



Division Directors Report Summer Board of Directors Meeting Long Beach, CA August 6, 2016

In the last year I have tried to represent the division in as many events and visit as many areas as I could. To date I visited 17 areas in 4 of the division's 5 regions. It helped that we had a somewhat normal winter with average snowfall. To start with I was invited to and attended 8 OEC refreshers. Thanks to everyone for inviting me and making me feel at home no matter where I went. I attended several patrol awards dinners and one region's awards dinner. I was able to attend the Tri Advisory, the Sea Otter Classic, the Squaw Senior S&T, several OEC Senior Evaluations and the APP Spring Clinic.

On a National level, I went to the two National Board Meetings and continue to be the spokes person for the Division Director's Team. I also attended the strategic planning session, the National Certified Committee face to face meeting and the IT planning meeting. I served on the Planning committee and am now on the Governance committee along with serving on the Powderfall committee. And for the last two years have been on the IT committee. Plus I call into almost all of the National Board subcommittee's conference calls. I also attended the Pacific Northwest Division Summer Conference and will again this year.

We have delivered many programs and I have been able to help deliver ID, OET, OEC and senior OEC programs in several regions. I am a Subaru Ambassador and with almost 40,000 mile on the NSP Subaru in the last year, have attended many events representing both the NSP and Subaru. From two Snowbomb shows to NSAA meetings and several Winter Fest events.

The division is in really good shape financially; we have added a new volunteer patrol and are delivering most NSP programs in all 5 regions. Our instructors are teaching not only in our division but in the surrounding divisions and are again being ask to be lead instructors at next spring's Powderfall in Aspen Colorado.

The division staff has been very active and very supportive. Anything I need they come through and seem to be able to handle. It is because of them that I am able to do the job as director. So with only one year to go until I reach the term limit, I wish to thank all of you for the hard work and support and as always for making the Far West Division the best division in the NSP.

Submitted by

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