



**Far West Division  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Squaw Valley, California  
Saturday, March 4, 2017, 8:00am-1:00pm  
*\* Indicates written report submitted***

**Accepted by Board March 28, 2017 Via Email Approval**

Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 a.m. by Division Director Bill Gibson. Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:** DD Bill Gibson, ADD Nancy Stromswold; ADD Richard Wilson; ADD; ARI RD Andrew Youngblood; ES RD Katie DuMont; ML RD Tony Atkins; No. CA RD JJ Allen; Prof Pat Rep Proxy Jim Simons for Rich Bailey

**Absent:** So. CA RD Diana St. Claire, no proxy

**Proxies:** Jim Simons, for Prof Pat Rep Rich Bailey

**Staff:** Secretary Janice Waits

**Guests:** Lance Vaughn (Div. Director elect term 2017-19); Tim O’Brian, Safety Team

**Meeting Chair:** DD Bill Gibson – Introduction of staff and guests.

**Secretary/Minutes:** Janice Waits

**Parliamentarian:** Richard Wilson

**Agenda:** accepted unanimously as submitted, may be amended as needed

**MOTIONS:** Passed unanimously unless noted

- WM 17-M1      PASSED      by Email Vote –Jan 18, 2017.  
That Division Dues late fees be waived for unregistered patrols until February 1, 2017. Patrol registrations received after February 1, 2017 will be assessed Division late fees and should include the late fees in their check(s) payable to the Far West Division.
  
- WM 17-M2      PASSED      For 2018, Far West Division dues of \$19 per patroller, to be collected by National Office, when patrollers pay their National dues pay on line. Regions may elect to have their Region dues collected/included in the Patrollers on line payment to National.  
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**FUTURE DATES:**

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| March 15, 2017       | Additional locations/options for Summer and Winter meeting locations |
| April 20, 2017       | Awards nominations due to – Ken Bergman, Awards                      |
| <b>May 31, 2017</b>  | <b>Community College Reports are Due to FWD Treasurer</b>            |
| June 1, 2017         | Notification to National to include collection Region dues for 2018  |
| <b>June 30, 2017</b> | <b>FWD Fiscal Year Ends</b>  |
| <b>July 15, 2017</b> | <b>All patrol financials</b> are due to the Region treasurers        |
| <b>July 31, 2017</b> | <b>All Region Financials</b> due to FWD Treasurer                    |
| Aug 5, 2017          | Summer BOD Meeting and Awards, Aug 5, Saturday – <i>Location TBD</i> |
| Sept 9, 2017         | ICE Clinic – <i>Location TBD</i>                                     |
| Nov 3, 4 & 5, 2017   | Tri Advisory, Yosemite Valley Yellow Pines camp site                 |
| March 3, 2018        | Winter BOD Meeting – <i>Location TBD</i>                             |



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**DIVISION STAFF REPORTS**

- Conference Coordinator — T. Atkins (See New Business)
- Secretarial Items — J. Waits
  - Aug. 6, 2016 Summer Meeting minutes approved via email Posted to Web
  - Rosters (Division, Region, Patrol Officers)  
Request Region Rosters list each Patrol Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary contact information.  
**NOTE:** All Region officer changes must be sent to Div. Director & Div. Secretary. Division Director approves and forwards information to National office. National office will assign the appropriate data base access to that officer,
- Election Reports — \*Spring 2017 Elections report emailed to Board and posted to WEB  
— \*2018 -20 Election Schedule

Registrar's Report\* — P. Jamison

Treasurer's Report\* — K. Dickens **(See New Business)** available by phone

Legal Report — G. Hutcheson \*Personal Intro-letter

**DIVISION DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**Division Director Report – B. Gibson no Written Report**

- Staff Appointments / Approvals / NSP IT  
Legal – Geoff Hutcheson (replaces Josh Masur who was elected to National Board and sits on the National Legal Committee  
**NOTE:** Region's should have their own Legal Advisor
- Division Director comments: I have acted as a representative of Division at the National Level and on many committees, as well as a member at large on the IT Committee. The Division in good shape – Regions are providing programs.
- Reminder to register all NSP course and to close courses 2 weeks after course completion. *Comment: B. Gibson – reminds that NSPS courses can be provided as information, but NSP credit can only be given to NSP members. Recommend non-NSP course participants enroll as affiliate member and the course be registered to protect NSP course instructors.*

**Assistant Division Directors Reports**

- \*N. Stromswold
- \*R. Wilson

**National Board Report – J. Masur Report by Bill Gibson**

*Bill Gibson Comments:*

*Josh is very active at National Level; National Board meeting to be at Powder Fall*

*A number of RFA's are in process and will be published as passed*

**REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Arizona\*** – Andrew Youngblood

**Eastern Sierra\*** – Katie DuMont

**Mother Lode** – Tony Atkins:

- Trying to re-establish Senior Program. March 25 Sr. OEC evaluator country patrols is members don't come to meetings.



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**REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS cont.**

- Registration numbers still down, but consistent for the past three years.
- Awards Dinner May 31, 2017 – *Location TBD*

**No. California** – JJ Allen

- Thank you to Board for their support to Northern California Region
- Young Adult Program, training students to work with Cal Fire who accepts OEC card. Students can become EMRs and patrols are picking up candidates from this program. Note: OEC is valid for 14 year olds who can do everything, except treat patients or run sleds.

**So. Cal** – Diana St Claire (absent) *Report Per R. Wilson* All programs are doing well this year.

- So Cal Awards Banquet May 6, Location TBD

**Professional** – R. Bailey Report from Proxy Jim Simon

- The Paid Organizations are looking for qualified people, but a number of Sr. Patrollers are getting additional hours as paid patrollers.
- Certified Clinic: April 24 – 28, 2017 tentative location at Mammoth (was at Mt. Rose in 2016). A high percentage of professional dues are being paid by professional volunteers.

**PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**FWD Program Supervisors**

**\*Avalanche** – K. Church

*Bill Gibson Comments: Avalanche programs are very active, public caught and patrollers caught in avalanches with many have been wearing 'air bag'. Incident at Squaw – Homeland Security Report/Review of devices reviewed – could find nothing wrong with devices, and charges accident to human error. National presented Memorial Award to Patroller Joe Zuiches.*

**\*Instructor Development** – D. Hill

**\*MTR & Tri-Advisory** K. Chulski

**\*Nordic** J. Gurrola

*Bill Gibson Comments: National is redefining manual. Was a serious incident at Lassen Park, lead to opening discussions with Mt. Lassen of having a Nordic NSP Patrol at Lassen Park. (previous volunteers were NOT NSP)*

SAR Team is working with Tahoe Back Country, to change leadership of SAR North

**\*OEC** – K. Qualseth

*Bill Gibson Comments: Help patrols make up delinquent OEC refreshers.*

**\*OET** – D. Whitcher

*Bill Gibson Comments: National Office is looking for new OET National Director. We should be seeing more Intro to Patrolling and Toboggan Refreshers registered.*

**FWD Administrative Advisors**

**\*Alumni** – T. Viall

*Bill Gibson Comments: National Board will be making Alumni registrations available by Region, instead of just by Division. National says Alumni can maintain any certification level, but the Ski Area determines what or if they want Alumni services*

**Awards** – K. Bergmann **no written report**

- Division Award nominations due April 20, 2017
- Resigning position immediately following August 2017 Awards Banquet



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*NOTE: Every award comes up through the Region Director, who verifies recommendation – review for too much embellishment. K. Bergman has good examples for writing up various awards*

**FWD Administrative Advisors cont.**

**\*Certified – L. Vaughan**

- Number one problem is registering for a Certified Course, cannot see courses if participant is from a different Division
- People who did follow up events, need to take & pass written test before taking the practical test
- Registering and capturing follow up So Cal events
- NSP tests in conjunction with APP

**\*Community College – S. Thorsted**

*Bill Gibson Comments: Program has grown, but instructors need to give correct and required information to register course*

**Medical Advisor – K. Tatsukawa**

*Bill Gibson Comments: National is setting parameters for OEC 6 and parameters for different components for OEC. An addendum from medical community is coming for OEC back board practices, based on new research and concussive injuries.*

**\*Member Recruitment N. Cal – J. McGuigan**

**S. Cal – TBA**

**Historian – C. Herbert no written report**

- *Busy moving and downsizing homes*
- *Still need clarification of Archive format and what is to be kept*

**\*Newsletter – T. Viall**

- *Looking for someone to mentor to take over newsletter*

**\*SAR – J. Kretschmann**

*Bill Gibson Comments: Potentially, new patrol representative for SAR North Arizona has active OEC members working with sheriffs office, but are presently registered as NSP associates*

**\*Web Site – R. Livingston**

*Bill Gibson Comments: Rye is now registered as Alumni NSP*

**National Safety Team T. O'Brien**

Safety Team is doing 6 or 8 sessions at Powder Fall, has a good working committee. Advises Regions to continue reviewing web site for safety information to use in or for patrols

Suggestion to get ‘whistle’s’ in lieu of other ‘freebees’ will explore possibilities with Subaru

**\*Women’s – T. Nye Will be teaching at Women’s session at Powder Fall**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Status of former Motions**

SM 16M-2 Glasses Purchased for ICE clinic, but nothing submitted from SoCal Region

**Action Item Status from Summer Meeting 2016:**

- SM 16M-2 Purchase 200 -- Instructor ‘thank you’ etched pint glasses for instructors participating in required training events. Expense up to \$1,000, 100 for No. CA events and 100 for So. CA events. Purchase receipt to be submitted within 60 days for reimbursement.



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- Community College checks ready for August Board meeting. Reminder, checks can be disbursed only if all regional reports have been submitted to their Regions Treasurer. FWD requires this regional data to file tax report in a timely manner and checks will be withheld until received by that region.
- Contact information for Assistant Region Directors and Assistant Program Supervisors. *All Region and Patrol officer changes to be sent to Division Director and Division Secretary. Division Director will submit changes to National Office, so officers are given the correct access privileges to the National data base.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **BUDGET / LINE EXPENDITURES REVIEWED**

• **DONATIONS:** Report for Summer Meeting to re-examine and suggest new process for donation checks to Division. It is difficult and time consuming to identify where to forward donation to correct patrol/region, when checks are received with only the donor information and no reference on whose behalf donation is being made.

• **REIMBURSEMENT DENIAL:** SAR and Nordic training items, previously approved for purchase in fiscal years 2014-15 & 2015-16. No budget available, line items from 2014-15 and 2015-16 were not carried forward.

• **TRAINING RECORDS:** Areas and Patrols need to keep and develop a training records log, for all patrollers, Professional and National.

• **MEETING LOCATIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**Summer Board Meeting — Aug. 5, 2017 location TBD**

Discussion: Hallmark Inn, Davis CA for Board Meeting and Awards Dinner, has offered their restaurant at \$50 per person Other sites are to be reviewed with additional recommendations due to Board by **March 15, 2017.**

**Winter Board Meeting — March 3, 2018 location TBD**

Discussion of Possibly at Sugar Bowl in coordination with Women’s clinic.

• **DIVISION DUES:** Board discussion to include Division Dues with the National dues online payments/collection for 2018. There have been no problems reported with Divisions receiving their Division dues from National. The negatives of National collecting Division dues, is in confirming which patrol members and how many members that the dues apply to. Note geographic professional patrollers, who presently do not pay Division dues, will be charged the full Division dues amount. Regions can decide if they want to reimburse professional patrollers who previously did not pay Division dues.

Table discussion with the following results

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NOTE: Regions can elect to collect their Region Dues directly or have Region dues included with Patroller online payments with National and Division dues.

Question for Region Directors: Do you want National to collect your Region dues? Patroller would pay on line: National, Division and Region dues?

Region Directors to discuss with their patrols, but if a Region opts for National to collect their Region dues National must be notified by **June 1, 2017**.

Regions polled as to how they wish to collect their dues.

- Arizona – abstained dues would be \$10, but wants to check with Patrols before final decision.
- Eastern Sierra – no Region dues collected from patrollers.
- Mother Lode – Requested their dues of \$10 per patroller (no late fees) be collected by National through the on line payment system.
- Nor. Cal abstained, dues would be \$10, but want to check with Patrols before final decision.
- So Cal – Requested no Region dues be collected by National. So. Cal will collect their own Region Dues

NOTE: Recommend direct/automatic deposits to Regions and Division of dues collected by National. Division and Regions will need to provide National with appropriate direct deposit information.

**ACTION ITEMS 2017**

- Send Div. Registrar, Peggy Jamison, National Officer Roster per Bill Gibson sent March 8, 2017
- Region Directors to discuss with their patrols — if Region wants to pick up Division dues for geographic pros who presently do not pay Division dues. *See Motions WM 17-M2*
- Instruction to Rye Livingston, Web Master to ‘make’ Division Calendar workable
- Richard Wilson to look for a So. Cal Recruitment Advisor

Meeting adjourned — 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Secretary, Janice Waits