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Division Director's Report



John Thomas
Division Director

Hello everyone; if you haven't voted in the National Board Election please take the time to vote. We need Board Members that will work to create programs for all members, no matter what Division they patrol in. These programs need to be accessible within each Division. We need a Board that is visionary and can create solutions that will move the organization into the future. Please take the time to vote as it does make a difference to you as a member.

I would make the assumption that many of you have completed your OEC refresher by now and have received the information about the new SMR protocol. It's not a big change, however we need to do a better job at assessing the injury and then make the correct choice of treatment. The OEC team tried to make this spinal protocol as clear as possible. There is a flow chart that is

most helpful. If you do have questions, please contact an OEC instructor to get the answers.

As patrollers, we are responsible to maintain our skill base. Therefore it is up to us to take extra time to refresh ourselves and continue to work on our skills. I encourage you to take the time to practice more OEC scenarios through the winter as well as working on your skiing and toboggan skills to make them as excellent as they can be. We have many instructors from various patrols that can help you with these skills. I encourage you to seek them out and to enhance your skills throughout the season.

We'll all be skiing soon and I hope everyone has a safe and fun season.

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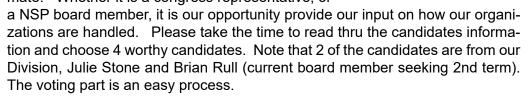


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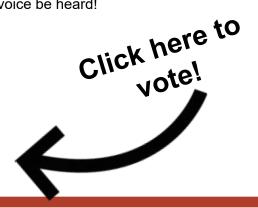


Chris Raudabaugh ADD

The ultimate sign that the season of Fall is upon us.....election time! The annual election for the Board of Directors will be open October 15th. I feel confident that most should remember to vote given the current news surrounding our country's political climate. Whether it is a congress representative, or



Thanks in advance for letting your voice be heard!



Ready for the Season?



Tom Anderson ADD

Getting ready for the new season.... or is it just a continuation of the previous season? I am guessing that you can remember exactly the last run of last season. I am also guessing that that last run was better than the first run of last season. My point here is that with every run and every season your skill level has improved without even thinking about it. Well here's a challenge.... Make this next season a continuation of all the previous seasons put together. Make this season a season for yourself. Be selfish. Ski for yourself. Ride for yourself. Whatever you do, make a plan. Set a goal and reach for it with every run.

There are many opportunities available to assist you in your goals. From your local patrol with the annual on-hill refreshers, region clinics as well as division sponsored events. Another avenue is our NSP-C Snowsports school.

Need help with that plan? Contact your home hill trainer or Region Alpine Skills Advisor. Your Alpine Skills development team is ready to help!

Region Reports

Ohio Region



Guy Day Ohio Region Director

The Ohio Region would like to welcome you to come join us in September (6th – 8th) of 2019 for the Central Division Fall Patroller Conference, Board Meeting and Division Awards Banquet. We have rooms reserved at the Hilton Downtown Cleveland starting Thursday night through the weekend. We are really excited to show off Northeast Ohio and the greater Cleveland Area. We are working hard to create a fun weekend that you and your family would enjoy. Some of the potential events could include a motorcycle ride through the Emerald Necklace, mountain and road bike tours through the local Metro Parks and National Forest, walleye or perch fishing on Lake Erie or steelhead fishing on the world famous Chagrin River. Cleveland has the Great Lakes Science Center, Natural History Museum and Cleveland Art Museum as well as the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame within walking distance of the hotel. For Saturday's events, the planning committee is working hard to develop a schedule that would offer NSP educational events as well as personal growth opportunities for patrollers and family members. I would not put it past the committee to plan a trip out to Cedar Point on Friday or Sunday to take advantage of the

largest number of roller coasters in one location. The highlight of the weekend will be Saturday Night and our opportunity to recognize our fellow patrollers and the outstanding roles they play in the Central Division. If luck goes our way as in past years, we can celebrate a National Outstanding Award or two. Please visit the Ohio Region website staring November 1st - https://www.ohionsp.org/ as this will be the best location for up to date news and schedules.

Hope to see you there!

North Central Region



James Hughes

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as the new North Central Region (NCR) Regional Director (RD) for the next few years. I look forward to the challenges ahead but also look forward to making a positive difference for all our hills and membership. I am honored that the majority (nearly 100%) of the leadership group in place last season elected to stay on and serve in keys positions for the NCR. I want to thank all of you for the confidence and support. I want to especially thank Les Robinson for his years as our NCR RD for his commitment and work effort. Les has served the region well as our RD for the past six years and has become a friend to many. Thank-you Les!

As the season is wrapping up outdoor emergency care and chair evacuation refresh-NC Region Director ers, we all need to continue to develop and enhanced our skills. Once the snow falls and ski resorts open there will be refreshers taking place for ski, toboggan and

instructor renewl's. We also have our NCR Senior Program which will be led by Brett Hamlin, Chuck Jonas and Julie Belei this season. The senior program enhances ski and toboggan skills of varying degrees and will build your confidence to make the right decisions at the right time. If you're not in the senior program, please consider giving it a try this year.

The NCR has some of the best teachers/instructors you will find anywhere. These instructors will assist you to obtain almost any goal you want to set for yourself within the NSPS. I want to thank the many instructors and patrollers that participate within our region to help us all better our skills and increase our confidence. Please remember the reason we continue to train and practice our skills: At some point and at some time, when someone needs you the very most, you will be well prepared. Thank-you all for everything you do

Mountain Travel and Rescue



Jon O'Dell **Mountain Travel and** Rescue

I will start with this picture, it's from Eastern Michigan Region back a few weeks ago. There MTR 1 class all the instructors are in the front and the IOR is standing far left. It was a great weekend for the weather and a great weekend for learning. The two day class was packed full with many learning skills, and everyone was very enthused on the hands on portions of rope work,



navigation and search and rescue skills. We have many that are very interested in the MTR 2 program this year as well.

We are stating a new year and in some places in the Division MTR is still a little slow catching on. If anyone would like to get outdoors and do some learning this year. It may be your time to try some Backcountry Navigation, Rope systems and some Search Techniques that's just a start of what you could learn. Don't let this great opportunity slip away. Get with your Partol Director or your Region MTR Advisor and ask. They can't read your mind so speak up and let them know you are interested in the MTR program. They will be more than glad to assist you in finding a class.

If for some reason you can not find a MTR class in your area and last resort contact myself and I will find a MTR class for you. As we say in MTR (WE LEAVE NO PATROLLER BEHIND)

I would like to put out a Thanks to all the Patrollers, Region Advisors and Instructors Of the Mountain Travel and Rescue Program as we look forward for another great year in the back country.

Remember to use your compass, Like we say you are never lost you just took the longer trail back.

Be "SAFE"

Avalanche Program News



The National Avalanche Committee has completed the remodeling of the Level 1 Avalanche Program and will probably be available by the beginning of 2019 based on committee approvals. We will still have the modules with a three-year life span. The minimum requirements to take a Level 2 course are Level 1, module 1 (classroom), Level 1, module 2 (field session) and a module on small group rescue. The ICS 100, 200 and 700 classes are prerequisites for the level 2 avalanche course (on line courses).

There is a new course for patrollers in non-avalanche areas that is available to patrollers only. It is designed to be a Senior elective course. In the Central Division we will **not** teach this course because it doesn't fall into any educational progression and for

further education you still must take Level 1, module 1 to start. It is easier to modify the L1M1 course to cover the essentials of this course and provide the core of L1M1 without redundancy for the student and instructor. The L1M1 course is also a Senior elective.

Dale	Mihuta
Aval	anche
Supe	ervisor

The courses already scheduled for this season are:

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Eastern Michigan at Pine Knob (L1M1) on 1/12/19	C100190001
Southern at Snow Creek (L1M1) on 11/10/18	C106180018
Southern at Hidden Valley (L1M1) on 11/11/18	C106180019
Northern Michigan at Boyne Highlands on 12/8/18	C106180020
Northern Michigan at Big Snow on 12/15/18	C106180021
Level 1 Module 2 (Field Session) on 1/26 and 27/19	C106190001

The Level 1 Module 2 session will be at Whiteface Mt in the Lake Placid area in Eastern Division. The will be more classes offered at the season continues and I will keep you posted on course work in the Eastern Division. There is an Eastern Division Snow and Avalanche Workshop (ESAW) in Fryeburg, ME at the Fryeburg Academy on 11/3/18. For details on that contact Chuck Boyd at chucknspavy@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 513-919-3129 or email at dmihuta@fuse.net.

"When I grow up I want to be an OEC IT"



Susan Hayes OEC Supervisor "The term "IT" is so confusing! What is an "IT" and what do they do?"

The official role and responsibility of the OEC IT is in the NSP Policy and Procedures manual and you are welcome to read and study it at your leisure....

"Wait...what? I don't have time to do that". OK- how about this:

IT= Information Technology. One of the roles of the OEC IT is to help individual patrols understand and navigate through all the NSP Education Resources out there. We help the OEC Instructors find the information that they need to put on the quality OEC Classes and Fall Refreshers that the Central Division and your Region is known for.

IT= "I Travel". Yup. That we do. Each of us is expected to attend and provide Quality Assurance support for Fall OEC Refreshers and Basic OEC Final Exams at

somewhere other than their home patrol. This can be as close as the next suburb or as far away as the outer reaches of each Region. We like to travel the Region and meet Patrollers everywhere. If you believe there are no strangers in the NSP, this is the job for you.

IT= "I Teach". Right again. We are active in our patrol's OEC community. We are Instructors of Record (IOR) for our Basic OEC class, the Fall Refresher, or are active Senior OEC Trainers. Once of the prerequisites for the OEC IT is to be an excellent role model to other Instructors and give helpful feedback on how to improve.

IT= "Inspirational Talker". We are here to help! We give the time to help the OEC program grow in the Central Division, your Region and beyond. We want to inspire others to become OEC Instructors, to work on Senior skills, and to become the next generation of IT's. We want to develop leaders.

IT= the real term is Instructor Trainer. Here's just a few of our roles: We are responsible for the Quality Assurance of the NSP OEC program. We attend and oversee OEC Classes, OEC Basic Final Exams and Fall Refreshers to maintain the standard of the OEC Program within the Central Division and Region. We observe and evaluate OEC Instructors to make sure they are teaching to the standard as well. We observe and evaluate new OEC Instructors. We teach the OEC Instructor Recertification classes. We are the gurus of the administrative piece of being an Instructor for the NSP OEC Program. We encourage patrollers to improve their skills whether it is a new way to adjust a splint, work on Senior skills or even enter the Certified Program. Most Regions have a meeting in the summer to plan our schedule for the upcoming OEC season- that is quite a feat all on its own!

If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of: talk to any OEC IT at any event! Or contact your Region OEC Administrator.

(Revised from an article 2014)

Where did summer go!



Troy Southwick Toboggan Supervisor

How time flies when you are having fun. I hope everyone has had a great summer, feeling refreshed and ready to get another season underway. The Skills Development team have been busy planning for the December clinics. We will be at Boyne Highlands December 8-9 followed by Indian Head way up there in the UP-A on December 15-16. This year we are planning to shoot some Senior Toboggan Training video, as we warm up the staff on the Fridays preceding the events.

I have been working with the other Division OET supervisors across the country on the 5 fundamentals of Skiing and Snowboarding as they relate to toboggan maneuvers and toboggan handling. Look for updated material on the Skills Development web as I can get this done.

It takes a lot of dedicated people to run this organization, and at this time I am pleased to announce new Region Toboggan Supervisors. Tracy Buchanan from Ohio Region and Jon Malhiot from Southern Region. We congratulate these two and I look forward to working with them.

Lastly.... Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!!!

Here is to a great 2017-18 season!!!

Applications for Dan Somalski Memorial Fund

The application window for the 2018 – 2019 season Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund is open until December 1st, 2018. The fund is an educational grant for any Central Division patroller with membership in good standing. Activities for potential fund reimbursement include:

- Any National Ski Patrol Education
- PSIA/AASI Certification

Applications can be located on the Central Division Website via the following link http://www.nspcentral.org/docs/somalski/SomalskiApplication.pdf. Once complete, please email to Tom Anderson at tpanderson@charter.net. For more information, please visit http://www.nspcentral.org/somalski.php.



This trust was set up to honor a very special friend, patroller and mentor, the late Dan Somalski. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off of the mountain. As a long time Certified (#426) and PSIA level 3 he was legendary both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that the trust was created to ease the burden of a patroller's credentialing costs while encouraging advancement.



Rob Carpenter Senior Supervisor

Senior Program – Time to Register / Updates

It's time to register for the senior program. See the following table for your region senior contacts, registration deadlines, and how to register. The folks in your region are ready to welcome you into the senior program with open arms so don't delay! Feel free to email your region senior contact if you have any questions.



Region	Senior Contact	Email	Registration Date	How to Register
Eastern Michigan	Russ Livermore	Livermore.russ@us.sika.com	Dec. 1st	http://www.nspemr.org/
North Central	Brett Hamlin	bhhamlin@mtu.edu		
Northern Michigan	Annaka Norris	annakanorris@gmail.com	Dec. 1st	https://www.nspnmr.com/ senior-program-formsreports- scenarios.html
Ohio	Kevin Rankey	kevin.rankey@ge.com	Jan. 27th	https://www.ohionsp.org/programs/senior
South Central	Anne Blaedow	ablaedow@wi.rr.com	Dec. 15th	http://www.nsp-southcentral. org/Library/Library/library.htm
Southern	Sue Boissenet-Smith	sbskier@hotmail.com		https://southernregionnsp. org/main/
Western	Terrie Brandt	brandtdt@charter.net	Dec. 15th	https://nspwr.org/programs/ senior/senior.php
Western Michigan	Kyle Jones	joneskk@juno.com	Jan. 1st	http://www.nspc203.com/program_senior/

Update: The Central Division Board of Directors, including your Region Directors, recently approved updates to the following documents:

Central Division Senior Program Manual (8th Edition); Senior Ski, Tele, Ride Scorecard; Senior On-Hill Skills Sign-Off.

These documents can be found at: http://nspcentral.org/senior.php. Please utilize these new documents going forward.

Nordic News



Jeff Schmidt Nordic Supervisor Happy Fall to one and all.

The leaves are turning and the snow will be falling soon, hopefully. Many Nords have been out with their rollerblades and rollerskis in anticipation of the first snow fall. Now is the time to start (or continue) getting in shape so we are ready to go when the trails open.

There are a couple of Divison events I want to make sure you have on your calendars. The first is the Division Nordic SES and TES which will be held in Minocqua, Wisconsin on January 12 and 13, 2019 at Winter Park Nordic Center. The second is Monday January 14 at Indianhead for our Tele Ski Enhancement Seminar.

Drop me an email if you are interested and I will get you all of the details. The American Birkiebeiner races will be held the week of Feburary 20 -23, 2019. If you are interested in more details on how to help patrol these events, send me an email and I will get you all the information.

I hope everyone has a great season, and I am looking forward to getting out on the snow with you this season. Now is the time to bring a friend along to check out the Nordic program.

Ski Safe, Jeff Schmidt

Instructor Development



Virginia Rodeman Instructor Development

Is this the busiest time of the year? Or does it just start to be the busiest time? OEC refresher are planned, and calendars are announced for the year. Many Instructor Development classes have been held during the summer, and many are being planned to help programs procure new instructors. As we continue on, patrollers want to know WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR BECOMING AN INSTRUCTOR? The process has not changed much. There are two deliveries for the first class—one is hybrid with the face-to-face classroom, and the other is the full day class. If you plan to take the Instructor Development hybrid class, be sure you know when there is a face-to-face class. You can't complete part one until you have been in a class and presented your six pack to a class. Part two begins your mentoring process. In this, you will be working alongside of an instructor in the chosen discipline. This process may take a year or it may take a few years. Be sure to check your region calendar or Region ID Administrator for an Instructor Development Class near you. If you can't find one contact me at rodewoman@yahoo.com

NSP Central Division PSIA Liaison



Dan Moss PSIA / AASI

Liaison

I hope you are planning your winter calendar!

The PSIA's central division calendar is up and open for viewing: http://www.psia-c.org/calendar/ Though not all events have been fully detailed and set to the website, many events have been posted. The website will detail registration, event locations and dates, and event descriptions.

Breaking News: PSIA Central Develops Patroller Specific Course!

Over the years the PSIA and the NSP have worked hard to understand and develop their symbiotic relationship. As you know, the PSIA has had a huge influence on ski and ride technique. Similarly, the NSP helps our resorts open each year with needed medical care and service. Together,

we help support our resorts in providing a complete package for our snow sports guests.

This year, the PSIA is trying to be creative and respond to the needs of patrollers with a specific course geared just for them: with NSP specific pricing and group sizes. Please read the description below-

*This event is open to NSP members only. NSP members who are not PSIA AASI Central Members are also welcome for an additional fee.

NSP certified participants will explore specific tasks and movements to further develop and refine their ski/ride skills as they relate to their transportation responsibilities. The group will review the 5 Fundamentals as they relate to stance and pressure management, and the changes associated with stance and edge angles while managing additional weight during transportation-like exercises. The rest of the day will be spent exploring performance ski/ride skills, and solid technique for managing the steeps.

What: Participants will leave with a renewed understanding of the 5 Fundamentals, the application of those fundamentals as they relate to weight and pressure changes when transporting toboggans, and some specific feedback for better performance skiing/riding.

Why: Performance skiing/riding is critically important to the patroller. Resort guests relate the quality of a patroller's snow sports performance to the quality of their medical care. Reviewing the Fundamentals, having a clear understanding and application of those Fundamentals, and playing and exploring with colleagues will make you a better patroller, as you serve the snow sports industry.

How: This group will engage all of the learning modalities as we seek to discuss, play, explore and refine our ski & ride skills.

Where: Boyne Highlands (December 8 &9), Cascade and Perfect North Slopes (see PSIA calendar for event dates).

How: See link above for registration and pricing. The group will max out early so get signed up!

Are You Social?



Darcy Hanley Social Media

Yahooooo!! That time of year is here! Yipppeeeee!!! So, you have to get the gear ready or even buy new gear, plan your trips to division events, where will your destination ski vacation will be, or plan learning, clinics and enhancements for this season. Don't forget Powderfall! That all can be shared on YOUR social media. Use Facebook and Instagram to share your adventures. It does matter and snowbird your ski family loves to see your adventures. Who will travel the farthest? Who will achieve a goal they have set out to get? Who will be attending Powderfall? Who will remember to vote for a board member? Be a part of it, share it, post it!



Here is a special shout out our Hall of Fame inductees.



Have a happy & safe season!

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Central Division Certified Program Update



Ron Gerdes Certified

The Certified Patroller Program is a skills program built upon leadership, education, growth, and pursuit of personal goals. It is not required to be a staff member to participate in the program. All patrollers are welcome to be involved as it takes a village to make this program work.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to several folks that make this program happen. Without your dedication, we would not exist. Rea Anne Ruddy, Cheryl Raudabaugh, Doc Werner, Sue Hayes, Dana Zedak, Bob Moe, Yvette Gerdes... and many others. A very special congrats to Dot Moe on being the recipient of the inaugural Beach Day Award. This award will be given on an as needed basis. Recipients will be selected by the current and past supervisors, and a representa tive of the Day family.

At Lutsen MT in March, 3 patrollers completed all of the requirements of the Certified program.

#819 Harold Park, Perfect North Slopes.

#820 Andi French, Perfect North Slopes.

#821 Aaron Hilsop, Spirit Mt.

Congratulations!

Back In April, patrollers from all over the US gathered in Killingon for the 50th anniversary celebration of the program. Your Central Division was WELL represented! In attendance were Tom Worley, Rick Barber, Eddie Davis, Dale Mihuta, Jay Zedak, Lauren Wrobeleski, Mike Longfellow-Jones, Don Smith, Ron Gerdes, Dana Zedak, and Jeff Cripps.

This was a well-organized event that genuinely displayed the camaraderie between patrollers across all divisions.

Because of the success of this event, we are now planning more inter division events and your Central Division staff will again be at the front lines. We are planning an evaluation event for intermountain division (date location TBD) This event will be run by staff from all division in an effort to grow the staff in Intermountain and Rocky Mountain divisions.

The 2019 Central Division Evaluation will be a shared event between Boyne Highlands and Nubs Nob on 2/28 through 3/2. If you are interested in participating, shadowing, or just have questions, do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the certified region advisors.

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Sincerely, Ron J Gerdes #636 Central Division Certified Program Advisor rjgerdes@gmail.com 859-816-6687









Skills Development Program



Cheryl Raudabaugh Skills Development

How do we build the next generation of leaders in the NSP? Through sharing a passion not just the sport but the people who make up our work teams; and through an ongoing development of our skills. The Skills Team will be focusing on "Taking It Forward" with programs this year to help develop our successors, and to mentor those that lead our region staff in building our future NSP leaders.

In December we will again offer two Alpine Skills Development Workshop (ASDW) events with Boyne Highlands and Big Snow Resorts as our host areas. The ASDW will provide opportunities to certify as Senior Alpine and Toboggan Evaluators, or re-certify to meet three year requirements. We'll also sign off on Calibrators who will be running region ASDW events so that everyone doesn't need to go to division locations. Toboggan IT's will calibrate their requirements as well. All to insure that the division and region training remains consistent with PSIA/AASI standards for Ski/Ride and national OET standards for toboggan.

There will also be a session focused on PSIA related training with emphasis on improved teaching and demonstration of skills and understanding of the 5 fundamentals. Those that can't make the ASDW event are encouraged to check the PSIA calendar which will include NSP specific courses this year in four regions, a great opportunity to advance your skills sets and keep up with education credits!

All are welcome to make use of our skills team website: www.centraldivision.org. We have Skills Reference Cards that you are welcome to download and many resources for ski/ride and toboggan skills as well as the important materials needed for reference when working with the Senior Program. I look forward to see many of you throughout the division on the slopes soon!



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Alumni Program grows in Central Division and the NSP



Mark Holtan ALUMNI

Welcome to the Fall and compliments to the more than 4000 interested and involved NSP alumni across the US and internationally, with over 900 alumni throughout the Central Division. Our National Alumni Committee is comprised of all the Division Alumni Advisors (DAA), led by our National Alumni Advisor, Tim Viall, from the Far West Division. We have been holding monthly conference call meetings to discuss current and future matters regarding how to best serve the NSP Alumnus. We will hold our first face to face meeting in several years prior to Powderfall next April. Some highlights of our discussions as follows:

- The NSP board recognizes the importance of the alumni program and is committed to supporting growth due to a major demographic shift within the NSP as a huge number of baby boomers enter the alumni ranks.
- National office is doing mailings to lapsed patrollers encouraging members to renew or join the alumni ranks.
- We are working a survey of alumni members for input as to how we can bet ter serve the members.
- Insight into blending NSP and IMBA to bring bike patrols into NSP ranks with

alumni involvement.

- Alumni membership tools available: single page application, annual renewal form, alumni manual, NSP alumni trifold in the works.
- · Online renewal process to be addressed below.
- NSP Alumni gathering at Whitefish Mountain, Whitefish, MT to be addressed below.

I had a good meeting with the Division Board, including Region Directors at our Fall meeting. As a reminder if any RDs are aware of personnel changes, or if you do not have an Alumni Advisor, please plan to have this position filled as we move forward with our new direction. Please advise if you have any questions or need assistance in fulfilling these positions. In addition, we have guidelines and promotional material to assist newly established advisors and programs. A Region Alumni Advisor DOES NOT need to be registered as alumni. I recommend that Region Directors solicit or select a patroller who is a self-starter, interested in the program and the desire to get involved at this level for your Region and fellow patrollers. Any RDs or patrollers who may be interested and have questions can feel free contact me.

Let's explore the human side of alumni membership, who generally fall into several categories:

Short term alumni status to bridge the complicated portion of their lives, when family, kids, career, medical challenge and more get in the way of active patrolling. This alumni member can usually envision the future when they'll be able to reactivate as active patrollers.

Veteran alumni who remain actively involved in local patrol or other NSP activities.

Veterans who want to help build the alumni program at the patrol, region or division levels.

Alumni who desire contact and information from their patrol and national NSP, receiving the Ski Patrol magazine, Sweep and patrol emails, access to NSP equipment and more. Many alumni fit these criteria, some can also be involved in patrol activities or recruited for help in a variety of ways that fit their talents, time and interests.

As we head towards another ski season, if you are a patrol leader, region or division director, please keep the alumni program and our active alumni in mind. Encourage patrollers to consider alumni status when their circumstances necessitate such a move. Invite your alumni to stay involved in patrol, region and division activities. Remember to use the talents of your long-time members who seek to stay informed and involved ever after they transition to alumni status.

For more info, go to NSP website: www.nsp.org, Sign In, click on "For Members", click on "PROGRAMS", select from drop down "Alumni". The NSP Alumni Manual and FAQs should answer most of your questions. For individual patrols, several suggestions:

- 1. Appoint someone from your patrol as your alumni advisor.
- 2. Send that advisor's contact information to your Region Alumni Advisor, or to me if your Region does not yet have an Advisor.
- 3. If you already have an active alumni program, please advise your Region Advisor or myself and share your ideas/ events that worked like crazy for you. Sharing this info will strengthen our Region and Division Alumni programs.

Renew Alumni dues on-line!

Alumni members, renew your NSP Dues on-line. I have had this question come up several times recently – "can I renew my Alumni Membership on-line"? YES – 3 easy steps:

Here's how to do it; as an Alumni member you merely:

- a) Log into the NSP web site, with member number and your Password, then,
- b) At top, upper right where it will say "Hi, (member name)" merely click on that icon, and it takes you to your My Profile page, then
- c) At bottom left of the Profile, click on the "Renew Now" button, and it allows you to pay with a choice of credit cards, Pay Pal and the like.

Alumni-celebration events for coming ski season:

NSP Alumni gathering at Whitefish Mountain, Whitefish, MT, Feb. 3-10, 2019:

The Far West, Pacific Northwest and Northern Divisions invite you to join fellow NSP Alumni, families and friends for an "Alumni Celebration" at Whitefish Mountain, Whitefish, Montana, during the week of February 3-10, 2019. (Active NSP members also welcome to join us!).

Whitefish Mountain (formerly Big Mountain) is consistently rated in the top 30 US ski resorts, offering 3,000 skiable acres, almost 2,400 vertical, 11 chairlifts, presents an incredible skiing/snowboarding experience (skiwhitefish.com). The mountain offers free skiing to "super seniors" (age 70+) and about a 15% discount to seniors age 64 and up (hence, many alumni and spouses ski FREE).

We have booked a block of rooms at nearby highly-rated Grouse Mountain Lodge, just minutes from the mountain, with free shuttle to the mountain, offering a "book four nights, get the fourth night free" package (hence, \$115 per night, X3 = \$445 for four nights, double occupancy). You can book for four nights, or, stay for the full week. The Lodge is adjacent to a nice cross-country ski course, just a mile from downtown Whitefish, and Glacier National Park and dog sled tours are just 30 minutes away.

The Northern Division Alumni Advisor will offer several no-cost "Old Knees Clinics" during the week, special nights out at local restaurants will be arranged, and optional tours into Glacier National Park, or Dog Sled Adventures in nearby Montana State Forests will be offered. This is a great adventure and offers you a chance to meet NSP friends from around the country.

Getting there: A variety of all-weather roads take you to Whitefish, and the nearby Kalispell Airport, MT, serves the area.

For full detail, how to book and optional tours, email National Alumni Advisor Tim Viall, tviall@msn.com; or call me, (209) 969-3875.

Elections



Dick Jaques CD Eections

NOTICE OF 2019 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTIONS Following the Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, The Division Director and Region Directors for Eastern Michigan and South Central will be elected in 2019. One nomination form can be used for each election. The nomination form located in this RPN may be used and sent to me, nominations can also be entered through the "Elections" button on the Central Division website. All Nominations must be submitted by January 26, 2019. In addition, Section Chief Elections for Sections 2 and 5 should also take place this season. Section Chief Elections are run by each Region with the results reported to the Division Election Coordinator. All election processes and procedures can be found in the current Central Division Policies and Procedures which is published on the Central Division website.

CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION Qualifications:

- 1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years. Membership in an NSP registered Professional Division patrol shall constitute NSP membership.
- 2. Must have served one term as Region Representative or two terms as a Section Chief, or must have served as a Region, Division, or National Program Supervisor for at least two years.
- 3. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
- 4. Must be familiar with the Division's policies and procedures, as applicable.
- 5. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior (Alpine, Nordic or Auxiliary) Patroller or Certified Patroller.

Additional recommended (but not required) qualifications:

- Should have logged at least 80 days of active patrolling (excluding refreshers, tests, etc.) with one-third of these days at a ski area(s) in the Division.
- Should have experience working with management at a ski area in the Division and should have the endorsement of an area management representative in the Division.
- Should have actively participated in National level activities.

Responsibilities

- 1. Supports and fosters NSP mission statement.
- 2. Promotes NSP education programs within the Division; supports Division staff in managing the integrity of NSP training standards; and establishes an atmosphere for the exchange of skills, ideas, proposals, techniques, and informational programs between NSP members, ski areas, NSP Registration Units, and regions.
- 3. Maintains accurate records at the Division levels. Develops an annual budget and presents it to the Division board of directors. Prepares an annual report and presents it at the annual Division meeting.
- 4. Carries out policies and responsibilities as defined in the NSP Policies and Procedures manual and the Division's bylaws.
- 5. Establishes and maintains relationships with other organizations related to the involvement of Central Division members including, but not limited to the annual and semiannual meetings of the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors, PSIA, AASI and MSAA.

REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AND EASTERN MICHIGAN REGION In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for SOUTH CENTRAL and EASTERN MICHIGAN will be held in the year 2019. The Region Director serves a three-year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

Qualifications:

- 1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years
- 2. Must have served as a Section Chief, Patrol Representative, or National, Division or Region Program Supervisor/Administrator for at least two years.
- 3. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
- 4. Must be familiar with the Region's policies and procedures, as applicable.
- 5. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior (Alpine, Nordic or Auxiliary) Patroller or Certified Patroller.

Additional recommended (but not required) qualifications:

- Should have logged at least 80 days of active patrolling (excluding refreshers, tests, etc.) with one-third of these days at a ski area(s) in the Region.
- Should have experience working with management at a ski area in the Region and should have the endorsement of an area management representative in the Region.
- Should have actively participated in managing National, Division or Region level activities.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Supports and fosters NSP mission Statement.
- 2. Promotes and supports all NSP education programs within the Region to maintain the integrity of NSP training standards.
- 3. As a member of the Division Board of Directors, the Region Director is responsible for duties developed and designated by the Division Board of Directors.
- 4. Responsible for all aspects of the NSP programs and activities supported by the Region.
- 5. Promotes the financial support of the NSP and its programs.
- 6. Visits all areas with the Region during their term of office.
- 7. Submits an annual report to the Division Board of Directors.
- 8. Is responsible for communicating National and Division policies to Sections and NSP Registration Units and is responsible for communicating NSP Registration Unit concerns to the Division Director and/or Division Program Supervisors.
- 9. Writes articles and reports for Division Newsletter.
- 10. Ensures that all Section and NSP Registration Units submit annual reports and financial reports in a timely manner.
- 11. Recommends individuals to the Division Program Supervisors, and in consensus with them, appoints individuals to serve as Region Program Administrators.
- 12. Monitors the performance and effectiveness of Region Program Administrators and recommends changes in concert with the Division Program Supervisor when appropriate.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self-nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: www.nspcentral.org. Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator by January 26, 2019. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2019. All nominees must follow "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates" found in the current Central Division Policies & Procedures.

ELECTION PROCEDURE: The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2019. Voting for Division Director and Eastern Michigan Region Director will be conducted on-line with qualified electors receiving an email invitation to vote. Voting will end at Midnight EST March 8, 2019. North Central Region uses a one-patroller one-vote model for elections and will deliver ballots/voting instructions to members by February 15, 2019. Ballots must be returned to me by March 8, 2019. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2019. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2019.

ELECTORATE: The votes for the election of the Region Director shall consist of the following: One vote for each Section Chief and Patrol Representative; one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30th membership of the previous year. Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names address, and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2019. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed. If the one patroller one vote option is selected, the entire cost and operation of the election will be borne by the Region. The process and timing for the election must be pre-approved in writing by the Central Division Election Coordinator. The process will be monitored and certified by the Division Election Coordinator.

Whichever population is used, the election outcome will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. If a tie occurs, it will be broken per Division Policy and Procedure.

2019 CENTRAL DIVISION	ON ELECTION NO	MINATION FORM		
I(Name)	, () of (NSP ID #)	(Name of Region)	_ Regior
Nominate (Name)	, (, () of (Name of F	Region) Email	_ Region
for the Position of:				
CENTRAL DIVISION DI	IRECTOR			

This form must be emailed or sent to the Division Election Coordinator (DEC) by January 26 (postmarked) of the election year. MAIL TO: Dick Jacques, 3391 Stover Rd, Bellaire, MI 48615 OR nominate on-line at www.nspcentral.org.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2019

Dick Jacques CD Elections Coordinator

EASTERN MICHIGAN REGION DIRECTOR SOUTH CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

Greetings Central Division Women Patrollers!



Kerstin Hammarberg Womens Program

The mission of the Central Division Women's Program staff is:

- To share their passion with the purpose of encouraging and supporting other NSP women in a nurturing environment.
- To build participants' confidence to accept the challenges of leadership roles and improve their personal skill set.
- To encourage active recruiting of women in the NSP.

Mark your calendars for January 25-27, 2019 as we explore an area in the Ohio Region – Perfect North Slopes!! If you are working on your foundation building skills as an Alpine Patroller, seeking skills for your Senior journey or considering a Certified journey – this is a great opportunity to check out the terrain and work with some of the best women in the Division!

Also check out our FaceBook page and thank Darcy Hanley for managing it! More event modules and information will be pulished later in the fall. Registration will be on-line later in the fall! We can't wait to have you be a part of the fun!



Sports 50

NSP Snow Sports



Marty Blaszkowski NSP-C Snowsports School

The NSP- C Snow Sports School is free to join. If you are on a local patrols staff, region staff and alumni you can join at no charge longer The NSP-C Snow Sports School is registered with the PSIA/ AASI. This allows its members to list it as their official school when taking any PSIA/AASI events

Our goal at the NSP-C Snow Sports School is to help it's members achieve their PSIA/AASI goals. To help in your efforts we are offing an award of \$50.00 for passing Level I, \$100.00 for passing Level II and \$300.00 for passing Level III. There will be an application on the division web site. It must be filled out and returned by December 1, 2018 in order to qualify. Upon passing your event you must sent a copy of the award certificate and expense report to me. Instructions will be on the web site in further detail.

This season there will be two workshops at the end of January. One on each side of the lake. They are geared around helping a person pass the Level II and Level III exams. This workshops

is designed for the person who is going to test this season. It will provide you an opportunity to get in front of your peers one last time. Help iron out the kinks and give constructive feedback you'll need to pass the exam. It's not for someone that wants to see what its all about. The PSIA/AASI offers Level II & III prep and mock exams for that.

Patroller 101



Jodi Fuller Intro to Patroling Greetings! It certainly feels like winter is on the way early this year, fingers crossed for lots of snow!!

Having attended several Patrolling 101 classes this past year, please make sure you are covering all the modules, using qualified instructors, and close your classes on time. Keep in mind, many of the questions new and seasoned patrollers have, are and can be, answered by the Patroller 101 modules. This course should be supplemented by area-specific training in policy, procedure, practice, and equipment.



Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Central Division 2014-2015 Awards

Division Awards from Central Divison Meeting: Martin Fahje Awards Supervisor



Central Division Certificates of Appreciation for patrollers who were very active in planning and running the fall Division meeting:

Steve Paladini Stephanie Lent Tony Ortaga Steve Raspotnik Randy Witt Tom Wright Celeste Hadfield Mike Hare Jim Hubing Tim Theisen Ron Plumer Richard Hadfield Paul Fuchs **Brad Baily** Lynn Thornton Gretchen Girade Lisa Frinzi Linda Lorenz Jim Kulas Leanna Olson-Taunt Eric Hudson



Central Division Certificates of Appreciation for patrollers for QA for the 2017-2018 Senior program

Certificates of Appreciation for Outdoor Emerengency:

Kim Zambole

Mike Olson

Rae Ann Ruddy

David Kleinschmidt

Ken Liddell

John Thomas

Doug Mesara



Jim Woodrum

Tom Anderson

Mike Vaerywick

John Thomas

Tracy Buchanan

Les Robinson

Bob Good

Jim Grundstrom

Eric Gesteland

Chuck Jones

Jeff Jurcak

Chris Moe-Herlick

Kerstin Hammarberg

Paul Fuchs

Chris Raudabaugh













Certificates of Achievement for patrollers passing a PSIA Instructor the 2017-2018 Season

Scott Moncur Alpine Level 1 Kyle Jones Alpine Level 1

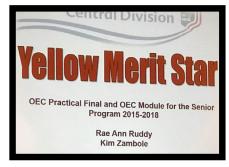
Dave McKinley Telemark Level 2 and Level 3

Yellow Merit Stars: Rae Anne Ruddy and Kim Zambole

Division Directors Program Awards are awarded to:

Kent Anderson- Division Web Site Powder Ridge Western Region

Jay Zedak - Avalanche Program Boston Mills/Brandywine & Alpine Valley Ohio Region





Central Division Outstanding IT:

Jon O'Dell Independence Oaks Nordic Eastern Michigan Region



Division Directors Award

For implementing the Toboggan Instructor movement analysis program

Troy Southwick



Outstanding Supervisor Award:

Cheryl Raudabaugh Mad River Mountain Ohio Region



The NSP Angel Pin may be awarded to non-members of NSP who have provided valuable contributions to the National Ski Patrol



Karen Woodrum



Colleen McQuillan



Cindy Thomas

Yellow Merit Star

The Yellow Merit Stars are awarded to members for an outstanding act or service to the National Ski Patrol. These are for administrative service work that benefits the National Ski Patrol.

For the Serving the Central Division as Northern Michigan Region Director Dick Jacques



For the Serving the Central Division as North Central Region Director Les Robinson



For the Serving the Central Division as Southern Region Director Don Steen



Central Division Lifetime Achievement

Present to those whose dedication and service in testing, training, and administration over a long period of time personifies the fundamental purpose of the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol.

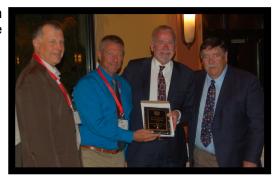
Robert Lechtanski Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol Northern Michigan Region



Central Division Lifetime Achievement: Tena Lechtanski, Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan

National Appreciation Plaques are awarded to members for an outstanding act or service to the National Ski Patrol. These are for administrative service work as National Program Supervisors

For the Dedication & Service to the National Ski Patrol Serving as National Legal Advisor Kevin McQuillan



For the Dedication and Service to the National Ski Patrol Serving as National OET Program Director Jay Zedak



For the Dedication and Service to the National Ski Patrol Serving as the National Woman's Program Director Linda Barthel



2017-2018 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING FIRST RUNNERS-UP

Administrative Patroller: Jane Bickerstaff Mt Brighton Eastern Michigan Region



Alpine Patroller: Howard Bates Nub's Nob Northern Michigan Region Instructor:
Jim Burns
Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley
Ohio Region

OEC Instructor: George Gilin Alpine Valley East Eastern Michigan Region Large Alpine Ski Patrol: Granite Peak Marie Traska PR North Central Region

Paid: Scott Rifleman Granite Peak North Central Region

Patrol Representative: Sue Hendricks Snow Trails Ohio Region

Young Adult Patroller: Samantha Buchanan Hidden Valley Southern Region







Central Division Outstanding Award recipients

For all his work in testing, training and serving the NSP we are proud to recognize as the Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller for the 2017-2018 season from the Southern Region Patrick Perlman. In addition, National Ski Patrol has awarded Patrick a Yellow Merit Star for being selected Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller.

Patrick Perlman of Wilmot Ski Patrol

For her work in testing, training, and OEC Instruction we are proud to recognize the Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor for the 2017-2018 season from the Ohio Region Julie DuChane of Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol. Julie was also awarded a Yellow Merit Star for being selected Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor.

Julie DuChane of Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol





For the 2017-2018 season we are proud to recognize as the Central Division Outstanding Young Adult Patroller from the Western Michigan Region

Kayleigh Jones of Crystal Mountain Ski Patrol

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2017-2018 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Kayleigh as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Young Adult Patroller Runner-up for her outstanding efforts, she has been awarded a Silver Merit Star.



Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller for 2017-2018 from the Ohio Region

Amy Arnold of Snow Trails Ski Patrol

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2017-2018 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Amy as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Administrative Patroller Runner-up for her outstanding efforts, she has been awarded this Silver Merit Star.

For all her work in testing, training, and administration we are proud to recognize as the Central Division Outstanding Instructor for the 2017-2018 season from the Northern Michigan Region. For this outstanding accomplishment, Annaka has been awarded with this National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

Annaka Norris of Nubs Nob Ski Patrol



For the 2017-2018 season we are proud to recognize as the Central Division Outstanding Paid Patroller from the Northern Michigan Region:

Matt Quinn of Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Matt as the National Ski Patrol's 2017-2018 Outstanding Paid Patroller. For this outstanding accomplishment, Matt has been awarded with this National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative for the 2017-2018 season from the North Central Region as well as the National Ski Patrol's 2017-2018 Outstanding Patrol Representative. For this outstanding accomplishment, Jay has been awarded with this National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

Jay Van Zeeland of Pine Mountain Ski Patrol





Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol from Ohio Region

Boston Mills/Brandywine & Alpine Valley Ski Patrol Tom Ciranna Patrol Representative



National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Boston Mills/ Brandywine & Alpine Valley Ski Patrol as the National Ski Patrol Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded this National Outstanding trophy and Gold Unit Citation.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol has awarded Tom Ciranna a Yellow Merit Star for being the Patrol Representative of Boston Mills/Brandywine & Alpine Valley Ski Patrol.



National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame

The National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame is presented to individuals whose association with the NSP has had a substantial and lasting positive effect on the organization of historical significance. NSP patrollers and non-members are eligible to receive this award. A nominee must have 25 years of active NSP membership; must have a National Appointment or Leadership Commendation Appointment; and more.

The National Ski Patrol hereby posthumously honors: Carrington Beach Day as a member of the Hall of Fame who joined the Ski Patrol in 1960 and was an active member for the next 52 years. He received National Appointment 3685 in 1970, and over the years served the Central Division as a Training and Testing Advisor, Alumni Supervisor and Assistant Division Director. He received a 50 year service Award and a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, he also served as a National Board Rep for 12 years. Accepting for Carrington is Guy Day.



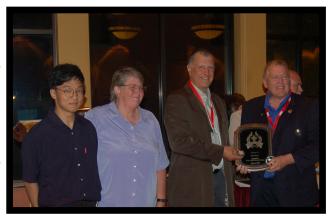
The National Ski Patrol hereby honors:

Ron Chavey as a member of the Hall of Fames. This Hall of Fame member initially joined the Ski Patrol in 1959 and was an active member for the next 50 years. He received National Appointment 2935 in 1963 and served as an Instructor in several programs since joining the NSP. Ron served the Northern Michigan Region as a Patrol Director from 1986 to 2017, the Central Division as the First Aid Advisor and attended many Division and National meetings. Ron has received a 50 year service Award, 3 Yellow Merit Stars, and a Gold Merit Star. Accepting for Ron is Russ Chavey.



The National Ski Patrol honors:

Jeff Olsen as a member of the Hall of Fame. Jeff joined the Ski Patrol in 1971 and is currently an active member who serves as an OEC Instructor and OEC IT. He currently serves as a Patrol Director and has served as the National WEC/OEC Supervisor and Assistant National Chair was a co-author and instrumental in the conversion to WEC and OEC. Has received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, Yellow Merit Star, Silver Merit Star, Gold Merit Star, and a Distinguished Service Award. Jeff has received National Appointment 6857



The National Ski Patrol hereby honors: Linda Murphy-Jacobs as a member of the Hall of Fame

Linda joined the Ski Patrol in 1972 and is currently an active member. She serves as an OEC and CPR Instructor and Toboggan Instructor. She has served as a Patrol Director, Region Director, and Division Director. She has served on the National Board as Representative and was the Division Women's Ski/Toboggan Program Supervisor. Linda has received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, Yellow Merit Star, Gold Merit Star, and a Distinguished Service Award. Linda has received National Appointment 6103.



The National Ski Patrol hereby honors: Chuck Martschinke as a member of the Hall of Fame.

This Hall of Fame member initially joined the Ski Patrol in 1971 and is currently an active member. Chuck has served as an Instructor for Mountaineering, Avalanche, Instructor Development, and Toboggan. He has served as a Patrol Director, Region Director, Division Director, National Board Representative, and National Executive Committee Member. Chuck has served on National Committees for Mountaineering, Toboggan, Senior Manual, Leadership Commendation, and Snowboard Patroller. He received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, 6 Yellow Merit Stars, and a Distinguished Service Award. This Hall of Fame member has received National Appointment 5473.



The National Ski Patrol hereby honors: Ron Plumer as a member of the Hall of Fame

Ron initially joined the Ski Patrol in 1972 and is currently an active member. He has served as a Patrol Director, Region Director, National Board Rep, and National Chairman. Ron has received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, Yellow Merit Star, Silver Merit Star, Division Directors Award, and Distinguished Service Award. Ron has received National Appointment 5794.



The National Ski Patrol hereby honors: Tom Worley as a member of the Hall of Fame

Tom joined the Ski Patrol in 1964 and is currently an active member. He has served as a Patrol Director, Section Chief, Region Director, Division Program Supervisor in several programs, National Program Supervisor, and a National Board Representative. Tom has received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, 3 Yellow Merit Stars, a Gold Merit Star, and a Purple Merit Star, Meritorious Service Award, Distinguished Service Award, and many others. Tom received National Appointment 5073.



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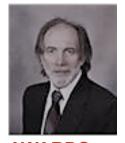
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