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DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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The 2017 PNWD Convention is now in the history books. It was a fun and informative weekend. We had two keynote speakers – Dr Jim Hamilton, Asst. National Medical Advisor and our own Division Medical Advisor who gave a thought provoking talk on ‘Disaster Preparedness’. This was followed by Mary Bozak, a representative of Mt Guard/Willis Insurance Co., the insurance company used by the NSP. She gave a very informative talk on snow sports injuries and claims, and the importance of proper and complete documentation etc.... Her presentation included slides and videos and she discussed various incidents, the injured party’s claim to what happened, what the ski patrol and area documentation showed, and then what the outcome of the claim was including whether or not

it was settled in or out of court. So remember a few things – if it wasn’t written down, it did not happen. What the person or witnesses said at the time of the incident and those drawings by the patient to show what happened are very important pieces of documentation,. Photos (taken by the appropriate area staff) also help tell the true story.



The rest of the day was filled with informative breakout sessions – everything from First Aid for Dogs, Acupuncture, MTR, OEC etc... clear thru Awards. Thanks to all the presenters. The evening was filled with recognizing patrollers and patrols for their accomplishments and ended, of course, with the not so coveted Bed Pan award, which went to Richard Murphy, but you’ll have to get the story from him. LOL We are not publishing the award winners in this issue because many of them were not at the convention and we’d hate for them to read about it before being presented. There are many photos from the convention on the divisions Facebook page.

On Sunday morning during our annual board meeting Rich Maris read the Final Sweep list and we gave a final farewell to a rather large number of our fallen members past and present.

A big thank you to the Wy’East Region’s Convention team led by Margaret Usher for a great weekend.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Convention which being planned for August 10-12 in the Spokane.

Just like the weather – change is in the air

PNWD Position Changes

- Awards Advisor - Peter Schwartz is mentoring under Rich Maris and will be filling Rich’s shoes later this season.
- Convention Coordinator – Reba Sharp is now filling this important role that Shirley Cummings has held for many years.
- Senior Program Advisor – Nicole (Dodge) Seager
- Webmaster & Facebook - Richard Murphy (Murph) is joining the Webmaster Team

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NSP Lifetime Member

There are two types of Lifetime membership

- Purchased – Any individual who has been a member of the NSP for a minimum of one calendar year ‘above’ the candidate level, may purchase National Lifetime membership. This member no longer pays National level dues. But does pay the annual Division and Region dues.
- Earned – after completing 50 years of continuous NSP membership, individuals are given Lifetime membership at the National level.
- Effective for 2018, these 50 year NSP members who are members of the PNW Division will also no longer have to pay the annual Division Dues.
- Effective for 2018 these 50 year NSP members who are members of one of the 5 regions within PNWD will no longer have to pay the annual Region Dues.

New Patrol Groups within PNWD – Help me welcome:

Lookout Pass – Mt Bike Patrol - This group hit the ground running or I should say biking this summer. There is a separate article in this newsletter with details, so I'll just say—Welcome aboard.

Mt Rainier Nordic Volunteer Patrol – It is with great pleasure that I announce our newest patrol the Mt Rainier Nordic Ski Patrol. This has been a year in the making but it came together and the group is working hard to get members registered and training (OEC, Avy, MTR) started. As of this writing we have about 20 new members registered, and we expect another 20+ before this season comes to a close. Tom Hobbs is the new patrol representative and he jumped right in and attended the PD/PR training at the convention. A couple of their members are former patrollers so they do have some depth and understanding of the NSP.



Photo from their first NSP training back in December 2016

Bogus Basin Pro Patrol (not new members, just a new patrol unit as of this summer). Nothing will change with the way the Bogus patrols operate and interrelate. Omar Fricke is the new Patrol Director.

NSP IT System Updates:

The system is in continual change, and looks to be getting better all the time. Sure, we all don't like how things look or work but it is what it is and we need to make the best of it and continue to report issues so they can be addressed; or share dreams so that those can be considered as well.

PLEASE – check your profile and make sure that your personal/demographic information is correct and current. This includes the spelling of your name, your address, phone, email, and even gender and birthdate. So, you say, why does the NSP need to know my gender or birthdate? That's easy. As examples:

- 1) We have a 'women's program' – it would help to know who the women are.
 - 2) We have a YAP (Young Adult) program – it would be helpful to know who the 15-19-year-old members are.
 - 3) You've likely heard that we are an aging population as patrollers. Well, those with birthdates indicating that they are over 120 years old and are still on the hill patrolling don't help that statistic very much; likewise, for those that, per their birthdate, are actively patrolling at 3 years old.
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When you go into your profile there are fields where you can input things like if you are an MD, DO, EMT, RN, etc.... these items are not mandatory, but they are great to know. If there is a project, such as the upcoming OEC 6 text, where the organization might be interested in finding someone to help review a chapter or the like. So please be willing to share your information and talents.

While in your profile if you see something that you don't think is correct or is missing (education program credit), don't just gripe about it, let your Patrol Rep know and provide some backup documentation. He/she can try to get the information updated. Oh, and be honest if you see something on your profile such as a class or award that should not be there because you did not earn it. Speak up and we can get it removed. Each of us needs to take some responsibility for our own records.

Instructor Teaching Activity Records – Many instructors sent in requests for this and we were able to resolve the issues. Therefore you once again can log your teaching activities on the NSP website. And no, not all of the old data came fully across from the old system, so don't ask. If you have your old records and you want to fill in some blanks, you can do that (remember, you only need 3 yrs. worth).

Other National News

- National Program Directors/Staff Position Changes --- Recently the NSP Board of Directors made a change regarding how long an individual can serve in a National Program Director position. The old policy was they remained in the position until replaced by the National Chair. The new policy is that the Program directors will remain in the position until replaced with a limit of 6 years in the position. They did add a contingency clause to allow the National Chair to keep a NPD in position for another year based on need. This change means that there will be several positions opening soon. This could mean an opportunity for you to serve.
- Legal – Kevin McQuillan will be replacing Bob Scarlett. We thank Bob for his service to the NSP since 12/2006, and we look forward to working with Kevin in the future.
- Search committees have been formed and announcements calling for applicants will be coming out soon.
 - ◊ Women's – application process is ongoing to fill the position that Linda Barthel recently left after 8 years of dedicated service.
 - ◊ Awards – Replacing Bill Boulter who has been at the helm for awards since 2011.
 - ◊ Medical – Replacing Dr. David Johe. David has served since 2009 and will be continuing with the OEC-6 development project.
 - ◊ OEC – Deb Endly is not leaving, she will be working with another person; one covering OEC 5 and the other OEC6. OEC-6 is scheduled for publication to the members in June 2019.
- Two additional committees have been formed at the national level: The Mt Bike and National Board Structure committees. It is unknown where these are headed and to what degree things will develop but none-the-less there are new committees.

This year will be a very busy one throughout our division, so start getting prepared through completing your refreshers, paying dues promptly, and don't forget to wax those skis or snowboard.

Mark Your Calendars -

PNWD All Discipline Instructor / IT Conference -

Yep 2018 is the year that we are on task to conduct another one of these conferences to keep our instructors and IT's up-to-date on all the changes within the NSP's educational programs. These conferences are also a way to meet other instructors from across the division and share information and ideas. While we don't have any information yet on date or location, watch for an announcement and plan on attending. It will be both informative and fun. Anne Greenwood, our RD from Oregon, has volunteered to be the point person on getting this organized in conjunction with the Educational Program Supervisors from PNWD.

Your questions, concerns, or ideas about anything related to this division or the NSP in general are important to me. Please contact me so we can discuss them. Email at LizPNWD@gmail.com or phone at 206-300-7711 and let's work together. Collaborative Teamwork is essential to the organization at all levels. The skills, energy, and enthusiasm that all of us bring to the organization are what make it fun and rewarding to be a ski patroller.

T.E.A.M. - Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Yours in Service,
Liz Dodge
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PNWD MEDICAL ADVISOR REPORT

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Anatomy of Skiing Injuries – Part 8, Strokes
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What is a “stroke?” A stroke (sometimes also referred to as cerebrovascular accident, CVA) occurs when the oxygen supply to brain cells is compromised or decreased. Brain cells are highly dependent on a good oxygen supply – and the body helps ensure that supply by making the brain the first organ to be supplied off the aortic arch, and by preferentially shunting blood flow from other parts of the body in situations where the body’s circulation may be compromised. Lack of continuous flow of oxygenated blood rapidly causes the death of brain cells which are not replaceable. This results in various functional impairments for the individual dependent on the part of the brain affected.

Interruption of blood flow to the brain most commonly occurs when an artery in the brain becomes obstructed by a small clot or embolism (an ischemic stroke). The offending clot could come from a larger clot anywhere in the body (DVT) and travel to the brain. It could also have come from a plaque in the carotid artery wall associated with atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries).

Another common cause of blood flow interruption is when a blood vessel ruptures causing a hematoma in the brain (a hemorrhagic stroke). This may be associated with high blood pressure, rupture of a cerebral aneurysm or trauma to the head.

Early recognition of a stroke with rapid treatment affords the best outcome. Dependent on the particular area of the brain involved, symptoms can include sudden weakness, paralysis or numbness of the face, arms or legs, difficulty speaking or a change in vision. The application of oxygen and rapid intervention at a hospital with either a “clot buster” or “vessel plug” are critical to obtain the best results. Hopefully the function of the damaged area of the brain can be replaced by long-term speech or physical therapy, thus training other area of the brain to take over the function.

Strokes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. Recognition of risk factors with appropriate treatment is important to avoid strokes. Because ischemic strokes are significantly more common than hemorrhagic strokes, the daily use of one 82.5 mg tablet of aspirin (aspirin can decrease the formation of blood clots) may be beneficial. This is a risk/benefit situation since aspirin could cause increased bleeding in a hemorrhagic stroke. Starting an aspirin regimen should be done only in collaboration with your physician. Good control of hypertension is important for decreasing the risk of a hemorrhagic stroke. If someone is using a “blood thinner” such as warfarin, it should not be discontinued unless directed to do so by his/her physician.

Jim Hamilton

PNWD ELECTIONS

By Dolores La Liberte, Election Coordinator

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Each year the PNWD oversees or conducts the election for Region Directors. The Division directs the election or appointment of the Region Directors. The Region may choose to conduct the election/balloting process themselves. However, this must be approved by the Division Director in advance of the nominations being opened. If the Division conducts the election, the time line is as stated in the PNWD P&P (2.1) for election of the Division Director. Regardless the ballots must be in no later than March 31, Election Day, of the election year.

The information needed to conduct an election such as nominations, time line, qualifications, etc. is found in the PNWD P&P under “[2.1 Elections and Appointments of Officers](#)”.

The rotation of Region Director Elections is as follows:

Even years: Northwest, Oregon, and Wy’East Regions

Odd years: Inland Empire and Southern Idaho Regions

Therefore, for the 2018 Election Year - **Northwest, Oregon and Wy’East Region Directors are up for election.** Any registered patrol in good standing may submit nominations for their respective region; an eligible candidate may also announce his or her own candidacy. The 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 and may be accompanied by a one-page statement of the candidate’s platform. Also, nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination signed by the Nominee.

Being the Election Coordinator, and in the event that I will be handling any or all of the even year Regions, nominations will be opened about January, 13, 2018.

Dolores La Liberte

SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

By David Campbell, South Idaho Region Director

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Hello from Southern Idaho Region covering: Spout Springs, Ferguson Ridge, Anthony Lakes, Bogus Basin, So. Idaho Nordic, 705 Backcountry, Payette Lakes, Soldier Mountain, and Magic Mountain.

This is my first report as the new Regional Director. I would like to thank all the advisors that have agreed to stay on for another year. If last year was any indication the next one should be great.

This last season was very good but also challenging. Areas got good snow, sometimes too much, then rain, then blizzards that closed roads. Spout Springs did not run because of management problems, not because of a lack of snow. Ferguson Ridge had one of the best seasons ever. They have a candidate class of 14 that just finished their OEC course, which will more than double the size of their patrol. Other patrols that have held OEC courses are Payette Lakes, Soldier Mountain, Bogus Basin, and Anthony Lakes. It is good to see patrols bringing on new members.

At last year's Senior eleven people test with seven successfully completing all three modules. Hope to all to see all that still have some to complete at this year's test, we also expect to test 3 Nordic seniors this year.

In the works for this season are 4 Snow sports enhancement seminars, 4 OET clinic's, 2 Senior OEC clinic's and more. Stay tuned, and see the list below.

For those who are looking at a bucket list, there was one completed this past season. Jeff Jenkins from Anthony Lakes skied in at least one ski area in every state (lower 48) that has an area, also hitting all with the most in Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western, and all three areas that are in national parks. He had a great time and was amazed with the friendly reception he got from the patrols he visited. Makes me proud to part of the big ski patrol family. Hope to see you on the slopes.

Dates so far:

- Regional Meeting at October 14th @ Soldier Mountain
- Senior Clinics: Tentative location TBD, Jan 6-7 and Jan 27-28
- Eddie Orbea Senior Test, Feb 23-25 @ Soldier Mountain
- OEC Refreshers Scheduled
 - ◊ Anthony Lakes Sept 23
 - ◊ Bogus Basin 2 Sept 17, and Sept 30
 - ◊ Payette Lakes Nov 4th (tentative)
 - ◊ Soldier Mt. Nov 11th
 - ◊ Ferguson Ridge Dec 3rd (tentative)

David Campbell

YAP REPORT

By Dave Brown, YAP Advisor

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Dear Patrols,

I need a little help. I am working on updating our division list of all YAP programs. So if you have one and are willing to share with me those contacts that you could share great. It's not too early to get your returning members ready for next season.

Comments from National: YAP participation in 2017 Powderfall: It went really well as I described in my committee report a month or so ago.

- YAP 'transition'...stay in contact with NSP as an Alumni Member if not patrolling after turn 18...I sent an email to the committee member back in May'ish explaining the concept and providing the communication text for transitioning (graduating) from YAP.
- YAP NSP Website...in development, making improvements with tools to start and maintain a YAP program.

Thanks Dave Brown

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OREGON REGION REPORT

By Anne Greenwood, Oregon Region Director

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The 2017 PNWD Convention, held in Portland, was once again an opportunity to connect with other patrollers and gain valuable information. Oregon Region had members attending from Mt. Bachelor, Mt. Ashland, Santiam Pass, Willamette Backcountry and Willamette Pass patrols. Be sure to ask your patrol members who attended about updates on the NSP website, education programs and news in the ski patrol community.

The Oregon Region wishes to thank the Wy'East Region for all their hard work to provide this convention.

The annual Oregon Region meeting was held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Sunriver Library, Oregon. At this meeting, some of the 2018 ski season's training and education dates were set or discussed. An audit of last season's financial records was conducted prior to the meeting and found to be in good order. The region budget was set with the dues remaining the same, at \$15.00.

Oregon Region has a new OET Advisor, Joe Harwood, who has been the Asst. OET Advisor for the last season. Dan Bolduc will move to the Asst. OET Advisor position while an OET Instructor is found and mentored as Joe's assistant. We are currently looking for patrollers to fill the following advisor positions: Alumni, Awards, Patroller and Medical.

Thank-you to all the following Staff & Advisors who continue to serve the Oregon Region: Andy Bechdolt-Asst. Region Director; Don Elting-Controller; Valerie Luscher-Secretary; Brad Cascagnette-Legal; Josie Elting-Special Projects; Jim Hutchison- Avalanche; Kathy Alexander- Instructor Development; Robert Walters-Mt. Travel & Rescue; Terry Kneen-Nordic/Nordic Senior; Sarah Aitken-OEC; and Laurie Coventry-Senior OEC.

Continuing as Patrol Representatives/Directors are: Allen Engle-Mt. Bachelor; Shelley Urben-Santiam Pass; Cory Thornton-Warner Canyon; Cory Miner-Willamette Backcountry and Jim Hutchison-Willamette Pass. Mt. Ashland has a new PD/PR, Doug Gardner.

Objectives for this coming 2018 ski season include continuing to provide quality courses, refreshers and trainings in all disciplines, as well as enriching ski patrolling experiences to all patrollers.

The Oregon Region would like to congratulate its newest National Appointment recipient, Jim Hutchison, from Willamette Pass. Remember to ask him his number!

Dates:

OEC Module of the Senior Program Midwinter Clinic, January 20, 2018

OEC Module of the Senior Program Final Exam, April 21, 2018. Oregon Region will host, location TBD.

Please check the Oregon Region website for the latest details:

<http://www.nsp-oregon.org/calendar/>

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NORTHWEST REGION

By Dave May, Northwest Region Director

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Having just returned from the Division Convention in the great city of Portland, Oregon the folks from the NW Region are looking forward to the upcoming season with the hopes of another great snow year. Many thanks to Doug Stanton and his crew from the Wy'East Region for hosting and organizing an informative and delightful convention. Congratulations to all award winners and good luck on receiving National awards for your respective categories.

All Patrol Directors/Representatives (PD/PR) and advisors/administration personnel in the Region will be returning in their roles with the exception of Scott Waller, PD from Cascade Backcountry. Scotts' term is up and elections are happening within his Patrol for his replacement. Thanks Scott for your dedication and passion to your Patrol and the Region!

We have a new Patrol forming which has been registered with National as the Mt. Rainier Nordic Patrol number 061. Tom Hobbs has been elected as their PD and he is busy working through the process of getting patrollers registered and finding space in the Regions OEC classes to get them certified.

I'm very excited to announce Peter Schwartz, PD for Crystal Mountain and Jack Ramsey OET instructor for Crystal and Region OET Administrator will be busy organizing another Advanced Terrain Clinic at Crystal. Dates for the event are in the works, but keep the event in mind as one to attend!

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the OEC instructors, ITs and those patrollers that will be helping teach, for their dedication and passion and stepping up to organize, the OEC classes as well as this year's Cycle A refreshers. The amount of time and effort required to pull these courses off is nothing short of "spectacular". Here is a list of the refreshers in the Region.

Snoqualmie White Pass	Refresher 1 Patrol Refresher	Oct. 7 Oct. 7		Alpental White Pass
Snoqualmie	Refresher 2	Oct. 8		Alpental
Snoqualmie	Refresher 3	Oct. 14		Alpental
Snoqualmie	Refresher 4	Oct. 15		Alpental
Mt. Baker	Patrol Refresher	Oct 28		Bellingham
Crystal	Patrol Refresher	Nov. 11		Crystal

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Dave May
NW Region Director

WY'EAST REGION REPORT

By Doug Stanton, Region Director

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Wy'East Nuts & Bolts a Huge Success!

Wow, what an event! The 2017 edition of Nuts & Bolts came off without a hitch. Celebrating our 16th consecutive year of hosting this event, the team has it dialed in. Weather couldn't have been any better during all three days of the event. Clear skies were ordered and delivered with plenty of quality snow for everyone. Over 170 patrollers were in attendance on Mt Hood over the course of three days. It was quite a sight to see that many red coats. A final run was held Saturday June 3rd for Walt Langkit, fellow patroller and Hyak ski area icon who passed during the 2016/17 season. One hundred patrollers honored Walt, descending the Palmer Snowfield in one large group that provided quite a spectacle for the skiing public. A total of 13 clinics were held ranging from ski enhancement, toboggan enhancement to backcountry. As we look to next year, its time to mark your calendars. Wy'East Nuts & Bolts will be held June 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2018. If you haven't attended one these events, its time to add to your bucket list. Hope to see you next year.

2017 PNWD Convention Portland

As I write this article we are putting the finishing wrap on the 2017 convention. I can proudly say that this years PNWD convention held in Portland was a huge success. The Wy'East team did an amazing job covering every detail of convention planning. Starting with the BBQ Friday evening to the closing meeting with the PNWD Executive staff, the entire event came off without a hitch. A total of 118 division members where in attendance taking full advantage of the learning sessions and interaction with fellow members. The Sheraton PDX did an amazing job hosting our group with some minor complaints about freezing temps in some of the conference rooms. Hey, we're patrollers, layer up. The venue was very well suited to hosting our event. Now it's off to Inland Empire and the Spokane area next year. We wish Kevin Voss and his team the best in planning and executing their convention plans and are here to provide support on what does and doesn't work. See everyone in Spokane next August.

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Attention Instructors - especially the course IOR's: Please make sure that you have copies of your course enrollment and completion rosters, the result status (Pass - Fail - Incomplete - No Show) for each enrollee and of course a detailed list of who the assisting instructors were and what they taught. Last year we asked each of you to create a CCR (Course Completion Roster) in the old style. We are asking this be done this year as well. This gives us a good comparison to the on-line system. And yes, we did have to go back to those several times this past year. A copy of these should be sent to your division program supervisor.

Instructor Recertification's - If your instructorship is due to expire in 12/2017, and you want to be recertified, do yourself and everyone else a favor and make sure that you have met the requirements for recertification and have your records in order and ready to present to your Region Program Administrator. Recertification requirements include: a) maintaining your basic certification in the discipline as well as your NSP membership. b) completion of a discipline specific instructor CE course (commonly called Instructor ICE courses) during this period of certification. c) a teaching activity log showing the teaching in that discipline during the last three years and d) record of an Instructor Evaluation by an IT from your discipline. None of these requirements are new or in any way hard to accomplish. We thank you for your instructional service to your discipline and hope that you continue to impart your craft during the next three years. Questions? Contact your Region Program Administrator.

Liz Dodge

PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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Registrations for the 2017-18 season will start soon for returning patrollers and transfers, and for new members taking OEC it has already done as of this writing.

Registrations for the PNWD will be essentially the same as last year, with refinements to make it easier for PDs to administer. Last year with a new system at NSP we were all in a state of confusion and frustration on understanding what to do and how to do it. This year we have a clear understanding of what we need to do.

Dues

Dues will remain the same as last year for the PNWD and its Regions. Patrollers will still pay National dues on line at NSP, and Region and Division dues will be collected by the patrol in a very similar manner as has been done for many years. The caveat is that Region and Division dues are to be paid to the patrol, along with refreshers completed, prior to the PD notifying National to invoice patrollers to pay National dues. So, no National dues paid, no membership card.

Late fees will be assessed this year which were not enforced last year due to confusion with the new system. PNWD Late Fees of \$5.00 will apply if submitted by the patrol to me as Registrar after December 31st. National Late Fees of \$10.00 will apply for patrollers who pay dues on line later than January 31st. New members never have late fees.

Suspension

In addition, patrollers who do not pay National prior to Feb 1st will be 'Suspended' by NSP. This means they will have no access to the NSP systems for anything other than to pay dues. And, they will have no access to the NSP Store or Pro Deals until dues are paid. The lesson is to pay all dues by the end of December and ensure you are in good standing. PDs will be monitoring their rosters on-line and reminding those not being responsible for payment, and may ask patrollers to stay off the hill until they do. At some point, those not paying will be entirely removed from NSP membership.

Lifetime Members

At 50 years of continuous service an NSP member is given Lifetime Membership status on an 'earned' basis with a Lifetime Member plaque to commemorate the achievement. At that point, the person no longer needs to pay National dues. At the Division Convention in August it was decided that PNWD patrollers with 50 years of continuous service and given Lifetime Membership will no longer have to pay Region and Division dues either. Something they well deserve for their years of service.

There are also 'paid' Lifetime Memberships where a shorter term member can pay the fee and no longer have to pay National dues. I happen to be one of those. When those individuals hit 50 years of continuous service, their Region and Division dues will cease as well.

Individuals who retire from active patrolling, but maintain continuous membership as Alumni are also given Lifetime Membership when they attain 50 years with no further dues.

Since 'Back Dues' are no longer permitted as of March 2016, it behooves long time patrollers, or those who want to lay out for a year or two and then come back to patrolling, to stay registered with NSP as an Alumni or as 'Not Currently Patrolling' with their patrol (formerly called Inactive). This maintains their years of service status and enables them to keep their relationship to NSP and get that coveted 50 Years of Service certificate and Lifetime Member plaque. Or for those returning, it helps with getting their 10 or 20 year pins and certificates instead of starting over in years of service.

PDs, encourage any patroller not returning to active patrolling to register as Alumni and maintain their relationship with your patrol and NSP. They may not be able to go on the hill in uniform, but they can still be OEC Instructors and teach in classes and refreshers if they do. And they can be registered as a 'Secondary' on your patrol as an Alumni.

Wish for big snow and have a great year on the mountain.

Blaine Price

AVALANCHE ADVISOR

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Summer Avalanche Program Update

Summary

Summertime, well my mind is pretty far from the snow this year, every other summer I head to South American but this year is on the stay at home sequence (actually just got back from some fishing in Alaska). Not a lot of on the snow news, but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes with American Avalanche Association, and it is that time of year for instructors to plan out their courses and students to start signing up.

New Publication

Many of you have read through the previous editions, but *The Snowy Torrents 1996-2004* is now available for order at <http://www.americanavalancheassociation.org/store/>. I have always felt that looking at the past accidents as a valuable tool for anyone planning on playing in avalanche terrain.

Latest from the American Avalanche Association

As I mentioned last edition – the American Avalanche Association has been spending considerable effort to realign the curriculum to today's audience. You can see an overview at <https://aaa19.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Rec%20Guidelines%20TAR%2034.3.pdf> Now they have released more information on the pro track located at <http://www.americanavalancheassociation.org/professional-training/>

Avalanche Instructors

The NSP Avalanche Program serves a unique role in the overall avalanche education paradigm, which is offering NSP members top notch avalanche education through the NSP education system. NSP Avalanche courses are rooted in the curriculum from the American Avalanche association and adapted to meet the needs of NSP members. In 2014, the latest Avalanche Instructor Manual (AIM) was published and offers an excellent program-wide set of materials to offer NSP members a premier avalanche education. In addition to the AIM the NSP BCA joint publication "Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals 2nd edition" is another excellent resource. One more important piece is the critical link—great instructors. Like all NSP education programs, volunteer instructors are the critical piece to being able to deliver effective education.

There are two main threads for having a great instructor core:

- New Instructors

Every year instructors, instructor trainers, patrol and regional advisors should be on the lookout for students that have the aptitude and interest to become avalanche instructors. I look at my Level II class every year critically to engage those students to start teaching. We can ease them into trying to teach a session in upcoming courses, either classroom or field, and if they find it rewarding get them started with an instructor application and begin the mentoring program. New instructors are critical to the long-term health of the program.

- Current Instructors

Frankly I find keeping current instructors at the same level of enthusiasm and aptitude as when they first became instructors to be challenging. It goes beyond staying active teaching courses to being a continual student in the field yourself and seeking out opportunities to improve in your trade.

Upcoming Avalanche Training

2017 National Avalanche School returns – this year at Breckenridge, CO. <http://www.avalancheschool.org/>

I encourage all the avalanche instructors to start planning and registering the courses needed in their region, I have a Level II registered below for anyone that is interested:

Level II Avalanche **Nov 18, 19, Dec 2, 3** **Course #P037170004**

Have a great rest of the summer.

Regards,

-Patrick Stanton

AWARDS—RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO SERVE

By *Rich Maris, Awards Advisor*

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In light of the present transition of division awards advisor, from myself to Peter Schwartz, if any nominations need to be sent up through the line until November or December, please continue to direct them to me. I will remain in this position until Peter has appointed his anonymous review boards for Appointments, DSA, and Outstanding awards evaluations, and feels comfortable with continuation and development of the awards program for the division. Once those judges are in place we will notify the divisions, region directors, the present regions' awards advisors, and then onwards to the patrols that nominations are to be directed to Peter.

Peter will present his own goals in future articles in the Norwester related to his view and administration of the program for the division and with the National Awards Committee. I will not be lost in a tree well but can respond to any items that he may bring my way as he requests. I have full confidence in his dedication to improving the awards program for the division and serving all of the present and future membership.

Thank you for an opportunity to be of whatever service that I may have been able to provide.

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OEC REPORT

By *Janie SanRomani, OEC Advisor*

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Kathy Lee and I just returned from the fabulous 2017 PNWD Convention. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Instructor Continuing Education Course (ICE) on Friday of the convention. We are so very delighted that everyone of our Region OEC Advisors (ROA) attended the ICE Course along with another 30 or so instructors. Now everyone will be ready to start this year's OEC Refresher Cycle A. Please remember that each patroller who attends a refresher needs to go into their profile on the NSP website and enroll in their specific refresher. If you are taking a hybrid refresher, you do NOT need to enroll or register for the hybrid section but just for the hands-on session. If you are an IOR for your patrol's refreshers, do remember that the IOR and the IT cannot be both IOR's/IT's and students for the same refresher. You must be enrolled as a student yourself in the Instructor Refresher and have another instructor act as the IOR and one more instructor act as the IT. I understand that this is confusing and tedious but at this point in time, we just have to work around the system. It is very important that you are able to get credit for attending a refresher. If you have any questions regarding this process, you can contact your Region's ROA or contact either Kathy Lee or me. Please do not start by contacting the National Office. I promise----we have answers and solutions for you!!

Another note to mention, each patroller must complete the Refresher workbook before the refresher and if doing the hybrid, the online portion must be completed with the certificate printed at the end before taking the hands-on session. And yes, the workbook must be completed too before the refresher, even if doing the hybrid. If you have misplaced your workbook, it is located online and available to be downloaded. A huge thank you to all you instructors that help put on the refreshers---it is a major endeavor but oh so beneficial to each and every patroller!

Later this fall the process to recertify all instructors will be starting. It is never too early to begin gathering all your teaching records so you can turn them in to your ROA if this is your year to be recertified. As always, an instructor needs to attend an ICE course once every 3 years. Hopefully your ROA will be presenting an ICE Course in your region or another nearby region. We will most likely be having another Division All Discipline ICE Conference next spring. Not sure of the date or location yet, but plans are being made. Everyone will be notified as soon as we have the specifics worked out.

If anyone has any questions about OEC, Kathy Lee and I are very easy to get a hold of most of the time—once in a while, we do try to run away for a short period of time but not often, so if you are unable to contact us, give us a little wiggle room and one of us will get back to you.

I hope you all enjoy your upcoming refreshers.

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MTR 2 Prerequisite

The PNWD Executive Board has approved that Level 1 Avalanche Modules 1,2, and 3 will remain a prerequisite for MTR 2 course. This will be included in the PNWD Policies and Procedures. As of July 2017 NSP no longer requires avalanche as a prerequisite for MTR 2. However, NSP allows the Divisions to set their own policy for including Avalanche as a prerequisite for MTR 2.

Sunglasses

Photochromic lenses may not be adequate in hot weather. High temperature does not allow the lenses to darken as much as advertised. This is true for all photochromic lenses including the popular "Transitions". As an example, Corning Glass Photogrey Thin and Dark Lens at 72 degrees F transmit 91% indoors and darken to 15% outdoors. At 95 degrees F they transmit 26% visible light, not adequate for strong sunlight. At 41 degrees F they are darker, 10% transmitted light; but change more slowly.

<http://guthrieeyecare.com/care/hot-and-light/>

<http://ophthalmiclenses.blogspot.com/011/07/temperature-dependency-of-transitions.html>

Polarized lenses are great for use when sunlight is reflected off horizontal surfaces. Though often recommended for skiing, they may actually compromise contrast in certain light conditions, making it difficult to distinguish between patches of ice or snow and moguls.

Frank Rossi
MTR Supervisor, PNWD

NORDIC AND BACKCOUNTRY REPORT

Joe Mabbutt, Nordic Advisor

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I just got back from the 2017 PNWD Convention in Portland ,Oregon. This year we had very good speakers on a wide range of topics that concern us all as patrollers. If you have never been I would recommend you schedule time for next year's 2018 convention. The convention is a great place to ask the questions to the people who have the answers. There is always interesting education provided on a wide variety of topics, I never fail to learn something new. I like to see how different patrols face issues that we have in common and find new solutions. Saturday evening at the banquet dinner is the awards presentation where you get to meet ordinary patrollers who do extraordinary things to help the public. It is very powerful to see and hear about things we do as individuals and as a whole.

As I write today patrollers all over the Region, Division and Nation are getting ready for the upcoming snow season. Have you checked your equipment? Are you ready physically for the demands that patrolling puts on your body? Mentally are you studying for the upcoming refreshers? What are your goals? Are you preparing yourself for your next step as a patroller?

If you get a chance come see me at the yurt. I will save you some snow to shovel.

Joe Mabbutt
PNWD Nordic Advisor



OET REPORT

By Jeffrey Weitz, OET Advisor

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Transportation Program:

This coming season we will be focusing on getting all the 5 regions in our Division to create program consistency in format and content. From NSP we can draw upon the newly completed course descriptions and refresher and instructor outlines to give us some guidelines to follow. The focus this year will be on running unloaded toboggans to increase our skills in Skiing/Riding techniques as they apply to running toboggans. We will be drilling down on the "Basic 7" from the chapter 18 of the Ski Patrollers Manual that include the following: Slide slip, falling leaf, long, medium and short radius turns. We will also focus on direction changes, high angle traverse, linked rhythm parallel turns and recovery techniques.

This season you will be able to find Multi-day clinics in the Northwest Region with the "Steep & Deep" clinics at Crystal, to the 2-day Mt Bachelor Clinics in the Oregon region and of course the 3-day multi-faceted "Nuts & Bolts" Clinics at Mt Hood to cap off the end of the season. Plans are in the works for additional clinics in the Inland Empire and So Idaho regions as well.

The Division Convention was held in August with many excellent opportunities to learn, update and mingle with friends. Breakout sessions were held for the OET Instructors & IT's and the OET Seniors. There was great open discussions and collaborative exchanges of ideas on how to get our division programs more standardized and consistent from region to region. We discussed cross region training opportunities and instructor refreshers. The new Senior Manual was completed and we had a wonderfully attended and engaging group of senior patrollers reviewing and digesting the information in the manual. Everyone contributed new ideas on how to grow and promote the Senior OET program and continue to build a strong and relevant skills program.

The NSP OET transportation team has been completing work started at Powderfall in Aspen this year and wrapping up the balance of the OET course descriptions. We have also been working on putting all OET resource materials for instructors and alpine patrollers in Appendix "E" of the Ski Patrollers Manual to be completed in the next few months. In Aspen we spent 3 days shooting sample videos of the basic toboggan techniques which we are in the process of editing for public consumption, and should be posted on the NSP website by this fall.

I want to make sure that everyone who needs help in putting on clinics, bringing new instructors to their areas for refreshers and updating/mentoring new instructors has the resources to get this done. Please let me know what you need in your local area and I will do my best to round up the resources to make this the best season ever for training and instructors!

Very much looking forward to seeing you all out on the slopes this season!

Let the dryland refreshing begin and "Let it Snow"!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Weitz, Mt Hood Ski Patrol

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Alexander

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Hi all Oregon Region & PNWD ID Instructors & IT's:

Thank you for attending the ID breakout session at the PNWD convention. Highlights include exploring the NSP website, and the On-Line Learning site for both the Hybrid ID course and the new mentoring info for patrollers of all disciplines who need help on "How to Mentor Instructor Candidates". Please remember to keep a paper copy of your course completion records for yourself AND send a copy to your Region ID Advisor and a copy to ME, Kathy (this will help my record keeping info for annual reports and Instructor renewal.)

Please contact be if you have any questions or need help finding an IT for courses.

And I thank you each for all you do for this valuable educational NSP program.

Kathy Alexander
Oregon Region and PNWD Supervisor

HISTORY CHALLENGE

By Shirley Cummings, Division Historian

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History Challenge to Regions

As many of you know, I have several soap boxes that I climb up on from time to time. This is one of those times and one of my oldest boxes--preserving the history of our patrols. "Back in the day", my "good old days" (in the prior century when I got my senior (mid 1960s), one of the things that was "good" back then was the belief that all patrol leaders (i.e. "seniors") should be familiar with their patrol histories. So, as a part of our Senior Exam, we had to submit a paper on the history of our respective patrols and/or our areas. With all the studying we had to do for first aid and all the trudging we had to do to find difficult "senior snow", this task of writing our patrol histories was not relished. However, I know of no one who became a senior in those days who regrets learning about the early days of their patrol, and I am sure we all developed a better appreciation for our patrols and for our ski areas.

Recently our National Historian, Rick Hamlin, requested my help in locating a 1980s SAR photo of a hot helicopter landing in which Northwest patrollers had participated. Ten years ago I could have called on at least 40 experts who could probably track the photo down. Even 5 years ago I'd have had a lot of sources. But look around, the last few years many of the NSP leaders in our division have died and many others have retired. Our patrol sources of information are becoming scarce! The time to tackle your patrol history project is NOW.

Some of the complaints I hear are that "we have several versions of our history", or "no one remembers the dates for sure", etc. Don't let that stop you! Use phrases such as, "one version of the events is that"... "another version believes"... "still others think that...", or use "as told to"... So, NO EXCUSES!

CHALLENGE TO REGIONS & PATROLS: Before the end of the coming season, submit one (or more) versions of your patrol and/or area history. **Send to me at shirleycu@msn.com.** No rules—multiple authors or single author...multiple topics or a few. It need not be a literary masterpiece or a lengthy epistle. Something is better than nothing. In the next Nor'Wester issue, I will provide a list of the patrols who have submitted histories and have acquired bragging rights. RDs will be periodically updated. The list will be updated (and region percentage) as histories are received. (Already have mine done from Hyak/Northwest Region.) Which region will take the greatest pride in submitting the highest percentage of histories for their various patrols? Copies will be made of all the patrol histories received and put into books that can be displayed at conventions and board meetings. Don't be a patrol with a blank page next to your name!

To get started, you might try interviewing your patrollers who have the most longevity. Do you have old patrol rosters? Can you contact ex-patrollers? Here are some questions you might want to ask:

- Do you know when your patrol was first started? By whom?
- Has your patrol building always looked the way it does today? How has it changed over the years? Why?
- Approximately how many patrollers have you had at any one time? How few? Why?
- What changes in hours of operation has your area experienced? Why have there been changes?
- What equipment changes have you seen? Toboggans? Chair Carriers? First Aid Room changes? Communications? Huts? Fanny packs? Trauma Packs?
- How have operations changed? Any new ski runs?
- What benefits do you currently receive? How do these compare with those received in years past?
- How is recruiting handled now? Over the years?
- What are your major sources of fund raising? Over the years?
- What do you spend patrol money on now as opposed to prior years?
- Does your area currently sponsor any special events on your mountain? What events were held in the past?
- Has your area undergone changes in ownership? Has the area or patrol name changed?
- What else is specific to your area or do you want to include?

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE. Increase your knowledge and sense of pride in your own ski patrol and your ski area. CARPE DIEM! Write your patrol or area history. It will slip away if you don't grab it NOW.

Shirley Cummings
Division Historian

LOOKOUT PASS BIKE PATROL

By Denny Burt

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NSP's BP-009 Bike Patrol @ Lookout Pass
1st Bike Patrol set up with NSP in the Nation
Proudly serves the: "Route of the Hiawatha"
Rail-to-Trail Mountain Bicycle Trail

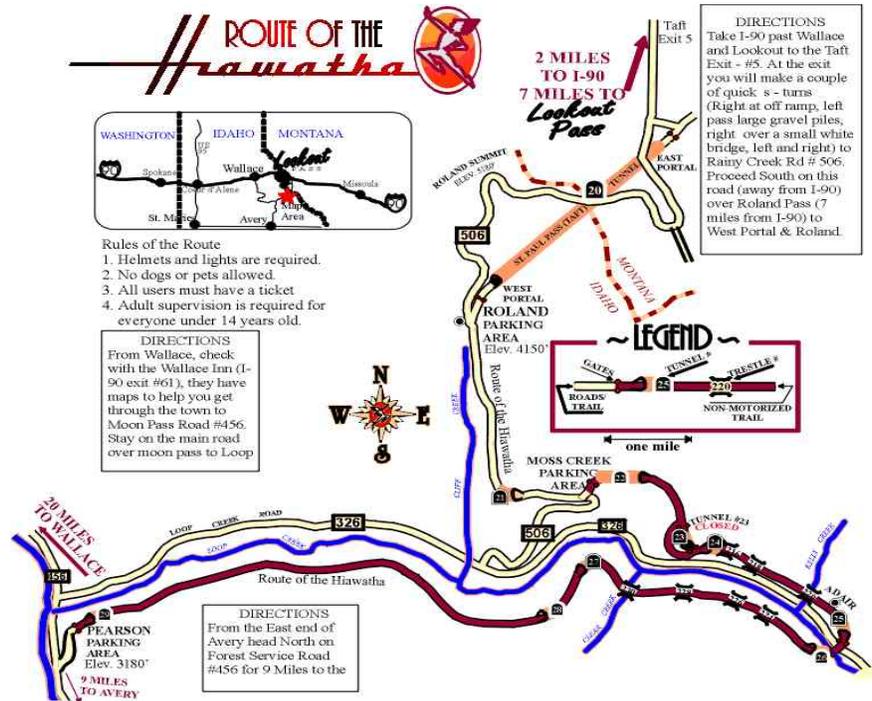


The Lookout Pass/ Hiawatha Trail Bike Patrol has the distinction of being the 1st Bike Patrol to be registered with NSP in the Nation. Thirty-Two Inland Empire Region's NSP Patrollers registered on the new BP-P009 Bike Patrol immediately after NSP offered and sanctioned the patrol. The number of Bike Patrol members have been growing daily with the ease of NSP's secondary registration process. Existing winter patrollers now have an outlet to serve in the summer as well. The Route of the Hiawatha first opened in 1998 with approximately 8,000 riders and the numbers have increased every year. The 2016 summer had 44,008 riders and we are expected to break that record this summer. NSP's Bike patrol offering was an extremely needed and welcomed addition and seen locally as a perfect opportunity to put highly trained patrollers on this high-volume trail. Thank You NSP!



This "Hall of Fame" 15-mile rail-to-trail mountain bike or hike trail utilizes the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad grade between the old town site of Taft (MT) and the North Fork of the St. Joe River near Avery (ID). The St. Paul Pass Tunnel is 1.66 miles in length and is one of the highlights of a trail that has been described as "one of the most scenic stretches of railroad in the country." The Hiawatha includes 10 tunnels and 7 trestles as high as 230 ft within the Loop Creek canyon at the crest of the beautiful Bitterroot Mountains. The trail is considered the "Crown Jewel" of all rail-to-trail projects in the country and delivers a one-of-a-kind adventure for riders from around the world. The best part is... It's all downhill with a gentle 1.6% average grade that drops 1,000 feet over the 15-mile length with shuttle buses available to transport you and your bike back to the top. A wide variety of ability levels from young children to super seniors can enjoy the trail and its numerous historical and interpretive signs. Wildlife sightings of moose, elk and deer are a frequent treat. Trail passes, shuttle tickets, mountain bike rentals, souvenirs, and picnic lunches are available at Lookout Pass Ski Area located adjacent to I-90 at the Idaho/Montana state line 12 miles east of Historic Wallace, Idaho. Call 208-744-1301 or visit www.ridethehiawatha.com for trail information. Equipment reservations are recommended. The Hiawatha Trail is open daily from May 27 through September 24, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm PDT. Continued next page

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Lookout Pass Ski Area operates the trail under a Special Use Permit with the USFS.



FUNDRAISING

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Fundraising for your patrol, region, or division is important to all of us so that we can do our work and meet our missions without having to get our operating capital all from the dues of our members. There are several opportunities to obtain funding. There are the long-established fundraisers such as Ski Swaps, Auctions, goods sales at events, raffles, etc.... There are also opportunities that some likely have not yet tapped into such as:

- Employer Programs - donations for employee community volunteer work, employer matching donations. Check with your employer to see if they have one of these programs and consider donating to a patrol near you.
- Percentage of sales promotions - Many of you purchase goods through Amazon on a routine basis, how about using Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Pacific Northwest Division National Ski Patrol. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6158845> Bookmark the link and support us every time you shop.

For most of these donor programs you can designate the patrol, region, or division where the donation is to go.

Remember volunteer patrol money cannot be used for the direct benefit of any for-profit entity (think ski resort), or individual. Patrols cannot give cash or purchased equipment (i.e. toboggans, AED's) to a for profit ski area. Patrols can use these monies for furthering the education of patrollers and the snow sports public.

ELECTIONS 2017

By Liz Dodge

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Election 2017

By the time you read this issue of the Nor'wester the candidate information will be published on the NSP website and the voter's pamphlet should have been delivered to your US postal service mailbox, as an insert into the Ski Patroller Magazine.

There are 13 Candidates running for 5 positions on the NSP National Board.

Wendy Aarnio, Eastern Division
Morgan Armstrong^, Southern Division
Christi Garrison, European Division
Chris Johns, Rocky Mountain Division
Rick Knight*, Eastern Division
Ken Kramer*, Rocky Mountain Division
Sam Lanier, Far West Division
Happy McClurg, Eastern Division
Nancy Pitstick, Intermountain Division
Chris Pringle*, Eastern Division
Bill Sinykin*, Intermountain Division
Julie Stone, Central Division
Dave Ulrich, Pacific Northwest Division

*indicates current board member

^indicates past board service



These are very important positions as these individuals join the other 8 national board members and set the goals, objectives, and policies for the NSP going forward. I know you all have thoughts and ideas of what is working and not working for you within the NSP. These annual elections are one way for you to speak your voice and help shape the NSP for the years to come. It doesn't matter if you are a new candidate, basic patroller, seasoned veteran, or alumni your vote counts. In the last election only 10.5% of the PNWD membership voted. We can and should do better than that. Some divisions had 24-34% of their membership vote. Nationwide our division represents 8.6% of the membership yet we only represented 4.7% of those who voted. We can do better than that!

Sure, this does not affect your healthcare insurance, or your social security but it does impact you in other ways as a member of this great organization.

I ask each and every one of you to read the materials supplied by the candidates, talk to your fellow patrollers, become informed voters and VOTE. Encourage your fellow patrollers to do the same.

The voter's pamphlet will be coming out later in September, but you can start to review the candidate materials via a link from the NSP website at www.nsp.org on or about September 15th. If you are eager you can start reading now at <http://nsp-elections.org/candidates>. After September 15th, you should be able to ask the candidates questions via the NSP website – Ask the Candidates Forum.

V.O.T.E. - Voice our team energy

Liz Dodge

PNWD OEC FUND

If you are an OEC instructor and have been teaching full/challenge courses, please make sure, that you remember to submit your PNWD OEC Course Enrollment Fees to the division. The fee is \$10 per student enrolled in any full or challenge OEC course. There is a form on the division website which will help you with submittal. If you taught a class in recent years go back and make sure that you / your patrol paid these fees. If you taught a course this past season or are teaching a course this next season, don't forget about this in your course planning.



OEC STATUS

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Does your NSP profile show you as Delinquent in OEC? Review your profile, if it says anything other than 'current' you are technically delinquent.

My OEC Status

Status
Current

My OEC Status

Status
Needs Current Refresher

If your profile shows you as delinquent (aka missing something), please work with your patrol representative/patrol director, or the IOR of the refresher that is not on your profile and see if you can help get your records corrected. Or plan on taking make up refreshers for the courses you are missing. Don't wait until November to start looking for this status or your records, and/or the corrective documentation if you really did complete the missing refresher.

OEC Status Codes	OEC Status and Delinquency Descriptions (the words here may not be exactly as what one would see on their profile)
CU	Current
D1	Needs Course
D2	Needs Current Refresher
D3	Missing Refresher • Makeup Required
D4	OEC Cert Expired • Missing Refresher(s)
D5	OEC Cert Expired >1 yr • Need Retake OEC

OEC REFRESHER—2017– CYCLE A

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You each should have received an email this spring related to the following, but just in case the info is included here.

- o OEC Refresher Workbook – The workbook was mailed to all members. If you didn't get it or you lost it; check your address in the system and download a copy the NSP website – Member Resources, Education Resources, OEC. Note that completing this workbook is required prior to attending any refresher, and is taken to the refresher. The IOR might not let you in without it.
- o Online Component of the Refresher – For those doing the Hybrid model of the refresher, or for those members who simply want to do a bit more studying in another format, the online component is available. Note – this is only required for those who are taking a Hybrid model refresher, and is to be done prior to attending the skills portion of the refresher. Do not forget to print your completion certificate and take it to the refresher with you and turn in to the IOR. The IOR might not let you in without it.
- o Course Enrollment - Make sure that you 'enroll' in the refresher you will be attending via the NSP website before the date of the refresher. If you don't enroll you will not get credit, regardless of if you attend/complete the course or not. Watch the Course Schedule on the site to see the course offerings as the courses become registered over the summer and fall. Please pay attention to the 'notes' that the Instructors post related to details for their course.
- o Refresher Instructors Guide - The Refresher Committee plans to complete this by June 1. It will be available to OEC Instructors via the website shortly thereafter.

Your instructors put in a lot of time planning quality refreshers for you. Please do some homework and go to your refresher prepared to show your quality skills and knowledge of each subject. And before you end your refresher day.... Thank the instructors that put in extra time to help you be the best patroller you can be.

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