



## Far West Division Winter Board Meeting Minutes

Fresno, California — Friday March 7, 2014

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Meeting called to order: 9:15 a.m., by Division Director Bill Gibson. Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** DD Bill Gibson; ADD Lance Vaughan; ADD Richard Wilson; Ari RD Curt Grube; ES RD Nancy Stromswold; ML RD Jim Simons; Nor CA RD JJ Allen; SC RD

**Proxies:** So CA RD Diana St. Clair for Don Harris; Prof Pat Rep. Tony Atkins for Rich Bailey, Janice Waits, Sec.

**Guests:** Bill Hummer, National Board Member; Tom Sherry, National Board Member; Kevin Qualseth, Peggy Jamison

**Meeting chair:** DD Bill Gibson

**Secretary Minutes:** Janice Waits

**Parliamentarian:** Lance Vaughan

**Agenda:** accepted as submitted, with amendments as needed.

Introduction of staff, proxies and guests by B. Gibson.

**MOTIONS:** passed unanimously unless noted

- Community College for 2013/14 to be divided per capita/per hour among all participating patrols. Total to include all patrol funding and Division's 20%. Sharing is a result of large turnover in State program administrators not processing forms for 3 registered patrols: two from So. Calif. and one from No. Calif.
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**PROPOSALS:** passed unanimously unless noted

- WM 14-1 Defeated The annual Alumni dues received by the FWD from the NSP will be forwarded to FWD patrols if the Alumni is registered as secondary members to the patrol. (2 yea/ 4 nay/ 1 abstained)
- WM 14-2 Accepted as First Reading: Bylaws change/addition to 5.4.2.1a: If, after nominations are closed there is only one (1) nomination for an office, the single nominee shall be declared elected to the office, and no balloting or other action shall be required.  
The Division Director and/or Elections Chair shall so notify the eligible voters in writing, as soon thereafter as possible.

**FUTURE DATES:**

- April 7, 2014 — Arizona and So. Calif. Region Director Elections. E-Ballots sent out.
- June 1, 2014 — All budget requests and program reports due
- June 2, 2014 — National Board nominations due
- June 5-8, 2014 — National Board Meeting, Denver, CO.
- June 30, 2014 — Region Financial reports due to treasurer
- August 2, 2014 — FWD Summer Board Meeting/Awards Banquet – Riverside, CA
- September 13, 2014 — Instructor continuing education, Davis, CA hosted by Eastern Sierra & Mother Lode



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- November 1-2, 2014 — Tri Advisory Meeting, Yosemite Valley, CA
- TBD — 2015 — Winter Board meeting FWD

### DIVISION STAFF REPORTS

- Secretarial Items – J. Waits
  - \*Minutes Summer 2013 – approved by email October 2013.
  - \*Election Reports 2013/14 dates and results of 2012/13  
Request for Region Rosters to be sent as changes are made.
- \*Treasurer’s Report – K. Dickens – as of March 7, 2014 Report *distributed in meeting*
  - Should have substantial reserves due to lack of snow.
  - Summer meeting to discuss possibility of program supervisors meeting with National supervisors in Denver.
  - Challenge to Regions: if all Region Reports submitted/received by June 30, 2014; Division will have Community College checks ready for August Board meeting.
- \*Registrar’s Report – P. Jamison — *distributed in meeting*
- Legal – Per Bill Gibson - Legal Committee and NSAA met in Colorado re ‘release of liability form’. *See new business*

### DIVISION DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

- \*Division Director Report – B. Gibson Attended National Winter Board Meeting.
- \*Assistant Division Directors
  - \*L. Vaughan - Attended National Winter Board Meeting and as Certified Division representative at no cost.
  - Richard Wilson, first meeting, replaced Tom Sherry via special election.
- National Board Report –
  - Bill Hummer, National Board Member — oral report  
*Have a new National Chair - Ed McNamara The National Board is now 90% more effective than 2 or 3 years ago. Programs are getting a little more freedom.*
  - Tom Sherry, National Board Member — oral report – co-chair of IT committee. *The data base has been ‘scrubbed’ and an outside consultant has been hired to work on the Web site in the next 12 to 18 months. New online catalog is biggest money maker Also looking at more e-learning components.  
Five Board positions open for 2014 election.*

### REGION DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

- \*Arizona Region – C. Grube  
AZ reported on status of the patrols in the region and noted one patrol seemed entering a retirement phase with several patrollers leaving the patrol and NSP service. AZ RD was asked if the Division could offer assistance or resources to help retain the members contemplating leaving NSP service. AZ RD thanked for the offer and suggested interested FWD Board members could contact AZ NSP members they knew and discuss ideas



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- \*Eastern Sierra Region – N. Stromswold  
ESR reported almost all resorts open, training is light due to impact on available terrain and limited coverage. Next year could see a need to increase training due to backlog this season.
- \*Mother Lode Region – Jim Simons  
MLR reported on status of patrols in region, one resort had not opened and another resort had only opened 20 days prior. Limited testing and training resulted from delayed openings and could present a backlog for next season. Two patrols noted for low membership levels and suggested recruitment efforts had not generated new member interest.
- \*Northern California Region – JJ Allen  
NCal reported the resort hosting the largest patrol in NCal had no days of operation this season and snow levels indicated a likely hood of not opening this season. Other regions offered to host patrollers for training this season in light of the lack of snow in NCal.
- \*Southern California Region – Diana St. Clair, proxy for D. Harris  
SCal reported the RD position is open and some candidates seem interested. Operations continue at resorts with snow making but the season activity is very light. Region is excited to host the Summer Board meeting.
- Prof. Patrol Representative – Tony Atkins proxy for R. Bailey – no report

### PROGRAM SUPERVISORS REPORTS

- \*Avalanche – R. Morrow
- \*MTR – Mountain Travel & Rescue & Tri-Advisory – K. Chulski,
- \*OEC – K. Qualseth
- \*OET – Outdoor Emergency Transport – D. Witcher
- \*Nordic – M. Kelly
- \*Instructor Development – D. Hill
- \*Certified –report by Lance Vaughan. New slogan “Creating excellence, developing leaders” for the new certified banner. Certified is viewed as a classification West of Mississippi, but viewed as a program East of the Mississippi.
- \*National Safety Team –Tim O’Brien
- \*SAR Liaison, North / South

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISORS

- Alumni – F. Shoemaker *no report*
- Awards – K. Bergmann *no report*
- \*Communications/WEB – R. Livingston
- \*Communications Newsletter – T. Viall
- \*Community College –Tom Taylor
- \*Promotion/Recruitment – J. McGuigan



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### OLD BUSINESS

- Community College Fund – issues and updates. See motions  
Can't complete contract, due to lack of snow, but we still have a viable program. State legislature may increase funding.  
Program applications must be submitted before November refreshers to receive credit.
- Release of Liability forms. NSP National legal team is / has been working on reviewing the 'newest' release of liability form that is being used. NSAA is also reviewing it.
- Nordic Skills Outline (assigned to Mike Kelly) No clean definition of what a Nordic patroller is. Three different kinds of Nordic patrollers? Working on a skill set and outline on a Nordic Patroller needs to be registered as a Nordic Patroller. *See Action items.*
- Certified Advisor position. Lance Vaughan will continue to serve.

### MEETING ADJOURNED 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Waits FWD Secretary

### ACTION ITEMS

- Region Rosters to list current Patrol Representatives and be submitted as changes are made
- Assist the Southern Arizona Search & Rescue group/patrol to obtain their own NSPS patrol number.
- So. Calif. Nordic manual copy to be sent to Mike Kelly, by Diana St. Clair, to assist in creating of the Nordic Patroller outline and skill set.