt from the Mt Lacrosse Ski Patrol, Mike Hare from the Nordic Mountain Ski Patrol and Kate Moser of the Tyrol Basin Ski Patrol
- Avalanche Advisor position remains open.
- Safety Advisor position remains open.
- Leadership Advisor remains open.

The Schmitz Brothers (Owners of Nordic Mountain and Little Switzerland) announced that they will take over the management of The Rock and its Ski Patrol to start this 2017/18 season

I visited the MSAA Summer Meeting at Devils Head on August 21, 2017 for the day only.

Currently the Region is running eight (8) OEC classes, with the last class ending on December 2, 2017

Patrol Directors Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017 in Madison.

OEC Senior

- Clinic to be held on January 21, 2018 at Alpine Valley.
- Evaluation to be held on March 11, 2018 at Alpine Valley
- Three (3) Practice sessions are scheduled at various locations

Senior On-Hill

- Clinic to be held at Tyrol Basin on January 7 and 8, 2018
- Evaluation to be held at Tyrol Basin on February 25, 2018
- Three (3) practice sessions are scheduled at Cascade Mountain

Region Women's Clinic is scheduled for February 10, 2018 at Mt Lacrosse

Awards Banquet scheduled for May 5, 2017 at Devils Head