



DATE: March 11, 2009
TO: Far West Division Board
FROM: Janice Waits
Far West Division, Election Chairperson

SUBJECT: 2009 Winter Meeting Election Report as of March 13, 2009

ELECTION 2009 —for Division Director and Assistant Division Director

Two-year term June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2010.

Incumbents: DD Stephen Simi and ADD Bill Gibson

Only one candidate applied for each position. That is the current Assistant Division Director Ron Evenson.

As of March 11, 2009, ballots have been received, 28 confirming Stephen Simi, as DD and 27 confirming Bill Gibson as ADD. A total of 41 ballots were mailed out. The 28 ballots returned gave both candidates the simple majority required to be elected. There were no write in candidates.

2009 REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Also be advised that **Eastern Sierra, and Northern California** regions are due for Region Director elections, in spring 2009. Positions are for 2 years — June 1 –May 31. Region directors may serve no more than 3 consecutive 2 year terms

2009 REGION ELECTION TIME LINE

February 2, 2009 —Pronouncements of Candidacy and letters of acceptance of candidacy due to Elections Chair/committee

April 6, 2009 — Ballots sent out along with candidates platform and statement

May 4, 2009 — Date all ballots to be received/postmarked

No candidates have filed as of March 11, 2009.



2009 Division Director's Report
Winter Education Conference
March 13-15, 2009
Sponsored by the Far West Division



DIRECTOR'S REPORT – STEPHEN M. SIMI

NSP Education and Programs

Winter Educational Conference – Committee member establishing this new/annual Division Sponsored Event

- Goal to establish a reusable template of a model program for mid-winter on-the-hill NSP OEC and S&T programs (developed the: host contract, agenda, distribution of hours, orientation map, registration form, outline for estimating program expenses and resource estimation)
- Empower the FWD Program Supervisors (S&T, OEC, next year ID?) to deliver NSP programs
- Present an affordable quality education event for patroller and their families by ski patrollers
- Better understand and control the costs of such a diverse large resourced event (12-20 instructors)
- Establish College Community participation to enable additional options

Summer Conference – 2009 - Sacramento

- Conference Thread – *tbd* – Speakers *tbd* – repeat *Serving the Community* or modify
- Target: Ski Patrol Area Management, Ski Patrol Directors, NSP Patrol Representatives
- Promote FWD new business model, introduce to Area Patrols how the Division serves educational needs

College Community – Established Division Contract/Program with South Bay College Community – Ron, Nancy, Keith

- JPA contract dissolved Summer 2009, however Mickey and committee established a Division contract with South Bay in time for Fall 09 Refresher participations.
- Currently have 10-13 patrols participating (Ron Evenson for details)
- Once we are generating educational revenue, promote this opportunity to other FWD patrols
- Mickey serving to mentor Ron and Nancy and Keith. The FWD will manage and administer the program

National Efforts - Support on National Committees – with Chuck Herbert

Accomplishments and To Do – Actions

- Warren Miller Film Productions. Introduced National Office to Warren Miller to establish a mutual beneficial partnership to promote activities and public safety in skiing, - Charter.
- Information Technology. Promote Division efforts to the National office. (with Steve Beaman, Tom Moore)
- Alumni Program Establishment – Chuck Herbert
- Planning Committee – Chuck Herbert
- Certified Program – Scott Hoffman. Introduce FWD APP to National BOD to determine if NSP should develop a NSP certified program/manual. Winter National BOD PEC.

Focus our Energy and Efforts on the NSP Charter and Mission

Respectfully submitted, Stephen M. Simi, 13 March 2009

¹ The purpose of NSP is to promote, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational and civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means as dissemination of information and formation of volunteer local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to individuals sustaining accidents; and

To solicit contributions of money, services and other property for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out these purposes in every way. (36 USC Sec 152701–Statute)

NSP Mission Statement – The National Ski Patrol (NSP) is a 26,000-member association striving to be the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescuers who serve the outdoor recreation community. NSP’s mission is to provide education and training in leadership, outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, which enables members to serve the community in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation.

Guidelines for the Acquisition and Expenditure of Patrol Funds – FWD, Aug 2007, page 1 or 4

Bill Gibson
Far West Division Assistant Director
March 13, 2009
2009 Winter FWD Board Meeting

Report on Activities

This ski season the division staff has been involved in numerous activities aimed at providing more value to the members of the Division. These have involved our Community College funding, Good Samaritan Law, California Volunteer Corps, Winter and Summer Educational Conferences and PayPal.

A committee undertook the changing of our contract to provide services with a new community college. Through a great deal of effort a new college was found that would support the mission of our NSP educational programs and we are continuing to be involved in this important endeavor.

There was a lot of work with our legal staff on the interpretation of a case challenging the California Good Samaritan Law. Efforts to ensure that our members would still be covered while rendering first aid and moving an injured party have kept us all busy.

Our Director has asked if I would be willing to represent our Division in his continued attempts to involve the Far West Division's Patrollers in the California Volunteer Corp. They have requested to have a resident of California represent our division in this effort. This may involve meetings in Sacramento and if successful may help us get OEC recognized under Title 22.

Planning committees for our Winter Educational Conference have spent many hours bringing a first rate event to our members this year. This ground work should see our division in a position to add this event to our other programs and continue it well into the future. Now with our summer conference and Tri-Advisory, we are able to provide a broad spectrum of educational opportunities to many of our members.

Recently one of our patrols wished to open a PayPal account for a fund raiser they were planning. After some research it was discovered that a patrol has been using our tax ID number and this has blocked any others from using it. Suggestions of restructuring this so all patrols may use this service are under way and should be available in the near future through a Division PayPal account.

Planning is under way to send a representative to the National BOD meeting in Utah. Also we are starting to plan for the Summer Conference and budgeting for our next fiscal year.

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
ARIZONA REGION
Region Director Report**

The Arizona Region is alive and well. Current officers include Region Director: Curt Grube, and Treasurer Bob Levy. Bob is an extremely diligent hard worker. He has us in excellent financial condition and all patrols properly registered.

Sunrise Patrol: Greer - White Mountains, AZ They are our largest patrol with 127 on the roster. According to the area's web site it appears they have had a very good season, and great snow. They do have snow making ability, so they can get a base down early. A long run of phone tag with no actual contact with their patrol rep has left me somewhat in the dark. For now I'm going with the no news is good news theory.

Las Vegas Patrol: They are the 2nd largest group with 80 of the roster. They had a good season with plenty of snow and lots of skier days. They should be open till Easter. They ran the following NSP programs during the season: OEC, OEC challenge, Senior OEC, Senior OEC challenge and Avalance 1 They also sponsored on their own a Lids for Kids program giving away 170 helmets that weekend. They ran a Patrol orientation program with 30 in attendance, so their future looks bright.

Mount Lemmon Patrol: Tucson, AZ They are the 2nd smallest group with 21 on the roster. They had a pretty rough season with the weather. They opened at the end of December but had to suspend operations in mid January due to rain. They opened again in February for 2 weeks, and then had to shut down do to the return of warm weather. It appears the season is over. They ran the following NSP programs during the winter: OEC and Instructor Development. This is a stable patrol of hard working veterans.

Elk Ridge Patrol: Williams AZ This is the smallest patrol with only two members registered. I'm not sure what kind of it any season they had considering our AZ winter.

As the new region director, I'm still feeling my way through the system trying to meet and get to know the people involved. It is my goal for next year to make sure every patrol makes full use of the many resource NSP offers as is possible for them in our far flung region.

Respectfully Submitted, Curt Grube

FWD WINTER BOD MEETING STATUS REPORT

MARCH 13, 2009

MOTHER LODE REGION

TO: FAR WEST DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: DON JOHNSTON, MOTHER LODE REGION DIRECTOR

1. The Winter Mother Lode Region meeting was held on January 31, 2009, hosted by Dodge Ridge Ski Area.
2. Registration: 432 volunteer and 49 professional patrollers this season (cf. 436 volunteer/31 professional at this time in 2008).

Added Royal Gorge Ski Patrol (F097) to MLR with 3 primary and 27 secondary patrollers. The patrol serves over 300 km of groomed trails.

Contacted Greg Nuckolls of Montecito Lake Resort. Greg is interested in establishing a Nordic patrol to serve the area. Sierra Summit agreed to take them under their wing for OEC training. MLR Nordic patrols will provide what assistance they can to help organize the unit.

3. Financial: As of January 31, 2008 MLR total assets are \$30,777.91. 2009 Budgeted Expense is \$7,656.00. Revenue is \$4,562.92

Treasurer developed a new MLR Expense Reimbursement Guideline. It is open to comment through spring and will be revised then proposed for adoption at the summer board meeting. The guideline follows NSP National Policy for mileage reimbursement.

4. Progress on 2009 Goals:
 - a. Program Enhancement: Sierra Summit is now hosting regional training events. Sierra Summit has hosted a level 1 avalanche course, a combined NSP/APP Ski and Toboggan clinic, an APP Certified clinic and will host a level 2 avalanche class this season. In addition the region has conducted an additional avalanche 1 class, the 3-day OET clinic at Dodge Ridge, the MLR Women's clinic at Sugar Bowl, an MTR 1 course at Pinecrest, and an SEM evaluation at Bear Valley. Still to come this season is an additional OET clinic, a SEM evaluation and a Senior Nordic S&T clinic.
 - b. Patroller Advancement and Retention: In addition to the above training opportunities, many MLR patrols are conducting Ski enhancement seminars for their patrollers. Sugar Bowl uses college funds to hire a level-3 PSIA instructor to conduct full day ski clinics for patrollers. These have been very well received and classes fill up quickly.
 - c. Outreach to the Public: MLR participates in athletic events throughout our region. We provide medical support for the Nevada City Bike Classic, Eppie's Great Race, the Hangtown Motocross Classic, and the Sea Otter Classic Bike race. Following the lead of ESR and at the recommendation of Jim Margolis, the MLR board appointed Pete Lin as our Recruitment Advisor. Pete has organized mixers to promote ski patrol and recruit candidates for Sugar Bowl and he has worked with patrols from ESR in these efforts. He is now expanding his efforts to support the recruiting needs of the region broadly.

5. Issues: None to report

Submitted March 13, 2009 — Don Johnston — Director, Mother Lode Region

FWD Winter Meeting — March 13, 2009
Southern California Region Report — Don Harris, RD

We have region BOD meetings 10 out of 12 month

Southern California region doing well with 512 members

We had the miracle February with snow to keep resorts open.

- Snow Summit is our largest patrol with 138
- Bear Mountain has 113 with 50 new candidates
- Mountain High has 44 with 28 new candidates and 1700 accidents so far
- Mt Baldy is staying with 39
- The 2 Nordic patrols, Mt Pinos and Mammoth Basin, have 37 and 15 each
- Mt Waterman has been open 30 plus days this year for the first time in over 8 years
- Snow Valley has 51 patrollers, They have a wonderful host program, ski with a patroller day this year and possibly 15 new candidates.
- Buckhorn has 15 patrollers 1 candidate
- So. Cal had 2 traveling OEC classes this year that were very successful
- Mike St Clare search group doing well and will start back up in the spring with more training.
- Terry Jessie — water rescue has been very active already this year saving 2 people that got flipped out of a boat driver and observer
- Senior clinics region wide were attended well
- Avalanche and Mountaineering holding level 1 and 2 classes

FWD Winter Meeting, March 13, 2009

OET Report Lance Vaughan OET Supervisor

Presented as a oral report with questions and discussions during the update.

The 2008-2009 season lists course registrations on par with recent past seasons. I suspect we are not capturing all the course / teaching activity in the Division with course registration and we continue to work to encourage patrollers to register courses. Plans are in place for the FWD WEC. at Northstar March 13-15 and OET offers six OET seminars for patrollers to attend. Courses are well attended and at or near max class size, class size based on available training sleds and impact on hill.

I attended the 3 day Sr Ski & Tob event at Squaw on Friday March 13 and was once again impressed with the level of instruction and the amount of hands on time patrollers had with sleds.

I support the efforts of the FWD to leverage this great program and encourage inclusion at the next FWD WEC. event in 2010. Thank you to Squaw Valley for hosting so many out of area patrollers at their event and creating such a fun atmosphere.

Women's Clinics continue their popularity with strong attendance and positive feedback. This year saw events in three regions two of those regions are now self sustaining. The program has received National level attention with the forming of a Women's Clinic Planning meeting at the NSP April Patroller Educational Conference. FWD worked to help support Trudy Nye to attend the event and share her best practices with the committee, offering Trudy funds from four patrols to cover her travel and attendance fees. We are pleased to support Trudy and help her promote this popular program addressing a large eager part of our membership. Thank you to member patrols: Heavenly, Sugar Bowl, Dodge Ridge and the FWD Board.

The OET manuals for the recently appointed OET instructors are ready to ship, I waited to ensure we had budget room and to capture a few more new instructors. After review of the data, I had funding for 25 OET manuals and only 21 new OET instructors. As part of the Fall 08 instructor renewal process, I learned of 4-8 new instructors ready to complete their mentorship this winter, I made the decision to delay ordering the new manuals and capture up to 25 new instructors this season.

The Instructor Service Awards (pins) are ready to ship and I plan to order before March 31 and ship to patrol reps for inclusion in Spring Awards for recognition with the instructors peers.

FWD approved purchase of Service pins for those with 12 or 18 years of service as OET Instructors. We intend to help highlight the experience and knowledge contained within the FWD OET Instructor team.

Due to travel logistics and time limits I worked with DD Steve Simi to use some of the OET Budget to help fund attendance at the FWD WEC. of a OET instructor from Az Region. Tom Begala was selected after discussion with the DD and Az RD to attend the FWD WEC and attend the OET Ski Trainer Workshop and possibly Toboggan enhancement Seminar. I supported using \$500 of the OET budget for this action, in lieu of my travel to Az region this season. (Tom attended the STW and part of the TES session)

I have noticed when I use the NSP broadcast utility an increase in email bounce back messages from Southern Cal and Eastern Sierra and encourage RD's to ask members to visit the NSP website and update their contact data.

Budget report - fund use at budget or slightly below budget approved at Summer 08 meeting. Overall the makings of a good season with increased training with standards becoming clearer and better defined across the regions.

End of report. Lance Vaughan 415-377-0057c — FWD OET Supervisor