



**Far West Division  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Davis, California  
August 4, 2012**



\* Indicates a written report has been received and will be posted separately to FWD Web site.

**Meeting called to order:** at 8:05 a.m. by Division Director Bill Gibson

**Meeting adjourned at:** 3:45 p.m.

**Roll Call:** DD Bill Gibson; ADD Lance Vaughan; ADD Ton Sherry; Ari RD Curt Grube; ES RD Nancy Strom, ML RD Jim Simons;

**Proxies:** No. CA Nick Akimoff; So CA Alisa Larres: ;  
(Quorum established)

Also present: Treasurer: Keith Dickens; Secretary: Janice Waits. Absent: S Forman, legal

**Meeting Chair:** Bill Gibson

**Secretary, Minutes:** Janice Waits

**Parliamentarian:** Mike Kelly

**Agenda:** accepted as submitted

Introduction of staff, program supervisors, and guests

**MOTIONS:** passed unanimously unless noted

- Meeting minutes accepted as submitted
- 2011/2012 Budget accepted as submitted

**PROPOSALS:** passed unanimously unless noted

- SM-12-1 PASSED MTR Supervisor Request for Division funding to purchase New Mountain Travel Rescue Manuals for MTR ITs. Revised: ensure that each Region have a copy of new manual and expenditure not to exceed \$600.
- SM-12-2 DEFEATED Creation of New Division Awards. *Better at Region level.*
- SM-12-3 DEFEATED Request Division financial support to Region incurring additional expenses for supporting a new patrol.
- SM-12-4 WITHDRAWN Request that FWD hold their annual August summer business meeting/awards dinner, in the southern California Region every 2 or 3 years.
- SM-12-5 TABLED No. CA SAR Supervisor Request to Division for funding to replace batteries and to purchase additional equipment for SAR. *TABLED: for later review, after additional research of radio funding solutions by Mike Kelly*
- SM-12-6 WITHDRAWN Mother Lode Region Request to Division for funding Region representative for new Senior Program. Added to budget under unfunded mandated National Meeting to support regional OEC staff, 2 plus OEC supervisor will attend  
*Note: National allowed only two Division representatives.*



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**FUTURE DATES**

- Nov. 2-4, 2012 Tri Advisory, Yosemite Valley \$15 entrance fee and campsite
- Dec. 3, 2012 Election Nominations due for Div. Director and Asst. Division Director
- Jan. 13, 2013 Division Election DD & ADD candidates posted to Web page
- Feb. 4, 2013 Division Election DD & ADD ballots distributed (via email)
- Feb. 4, 2013 Region Director nominations due for: Eastern Sierra and Northern California
- March 8, 2013 FWD Winter BOD Meeting, Tahoe Area, Friday (may be at Diamond Peak)
- March 9, 2013 FWD 75th Gala Banquet, Northstar,

**DIVISION STAFF REPORTS**

- Secretarial Items — J. Waits
  - 3/16/12 Winter Meeting minutes approved via email Posted to Web
  - 9/18/11 Phone conference minutes approved via email Posted to Web
  - Rosters (Division / Region) Division — email me changes  
RECEIVED: Arizona, No Cal, So Cal
  - \*Election Reports posted to web. 2011/12 results and new elections 2012/13
- Registrar's Report - B. Gibson about 2000 members; added new patrol, So.Ca. San Gabriel Patrol,
- Treasurer's Report — K. Dickens — 2011/21 expenses reviewed
- Legal Report — B. Gibson:
  - Stuart Foreman sits on National Legal board and has worked on AB1245 legislation, NSP has received exemption from background checks, EMS coverage now includes NSP
  - Assisted by Josh Maseur, on National legal issues, and will be working on revision of NSP code of conduct

**DIVISION DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

- \*Division Director Report – B. Gibson: reviewed Nat'l meeting, Division Directors sharing a common voice, demonstrated by matching shirts
- Assistant Division Directors Reports
  - \*L. Vaughan hosted FWD July budget planning meeting
  - \*T. Sherry recap of season
- 75th NSP Gala — B. Gibson:
  - National is doing a time capsule, asking for capsule donations - notes that in 1938 only Far West and Eastern Division were established
  - Gala kick off in Stowe, Vt Oct 20, 2012 with dedication of memorial bench/time capsule
  - Gala celebration to be held in Denver Jan 31-Feb 3, 2012
  - Far West gala dinner to celebrate 75th Anniversary - March 9, 2013  
Dinner and WEC event to be hosted by Northstar Ski Patrol
- National Board Report B. Hummer Oral Report
  - Thanked Division for its' support
  - Upcoming National Board election. Wanted to remind membership of importance of having Far West representatives on the Board and that Ron Evenson and Mike St. Claire are candidates in next National Board election.
  - Noted that the National Board has good forward planning; gave overview of how levels relate i.e. line level patrollers through Division Directors.



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**DIVISION DIRECTORS' REPORTS cont.**

- Brought up question of members voting on National Bylaws? Reported that most members said they are not interested or wouldn't vote.
- National Fund Raising committee reported that patrollers will devote time, but not cash. Asked what are the barriers that deter donations?

**REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- \*Arizona, \*Eastern Sierra, \*Mother Lode, \*Nor Cal, \*So Cal,
- \*Professional (Rich Bailey now member of APP board )

**PROGRAM SUPERVISORS REPORTS – FWD PROGRAM GUIDE**

- \*Avalanche — R. Morrow
- \*MTR & Tri-Advisory) — K. Chulski
- \*SAR — J. Kretchmann
- \*OEC — K. Tatsukawa
- \*OET — D. Whitcher
- \*Nordic — M. Kelly
- \*Instructor Development — D. Hill
- \*Certified — M. Nolan

**FWD ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISORS – FWD PROGRAM GUIDE**

- \*Awards — K. Bergmann
- \*Disaster Services — S. Simi  
Includes slide presentation on Program Goals: develop templates to go from state to state
- \*Community College — N. Stromswold
- Web Site — T. Moore (absent) Program reviewed by Bill Gibson  
Bill Gibson has challenged Tom to bring web site up to date.  
i.e. a combined calendar so supervisors have own web page and content  
Hope to have calendar up by ski season
- \*Newsletter — T. Viall (absent) — Program reviewed by Bill Gibson  
No funding requested at this time — News letter deadline Sept 25, 2012
- \*Member Recruitment — J. McGuigan (absent)  
submitted copy of his expense sheet listing activities for season.
- \*Alumni — F. Shoemaker

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CalEMSA / EMR Regulations — B. Gibson**

Overview CalEMSA – is looking for a larger revenue source  
(AB1245) had required background checks, but NSP received an exemption and has allowed NSP to continue at ski areas without back ground checks  
\*\*Believe legislation is being pulled again — but still plan on getting NSP exemption, to be included in the Title 22 and state wide program recognition



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Division / Region Senior Advisors / Senior Manuals — K. Tatsukawa**

- New Senior modals of OEC and OET
- Discussion of creating a New OEC Senior Supervisor – but just creates another level of bureaucracy– use Region program OEC supervisor
- Will not be a National level OEC Senior Supervisor
- Senior manual went from 6 pages to 43 pages on how to run the OEC portion (can only test once per season) Far West was not represented on educational board (open membership on committee)
- OET portions still being looking at.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 3:40 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Janice Waits, Secretary, FWD

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Request to Karl Chulski – to create a “template/outline” of quality & content of the Tri-Advisory Meeting so FWD ‘owns’ it, and can control quality and content it if it goes National.
- 2) For the Awards committee that a report be presented to FWD Board at their March 8, 2013 winter business meeting. on request from Cash Murphy, that the Division give consideration to creating 2 new awards
  - 1) outstanding hill host and
  - 2) outstanding alumni (currently in So CA region has such an award)Nominations and vetting, would work the same as for other Division awards
- 3) Mike Kelly, No. CA SAR supervisor, do additional research on possible outside funding for purchase of new radios and/or other equipment needs for the No. CA SAR team.
- 4) 2013 Summer Meeting location proposal due September 30, 2012 for FWD Board review. All Regions will be sent meeting proposal form.

**REMINDERS FROM BILL GIBSON:**

- All expense requests must be submitted within 60 days of expense for Division to reimburse.
- Region Directors, contact the Program supervisors, if you need IT assistance or need Instructor Development classes to grow instructors in your Region.