



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
Director and Assistant Division Director(s) WINTER MEETING REPORT
2018-2019 SEASON REPORT – due February 16, 2019

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS –

- SNOW.....
- It's a nice change from last season. Multiple snow storms stacking up a few days apart. SoCal local resorts filling the parking lots, lift lines, slopes, ski schools, restaurants, and first aid rooms. 11,000 tickets per Saturday week after week after week at one resort. With another 7k-8k on each of the same day at the resort next door. (X \$100/ticket) Who said skiing / boarding was a declining sport.
- 85 students for an Avalanche 1 class over 90% non-NSP members. NSP education courses are in demand. How do participants find out about it? Can marketing be leveraged to other regions?
- SoCal Region Senior OEC advisors traveling to Arizona Region to help with senior training.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- Finely got to complete the OET ICE classroom and on snow clinic with 20 participants.
- Having FWD Advisors visit SoCal Region to share ideas, skills, and techniques. A number have been scheduled. Some have had to be canceled.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

- Having to cancel multiple pre-approved training clinics due to last minute resort requirements. Instructors need to find out requirements in advance of the day or two before the event.
- Resorts owned by corporations are looking to reduce their expenses. NSP volunteers are booked as an expense. Volunteers work at the request of the resort to add value. To remain in 'good standing' each member should ask themselves each working day what they can do to help make the patrol department better. It's imperative that our membership raises their level of proficiency to maintain our value.

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