



**Far West Division  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Northstar, Truckee, California  
Friday, March 11, 2011**



**Meeting called to order:** at 12:31 p.m. by Assistant Division Director Bill Gibson  
Adjourned at: 4:15 p.m. to reconvened 5:55 pm, final adjournment 8:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Bill Gibson, ADD; Lance Vaughan, ADD; Curt Grube, Ari RD; Bill Hummer, ES RD; Jim Simons ML RD; Jason “JJ” Allen, NorCA RD.

5:55 p.m. Stephen Simi, Division Director joined meeting.

**Proxies:** Brian Long for SoCA RD Don Harris;  
Randy Berg proxy for ProfRep Rich Bailey  
Treasurer: Keith Dickens; Secretary: Janice Waits.

**Meeting Chair:** Bill Gibson

**Secretary, Minutes:** Janice Waits

**Parliamentarian:** Stuart Foreman, Legal

**Agenda:** accepted as submitted, may be amended as needed

Introduction of staff, program supervisors, and guests

**MOTIONS:** passed unanimously unless noted

- 2012 Winter Education Conference be held at Northstar Ski Area, dates to be determined/based on dates of Squaw Valley Ski Clinic.
- Transfer of Arizona Region, Los Vegas Ski Patrol to Southern California Region. (seconded by Curt Grube, Arizona Region Director).
- 2012 Summer Conference location Davis, California. *TABLED (See Action Items)*

**PROPOSAL(S):** passed unanimously unless noted

- SM-10-1 PASSED As amended to read: Far West Division to purchase the new 5<sup>th</sup> edition, OEC texts, cost not to exceed \$8,000. OEC texts to be made available to active OEC Instructor Trainers (IT) and OEC Instructors of Record teaching a full OEC course between June and December 2011.
- WM-11-1 WITHDRAWN The Far West Division Board recommends the requirement of MTR 1 for obtaining Senior Alpine status and MTR F for Senior Auxiliary status. *(See Action Items)*
- WM-11-2 TABLED That the FWD Director immediately sign the pending NSP Registration Unit Information Forms for the two (2) California Winter Search and Rescue Teams so that the patrols can be formed. *(See Action Items)*

**FUTURE DATES:**

- August 5-7, 2011 — Summer Board Meeting, Education Conference.  
Location TBD *(See Action Items)*



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**REPORTS:** included in meeting folder unless noted (*no written report\**)

- Conference Coordinator:\* T. Atkins — oral report (*See Action Items*)
- Secretarial Items: J. Waits  
Election Report  
Rosters, request for updates as received
- Registrar Report:\* B. Gibson — membership FWD 2,100 National over 31,000
- Treasurer: K. Dickens — oral report approximately \$77,000 in account, \$60,000 in reserve, Community College Funds \$35,000 before payouts. 2010 Summer Conference cleared about \$500. IRS Filing Status – requested extension.
- Legal:\* S. Foreman — no pressing legal issues. Helmet Law, NSP to take view/position that it is a ski area issue.
- Community College: N. Stromswold
- Division Reports  
Division Director: S. Simi  
Assistant Division Director(s)  
B. Gibson and L. Vaughan
- National Board Report: S. Simi, B. Gibson *see written reports*
- Region Director's Reports — included in meeting folder
  - Arizona — C. Grube
  - Eastern Sierra\* — B. Hummer – *oral report, see WEB page posting*
  - Mother Lode — J. Simons
  - Northern California — JJ Allen
  - Southern California — Brian Long proxy for D. Harris
  - Professional Patrol\* — Randy Berg proxy for R. Bailey, Doing mini APP clinics.
- Program Supervisors

Safety

- Avalanche: R. Morrow
- MTR — K. Chulski (*see WM-11-1*)
- SAR — Mike Kelly for John Kretschmann (*see WM-11-2 and action items*)
- OEC — K. Tatsukawa (*see SM-10-1*)

Transportation

- OET — D. Whitcher
- Nordic: M. Kelly

Development

- Instructor Development: D. Hill
- Certified:\* M. Nolan Certified clinic end of April at Alpine Meadows

Recognition & Communication

- Awards\* — K. Bergman no report
- Web Site — T. Moore
- Newsletter — T. Viall
- Member Recruitment: J. McGuigan *no report*
- Alumni\* — F. Showmaker Nothing current to report. But he has now met his national coordinator, Josie Elting, who lives in Oregon. She is working on a program.



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Division Programs

- Tri Advisory\* 2011 — K. Chulski, Dates TBD, camping out again
- Summer Conference — August 5-6, 2011 Location TBD (*See Action Items*)

**OLD BUSINESS**

- CAL EMS-A / TITLE 122 – S. Simi (*See written report*)
- OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition – April 2011 Distribution. (*See SM-10-1 as amended*)
- Tri-Advisory summary and planning — Yosemite, camp out, good turnout

**NEW BUSINESS**

- FCC Narrow-banding Mandate, effective 1 Jan 2013, and Radio Incompatibility
- SAR North/ South Teams – Review/Approve - FWD CALEMA MOU 2011 (*See WM-11-2 Tabled – See Action Items*)
- Transfer of Arizona Region Las Vegas Ski Patrol to SoCal Region (*See Motions*)

**OPEN FORUM**

- National QA Taskforce – Chuck Herbert reported on committee action to make QA standards the same throughout NSP program.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

WM-11-A#1 2011 Summer Conference — T. Atkins to obtain information from Squaw Valley as possible location of 2012 Summer Conference and report to Directors by April 1 (via phone conference) with cost and facility comparisons to Davis facilities. FWD Directors to finalize conference location no later than April 5, if not determined at April 1 phone conference.

WM-11-A#2 Discussion needed between FWD and CalEMA regarding need for new MOU and formation of new SAR patrols. WM-11-2 Tabled until MOU status is clarified. S. Simi to schedule conference discussion between him self, M. Kelly, M. Scharper, and David Zocchetti (CalEMA point of contact). Conference call discussion to be completed within 60 days, if not sooner. Results to be reported to Board before reopening of WM-11-2 for discussion and decision.

WM-11-A#3 Karl Chulski to contact Rick King, National MTR, relaying that the FWD supports bringing a RFBA forward on making MTR a senior requirement and not just an elective. (*Reference WM-11-1 withdrawn proposal*) K. Chulski to report back to FWD Board at 2011 Summer with response from National.



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WM-11-A#4 Region Directors to poll their Patrols, as to cost sharing for purchase of 5<sup>th</sup> Edition OEC texts. Request input to Board by end of March.

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