



**Far West Division
Board of Directors Meeting
Winter Meeting - Friday, March 16, 2012
Davis, California**



Meeting called to order: 10:30 a.m. by Bill Gibson, Director
2:50 p.m. Adjourned (includes working lunch)

Roll Call: Bill Gibson, DD; Lance Vaughn, ADD; Tom Sherry, ADD; Curt Grube, Ari RD; Jim Simons, ML RD; Jason “JJ” Allen, Nor Cal RD; Nancy Stromswold, ES RD Skyped into meeting

Proxies: So Cal - Keith Tatsukawa, for Don Harris

Professional Patrol Rep - Tony Atkins, for Rich Bailey

Treasurer: Keith Dickens; Secretary: Janice Waits

Supervisors Present: Avalanche - Robert Morrow; Communications – Tim Viall; Conference Coordinator - Tony Atkins; OEC/Medical – Keith Tatsukawa

Guest: Ron Evenson

Meeting Chair: Bill Gibson

Secretary, Minutes: Janice Waits

Parliamentarian: Lance Vaughan

Agenda: accepted as submitted, may be amended as needed

MOTIONS: passed unanimously unless noted

- 2012 Summer Meeting be only a Board business meeting and an awards event, at an optimal location. 6 votes recorded: 4 Yes (Ari, ES, Nor Cal, So Cal); 2 No (ML J. Simons and Prof. Pat. Rep Proxy T. Atkins). Motion passed.
- 2012 Date of summer meeting: August 4, 2012.
- 2012 Location of summer meeting: Davis, California
- Minutes of Sept. 8, 2011 phone conference – approved as submitted.

PROPOSAL(S): passed unanimously unless noted

- WM-12-1 No Vote Taken 2012 summer meeting be at China Peak
see MOTIONS and New Business

FUTURE DATES:

April 2, 2012 Region Director Election: Arizona, Mother Lode, Southern California

May 7, 2012 Region Director Election results

May 1, 2012 Program Supervisor Reports due for 2011/12 season

May 1, 2012 ALL 2012/2013 Budget requests due

Aug. 4, 2012 Division Board business meeting, Davis California

Aug. 4, 2012 Awards Banquet – Davis, California

Nov. 2-4, 2012 Tri-Advisory – Yosemite, California

REPORTS: posted to FWD Web site unless noted with **=no written report*

- Secretarial items: J. Waits
Minutes – Summer 2011 posted/approved at Sept. 8, 2011 phone conference
Election Report — both candidates were uncontested
Asst. Division Director – Term - 2012-2014 — Lance Vaughn
Asst. Division Director Special Election 2012-2013 — Tom (Thomas) Sherry
Rosters – continued reminder to RD’s for updates/corrections
- Registrar Report*: B. Gibson – reported 2,085 register patrollers and alumni in FWD
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REPORTS cont.

- Treasurer: K Dickens - not many expenses turned in as yet, (due to poor season)
 - Community College – missing forms, still holding payments to: Sugar Bowl, Dodge Ridge, Sierra Summit, Northstar, Pinecrest, Bear Valley: Per Nancy Stromswold, a check for approximately \$9,000 for past year's funds, should be coming to Ron Evenson:
 - IRS Filing Status - all filings are now current with extensions being filed on time
- Legal: B. Gibson for Stuart Foreman.
- Com. College*: N. Stromswold (see Treasurer minutes report above)
- Conference Coordinator*: T. Atkins – Winter 2012 cancelled (see proposals)
- Division Reports
 - Division Director: B. Gibson
 - Assistant Division Director(s)
 - L. Vaughan and T. Sherry*
- National Board Report: B. Gibson
- Region Director Reports
 - Arizona: C. Grube
 - Eastern Sierra: N. Stromswold
 - Mother Lode: J. Simon – requests additional highly qualified patroller for Kirkwood
 - Northern California: JJ Allen
 - Southern California: D. Harris sent report, K. Tatsukawa voting proxy.
 - Professional Patrol Rep: R. Bailey sent report, T. Atkins voting proxy

- Program supervisors

Safety

- Avalanche: R. Morrow
- MTR: K. Chulski
- SAR*: J. Kretschmann, M. St.Clair
- OEC/Medical: K. Tatsukawa
- Disaster Services: S. Simi

Transportation

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

Development

- Instructor Development: D. Hill
- Certified: M. Nolen

Recognitions & Communication

- Awards*: Submission date is now.
- Communications/Web: T. Moore
- Communications/Newsletter: T. Vialle
- Promotion/Recruitment*: J. McGuigan

Division Programs

- Tri Advisory 2011: K. Chulski Dates for 2012 Nov. 2, 3, 4
- Summer Conference August 4, 2012 See Motions/New Business discussion



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OLD BUSINESS

- Web Page: B. Gibson
Continuing with additions to web page and reviewing possible format changes.
To be put in contact with Rye Livingston for additional WEB design input.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of Division Conferences — direction, emphasis, need for?
Board consensus - Division should be in a supportive role, not be in the ‘conference business.’
Not best use of Division funds.
Emphasis of Division programs should be on delivery to Regions, for Region delivery to patrol level.
- WEC (Winter Educational Conference) 2012 cancelled due to lack of registrations, only 9
Future direction/emphasis should be on attracting discipline instructors & IT's - providing instructor recertification and/or updates of programs for direct dissemination to regions and patrols.
- Summer Conference (*see motions & proposals*)
 - Background per Bylaws: FWD Board is only required to meet to conduct business and distribute budgets.
 - New format of Summer Meeting: Business meeting, with awards banquet. No required presentations by program supervisors.
Note: a 1 day classroom session may be held on day of Board meeting at same location, i.e. Instructor Development, but date will not be advertised as a ‘Division Conference’.
 - Future Summer Conferences should have a specific program roll out focus (i.e. new OEC 5th Edition roll out).

OPEN FORUM

- Request from So Cal Region for Division financial assistance to provide support to the Las Vegas Patrol (patrol transferred to So Cal from Arizona Region).
Board discussion/decision to stay with status quo, that region is to handle financing of patrol support.

Meeting adjourned: 2:50 pm

Submitted: Janice Waits, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Region Directors to have their program supervisors and patrol representatives review all registered courses and to close completed or cancelled courses.

Region Directors to request that their OEC and OET supervisors provide a list of who they consider are their senior evaluators to Keith Tatsukawa OEC and Darryl Whitcher OET.

Request to Eastern Sierra to provide a contact name for the Cal EMSA program. Send name to Bill Gibson.