

## Western Michigan Region Director's Report – April 2018 to Present

- Region Staff Changes/Open Positions:
  - Alumni Advisor (Tony Wolfer) has stepped down, position remains open.
  - Reviewing a new advisor position for recruiting/marketing (finalize in fall)
- Region has scheduled five (5) OEC Refreshers
- Five Basic OEC classes are planned (one already completed)
- Region Women's Clinic is scheduled for February 2-3, 2019 at Crystal Mountain
- OEC MSP Program:
  - Clinic scheduled for January 20 at Cannonsburg
  - Final scheduled for March 17 at Cannonsburg
  - Various practice and review sessions are planned (TBA)
- Senior Hill Program:
  - Clinic on January 13 (Caberfae Peaks)
  - Final February 24 (Crystal Mountain)
- Region MTR Advisor is planning two MTR courses (MTR 1 and MTR 2) and a Low Angle Rescue course
- MTR Advisor attended NSAA Chair Evac program at Boyne Highlands on August 19 along with several area patrollers (Cannonsburg)
- One election, Section 2 Section Chief, is planned for 2018/2019
- Region Awards banquet will be held near Grand Rapids (likely Cannonsburg) on May 4, 2019

Mike Vaerewyck – Region Report Fall 2018

Since I was elected as the director of the Southern Region I have worked on organizing the regional ski sale in Chicago. I have also helped with the Swiss Valley Ski Patrol's basic ski patroller OEC test. Finally, I have also been organizing the Central Division banquet for 2020.

**Committee:** Chair, Julie A. Stone

**Members:** Brian Parrish, Co-Chair

Patrick Perlman, Co-Chair

Don Steen

Deb Allison

TBD

**Location:** Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, IL

**Facilities (rates TBD):**

Guest Rooms (reserved): Thursday=15, Friday and Saturday=101

Meeting Rooms (reserved): ALL for Saturday and Sunday

Banquet (reserved): Tent

**Banquet (cost TBD):**

Keynote Speaker Nick Herrin, CEO PSIA

Title – TBD

Best wishes,

Mike Vaerewyck

August 16, 2018

Fall 2018 Western Region Report to Central Division:

Western Region has 1290 Patrollers registered with NSP

22 Patrols

6 Sections

Fall Refreshers: 22 fall refreshers scheduled

OEC Classes: 12 OEC Classes Scheduled

Instructor Recertification Clinics: 6 Instructor Recertification Clinics scheduled this year.

Fall Region Board of Governors and Awards Banquet: September 22, hosted by Afton Alps Ski Patrol

Plans for this 2018-2019 season:

Continue to promote the Senior Program, the Certified Program, the Ski School, the Alumni Program, and the YAP program.

Host Division events as requested, such as ASDW, Women's Events, Certified clinics.

Resolution of the Ski Patrol involvement of the K2 helmet litigation, regarding Ski Area support of Patrol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. O'Connor  
Western Region Director

## South Central Region Directors Report

**April 16, 2018 to Present**

Region Staff Changes/Open Positions:

- Randy Witt (Cascade Mountain), Assistant Region Director of Programs, stepped down on July 26, 2018 after serving for two years. Filling this position is Leanna Olson Taunt from Mount LaCrosse. Leanna was the Section IV Chief.
- At the end of the 2017/18 season, Thom Rabaglia (Cascade Mountain), stepped down as the Patroller 101 Adviser. Filling his position on June 12, 2018 is Jim Riedamann of Cascade Mountain.
- Section IV Chief remains open
- Avalanche Advisor position remains open.
- Safety Advisor position remains open.
- Leadership Advisor remains open.

The Region is running eight (8) OEC classes.

The Region has ten (10) Refreshers scheduled.

NSAA Chair Evacuation Class is September 9, 2018 at Cascade Mountain

Patrol Directors Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018 in Madison.

2018/19 Elections will be for Section II Chief and Region Director

Award Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of October 2018, February 2019 and March 2019

OEC Senior

- Clinic to be held in January, 2019 at Devils Head. Date TBD.
- Evaluation to be held in March, 2019 at Devils Head. Date TBD
- Practice sessions will be scheduled at various locations

Senior On-Hill

- Clinic to be held at Cascade Mountain in January, 2019. Date TBD.
- Evaluation to be held at Cascade Mountain in February, 2019. Date TBD
- Practice sessions will be scheduled at Cascade Mountain

Region Women's Clinic is scheduled for February 10, 2019 at Cascade Mountain

Awards Banquet to be held at Alpine Valley or Ausblick. TBD along with the date.