



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
 MID SEASON – FWD 2016 – 2017 RECAP
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PROGRAM: TRANSPORTATION

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

Total OET course registrations for the current season stand at 82. YTD last season was appx. 110

Course registration by type includes the following:

OETIC 7 / TTW 8 / STW 0 / TREF 20 / PAT 5 / TES 9 / SES 4 / SASE & SATE (Senior events) 29.

Course registrations seem to be down due to difficulties with the rollout of the new course registration platform on NSP.org; numbers were down in November & December and have never recovered.

A visit to the AZ Snobowl in Fenruary was the season highlight to date. Attendance during an APP event insured access to many of the new AZ Region officers and provided contact with many SCA certified instructors with insights to the senior program issues in SCA.

SEASON GOALS:

Upcoming is a trip to the Alaska Division with an invite to the division training event SNOWBLAST which is scheduled for Alyeska on February 23-26. I look forward to working with Heidi Strader, the Alaska Division OET Supervisor from Fairbanks and will also see Asst. National Program Director Marc Barlage and Sal Mascarenas, former Intermountain Division OET Supervisor, at the event.

Planning for the Aspen Snowmass Powderfall event is well underway. This will be the largest gathering of NSP members that we have ever held, and the OET Program will be well represented, with a collaboration between the FWD and the PNWD for a joint production of the extremely popular BS flag for all students enrolled in a FWD/PNWD sled course.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

The difficultites in online course registration via NSP.org are a continuing concern. The required course audit link was not built into the current system and Quality Assurance (required in the P&P) has been left to the Divisions with no online distribution opportunity.

The current open position of OET Program Director is problematic as there is a lack of Program centric national leadership and an obvious conflict of interest as OET Program planning is managed directly by the NSP Board of Directors. The published timeline for selection of a new Program Director has apparently been pushed back to April, thereby wasting an entire season.

National Powderfall funding for the FWD OET Supervisor is a bit uncertain, as questions have risen regarding available National resources. Additional Division funding may be required.

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