



Far West Division
Summer Board Meeting
Sierra Summit, Fresno, California
August 1, 2, 3, 2003

Meeting called to order 8:10 am by Ray Bryan, Division Director

Present: Ray Bryan (DD), Ron Evenson (ADD-elected), Stephen Francisco (ADD), Vern Herr (Treasurer), Stephen Simi (AZ), Tim OBrien (ES), Ken Bergmann (ML), Bill Gibson (NC), Jerry Muszynski, proxie for Larry Acord SC, Rich Bailey, Prof.Pat.Rep.

- Agenda for Summer Meeting 2003—accepted with flexibility to adjust.
- Minutes of the February 8, 2003 Winter Meeting— approved as submitted
- Parliamentarian: Stephen Simi, until Geoff Hutcheson arrives.

FUTURE DATES:

- **December 15, 2003** — Asst. Div. Director election, Nominations/announcements for candidates due to Elections Committee
- **December 29, 2003** — Asst. Div. Director candidates finalized by Elections Committee.
- **January 12, 2004** — Asst. Div. Director candidates, resumes and platforms posted to FWD web site.
- **February 2, 2004** — Election ballots distributed to all registered FWD members in good standing.
- **February 2, 2004** — Region Director nomination due for the following regions: Arizona; Mother Lode; Southern California.
- **FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2004** — Winter Board Meeting, Tahoe area
- **March 3, 2004**— Asst. Div. Director ballots to be received/postmarked by.
- **April 3, 2004** — Asst. Div. Director ballots counted and results announced.
- **April 5, 2004** —Date of election, ballots mailed for Region Director Elections
- **May 5, 2004**—Deadline for receipt of Region Director election ballots
- **JULY 30, 31 Aug 1, 2004** —Summer meeting—Reno, Nevada area

ELECTIONS—Janice Waits

- Report distributed in meeting
 - 2003 Division Director Election —Ray Bryan re-elected
 - 2003 Region Director election results:
Eastern Sierra: Tim OBrien
Northern California: Bill Gibson
- Elections for 2004 – see dates listed above and election report
 - Assistant Division Director election for position currently held by Ron Evenson, who was elected by special election to complete John Kretschmann's term.
 - Region Director elections even numbered year: Arizona, Mother Lode, Southern California.

TREASURER’S REPORT — Vern Herr

- Reports distributed in meeting
 - 02/03 PL Budget Comparison and Balance sheet
 - 03/04 Budget work sheet, adjustments as discussed (Board approve funding Tri Advisory attendance out of general fund)
 - Approved 2003/2004 budget

CONFIRMATIONS OF ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS

- Gwynne Pugh — Nordic
- Jerry Muszynski — Toboggan
- Robert Parkhurst — Mountaineering, Travel and Rescue effective end of Tri Advisory Mtg.
- Susan Kaempfer — Instructor Development, effective end of Tri Advisory Mtg (no longer a Leadership Development staff position.
- Elimination of North/South OEC supervisors—only one supervisor for Division. Doug Hill — Division OEC supervisor.

FLOOR MOTIONS: Passed unanimously, unless noted.

- To approve 2003/2004 budget as revised.
- To approve expenditures from the Community College fund as follows:
Two (2) \$850 expenditures, one each to fund S. Francisco (ADD) and M. Laney (Avalanche Adv.) to attend Power Fall 2004
One (1) \$2,510 expenditure for J. Muszynski (Toboggan Adv.) for additional travel for patroller training clinics.
- To revise Memorandum of Understanding and Fundamentals document that the NSP patrols submit an accounting of how they spend their community college funds and report such to Hugh Foster who will include these reports in his annual report to the Board.

PROPOSALS: Passed unanimously, unless noted

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1 abstention: S.Simi, Ari.

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~~5.1.1 National Board Representation: The Assistant Division Director(s), (as allowed by National Policies Article 4.1) shall concurrently serve as Division Representative(s) to the National Board of Directors of the National Ski Patrol system, Inc.~~

5.2 Election of Division Director ~~and/or National Board Representative(s).~~ Assistant Division Director(s). The

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Division Director shall be elected biennial, in odd numbered years, ~~as designated by the National office,~~ in the month of, February. Said election to be completed by ~~April 30,~~ May 31, except if a run off election is required. ~~The election for Division Director and/or National Board Representative(s) shall be conducted by the National Office of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. Regular elections for National Board Representative shall be held every two years according to National Bylaws Section 3.16(2).~~

5.2.1 ~~Division Director~~ and Assistant Division Director(s) Term of Office: The term of office for the Division Director and Assistant Division Director(s) shall be two years, commencing on ~~May 1~~ June 1 of the year of election and terminating two years later on ~~April 30,~~ May 31.

5.3 ~~Voting Eligibility: Elected NSP Patrol Representatives and Region Directors holding office the same year as the date of election for Division Director and/or National Board Representative,~~ All registered FWD members in good standing shall each have one vote in the election of the Division Director and the Assistant Division Director(s).

5.4 ~~Nominations and Announcements: Eligible candidates for the office of Division Director and/or National Board Representative(s) and Assistant Division Director(s) may be nominated by any active registered member in good standing. Nominations need not be seconded. Further, any eligible candidate can announce his own candidacy (same as National Bylaws 3.12).~~ A nomination or announcement must be accompanied by a one-page resume of the candidate's membership in NSP which demonstrates the candidate's eligibility for office; (for Division Director as defined in National Bylaws 6.2.3, and as defined in FWD Bylaws article 5.4.1 for Assistant

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Division Director(s), and may be accompanied by a one-page statement of the candidate's platform. A nomination also must be accompanied by written acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee. Nominations and announcements of one's own candidacy may be effected by sending such information to the elections Committee Chairperson. The same to be mailed not less than forty-five (45) days before the date of election, the first Monday (the February)

5.4.1 Eligibility for the office of Assistant Division Director(s):

1. Registered member for 5 years....
2. Must have served one term as a Division or Region officer or staff member, or have served as a Region, Division, or National; Program Director, Program Supervisor, Program Administrator or Program Instructor Trainer (IT) for at least two years.
3. Must be familiar with national policies & procedures....
4. Must be familiar with the Far West Division's policies & procedures
5. Must be currently registered in the Far West Division
6. Must be currently registered as a senior or certified volunteer or professional (paid) patroller.
7. Logged at least 80 days of active patrolling....
8. Should have experience working with management at an area
9. Should have participated in National, Divisional, and Regional level activities.

5.5 Election Procedure: The incumbent Division Director shall, not less than one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the date of an election for Division

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Director and ~~or National Board Representative,~~ Assistant Division Directors shall appoint an elections coordinator or Elections Committee, consisting of ~~one or more than one~~ persons, whose duty it shall be to (1) Solicit qualified nominations and pronouncements of candidacy, (2) receive all nominations and pronouncements of candidacy; (3) review and determine the qualifications of each candidate for office; (4) communicate as necessary with the candidates and the national office Division Director and (4) otherwise assist the national office, as requested, in the conduct of the election. (ref National Bylaws 3.13 '95) ~~□ The election coordinator shall follow and abide by all election procedures and requirements as set forth in National Bylaws Section 3.13 Election Procedures.~~

5.5.1 Not less than fourteen days prior to the mailing of ballots, the Elections Committee will post to the FWD web site the slate of candidates running for office along with their résumé's and personal statements and/or platform.

~~5.5.1.1~~ 5.5.2 "Date of Election" is the first Monday in February. "Date of election" is defined as the date on which the ballots are mailed. Nat'l Bylaws Sec. 3.13(e).

5.5.3 ~~□□□~~ Ballots shall be voted and postmarked not later than ~~fourteen (14)~~ thirty (30) days after they have been mailed out by the ~~National office~~ Elections Committee. Postmarks shall be conclusive as to the dates of mailing.

5.5.4 ~~□□□~~ Ballots shall be counted by the ~~National Office~~ Elections Committee, or it's Chairperson, and results announced four weeks from date of election, unless all persons eligible to vote have returned their ballots sooner, in which event the tally may be made as soon as all ballots have been received by the elections

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committee or its chairperson. Only Official Ballots received by the stated deadline will be counted. Ballots received with duplicate, obliterated or missing numbers will not be counted. Qualified voters who fail to vote for a candidate or fail to submit their ballot within the time allowed for voting shall not be considered as either voting for or against such candidates. The election result shall be determined only by a count of those votes cast properly and timely.

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5.5.4.1 Any candidate for the office of Division Director and/or Assistant Division Director(s) must poll a simple majority (as contrasted to a plurality) of votes cast by those qualified to vote and voting for such office before he/she shall be deemed to have been elected.

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5.5.4.2 Candidates, whether successful or unsuccessful, shall be promptly notified, in writing, of the election outcome by the ~~National Office~~ Elections committee or it's Chairperson.

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5.6 The Far West Division shall have two Assistant Division Directors, each serving a two year term, to be elected biennial, one in even number years and the other in odd numbered years. The two-year term shall commence on ~~June~~ May 1 of the year of election and shall terminate two years later on ~~May 31~~ April 30. The election of Assistant Division Director(s) shall be subject to the terms and provision of Sections 5.2, 5.3 5.4, 5.5 and any sub-parts thereof.

~~5.6.1~~ ~~The Assistant Division Director(s) as allowed by National Policies (Article 4.1) governing proportionate representation of Divisions to the National Board shall concurrently serve as National Board Representative(s)~~

~~5.6.2~~ ~~Any Assistant Division Director who is not a National Board~~

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~~Representative, shall be elected by the Far West Division Board of Directors, at the annual summer meeting or as necessary, biennial in odd numbered years for a two year term or until registration numbers allow for an additional National Board Representative, at which time a special election will be held. Said Assistant Division Director shall be subject to all terms and provision of Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and any sub parts thereof. Said Assistant Division Director may serve as the Division's non voting representative to the National Board, at the discretion of the Division Board of Directors.~~

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5.7. ~~Un-Scheduled~~ Un-Scheduled vacancies in the office of Division Director and/or ~~National Board Representative(s)~~ Assistant division director(s) shall be filled by special election in accordance with the election procedures set forth in Sections 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5., and any sub-parts thereof. ~~and in accordance with National Bylaws Sec. 3.14.~~ Election(s) to be no less than seven weeks (forty-nine days) after the date the vacancy occurs. In the interim prior to election, the ~~National Board Representative~~ Assistant Division Director with the longest term of office shall be Division Director.

~~5.7.1 If the election results are not final by the June National Board meeting, then the immediate past office holder shall attend at the discretion of the Division Director. If not, then the Board of Directors shall appoint a representative. The voting shall be done by phone and requires a two thirds majority for the selection.~~

5.8. The Division Director, or any Assistant Division Director/ ~~National Board Representative~~ may be removed for any reason, by a vote of two-thirds of the Division Board of Directors.

5.11. Region Directors: The Region Directors shall be from their respective

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regions and shall be elected for a two year term by their respective Regions according to the following arrangements:□ Even years: Arizona, Mother Lode, and Southern California. Odd years: Eastern Sierra and Northern California.□ Beginning their term of office on June 1 and ending May 31. A Region Director may serve in this position no more than three consecutive terms. The Division Director shall, on or before December 1 of each year, appoint an Elections Committee Chairperson(s) consisting of ~~one or~~ more than one persons, whose duty it shall be to receive nominations or pronouncements of candidacy no later than the first Monday of ~~March~~ February of the election year for the office of the various Region Director positions, and written resumes of each candidate's historical patrol background, to determine if the candidates have the minimum requirements, as set forth in applicable publications of the National Office of the NSPS and Far West Division Policies, to be elected to such office. In the case of candidates whose names have been submitted by a nominator, such Election Committee Chairperson shall also obtain in writing from each person so nominated, either an acceptance or non-acceptance of the nomination.□ The Chairperson of the elections committee shall notify, in writing, all persons who, whether nominated or self-announced candidates, were found by him not to be eligible, together with his reasons for such finding. Any candidate feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the elections Committee Chairperson may appeal his cause directly to the present Division Director, and if upon decision by said Division Director the candidate is still unsatisfied, he may appeal directly, through the National Director, to the National ~~Executive Committee~~ board of directors. For these purposes the present Division Director, or the National board of directors ~~Executive Committee~~, shall be deemed an Election Commission. The decision of the National ~~Executive~~

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~~Committee~~ board of director— as an
Election Commissions shall be final and
binding.

5.11.1 ~~Any~~ candidate may forward ~~his~~
their résumé's or program or platform to
the Chairperson of the Election
Committee for dissemination to the
electorate. Dissemination shall be
concurrent with the mailing of the ballots
or in advance thereof.

5.11.2 ~~Date~~ of election is the first
Monday of April. "Date of election" is
defined as the date on which the ballots,
together with the resumes and platforms
are mailed to the electors. Ballots shall be
voted and postmarked not later than
~~fourteen (14)~~ thirty (30) days after they
have been mailed out by the Far West
Division Election Committee or elections
coordinator. Postmarks shall be
conclusive as to dates of mailing.

5.12 ~~Eligibility~~ to Vote: For the position
of Region Director in the Far West
Division, all ~~incumbent-elected Patrol~~
Directors, FWD registered members in
good standing within their respective
Region, and the Region Director within
that region, as of February 1, may vote.

5.16 ~~Region~~ Director may be
removed, for just cause, from his office
by the Division Director with the
concurrence of a majority of the ~~National~~
~~Executive Committee~~ Board of
Directors, or by two-thirds vote of the
voting ~~offices~~ Members in the Region
Director's region, or by the unanimous
vote of all persons holding membership
on the Division Board of Directors
exclusive of the person whose removal is
sought.

7.1 ~~Executive~~ Committee: An
Executive Committee shall include the
Division Director, Assistant Division
Director National—Board

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Representative with the longest term of office and at least two other members of the Board of Directors.□ Written minutes of the proceedings of any Executive Committee meeting shall be kept and shall be open for inspection for any officer or member of the Far West Division.□The duties of any such Executive Committee shall be to take action with regard to emergency conditions or situations which cannot, or should not, in the judgment of the Division Director or a majority of the members of said Executive Committee, await a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors without resulting in detriment to the Far West Division, or resulting in loss of an irretrievable opportunity which would cause injury to the benefits of said Division. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any reasonable location, at any reasonable time. Meetings may be called by the Division Director or by any Assistant Division Director who may be acting in place of said Division Director, or by majority of the members of said Executive Committee. A decision shall be by a majority of the members present and constituting a quorum. A quorum for all such meetings shall be four (4) members of the committee. The regular Board of Directors may, by adoption of appropriate rules and regulations, define and restrict the duties and powers of any such Executive Committee.

REPORTS heard in meeting

- Division Directors report — Ray Bryan
 - Assistant Division Director Report — Stephen Francisco; Ron Evenson
- Program advisors
 - Community College — Hugh Foster, written report distributed in meeting

- Registrar — Peggy Jamison, written report distributed in meeting
- Summer Conference — Sandy Kowallis, oral report
- Legal — Geoff Hutcheson oral report to Board
 - HIPPA operational management issue, not NSPS
 - Vehicle ownership, be sure it's properly insured
 - Releases still required for NSP programs
- Region Directors, status of regions

NEW BUSINESS

- Rich Bailey — Professional Patrol Representative, reselected by Board for the 2003/2005 time period.

OLD BUSINESS

- Affirmation by Board of decision to increase number of projectors purchased by one and add requirement that each region to purchase a hard case, to take delivery. (reference WM-03-02). Purchased with Division Community College funds.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:15 P.M. — Followed by a strategic planning session.

Respectfully submitted
 Janice Waits
 Secretary, FWD

Minutes reviewed prior to WEB posting by:
 Ray Bryan, Stephen Francisco, Ron Evenson.
 Minutes to be approved at Winter Meeting 2004.