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2019 Deadlines Southern Cross

January 18, 2019

May 17, 2019

September 13, 2019

Byrd White,
Division Director

Winter is finally here. October 13th refresher at Timberline, snow flurries.

October 20th pre-refresher at Snowshoe, snow flurries. November 3rd refresher at WinterPlace, snow flurries.

Other than some uncertainty at Timberline, **all is well in the Southern Division**. We are hopeful that Timberline management is able to solve their problems and open on time. All refreshers should be complete by November 10th and there have been no problems.

Voting is underway for the National Board and we really hope for a good turnout. This is your organization and the direction we go is determined by the Director's, who you elect. Please take an interest; it is more important than you think.

I have decided not to run for a third term as your Division Director and our Election Coordinator, **Rick Roberts**, is accepting nominations for Division Director. Nominations must be received by December 1. More information can be found in Rick's article in this issue and in the Policies & Procedures Manual.

On the National scene, OEC 6 is in the works and they hope to have it out by Fall 2019. OEC has issued new guidance on when **spinal motion restriction** is advised. The new guidelines are effective now and will be in OEC 6. Another change for 2019 is the requirement that all patrollers complete **ICS 100 by December 31, 2019**.

My thanks to all who put in many hours to make things happen in our Division, you deserve more recognition than you receive. Be Safe, have fun!



First Assistant Division Director,

Tom Byron

The temperatures are (finally) beginning to drop, and refresher season is well underway, or nearly over by the time you read this. We're all gearing up for ski season, and I'm hopeful for good weather, steady guest visits, and plenty of opportunity for our patrollers to make a difference and show what we do best: safety, service, and leadership.



But we don't wait for snow. Patrollers throughout our Division actually work year-round to support mountain operations such as bike parks, zip lines, and other activities. Programs like Instructor Development and Mountain Travel and Rescue take advantage of the times of year when there's less snow on the ground and patrollers have time to take advantage of training opportunities. Of course, lots of administrative efforts—such as this terrific newsletter—continue year round to support the work of patrols throughout the Division. And your OEC instructors have been hard at work for months to prepare the annual refreshers. The “off-season” is actually quite busy, and offers lots of chances to get involved. If you'd like to learn more, ask around or reach out to any of the Division and Region leadership. We'd love to have more folks get involved throughout the year.

As I travel the Division and visit patrols, I learn so much from the instructors who work hard to keep all of us up to date on the skills we need: Not just OEC, but lift evac, transportation, and even the much-maligned, OSHA-required BSI/PPE. Be sure to thank an instructor – their extra effort keeps us all at our best.

I look forward to visiting many of the patrols throughout the season. But I can't see everyone, so please reach out to me and let me know if you have a question or a suggestion for how the Southern Division, or the National Ski Patrol, can help you do your job. We're here to support you as you work to promote safety and service.

Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director, South

AS THE BULL WHEEL TURNS

What a pleasure it was to attend the Fall Conference in Kingsport. As usual the Hospitality ran like clockwork due to the efforts of Teresa, JoAnne and Rob who did an amazing job.

The various Modules were well attended particularly the Active Shooter Trainer session Reed Roper presented. Many signed up for the OEC Refresher organized by Theresa Varner.

The 50 Year Service Award was presented to Appalachian Ski Patrol. Grady Moretz co-founder and President of Appalachian Ski Mountain passed away at the age of 88 in April this year, so Joe Donadio accepted the award in his honor.

Grady was a pioneer in the southern ski industry. The Blowing Rock Ski Lodge opened in 1964. After 4 years of minimal success, Grady and four partners purchased it in 1968, renaming it Appalachian Ski Mountain. Shortly afterwards the Moretz family bought out the partners.

Grady Moretz was an organizing member and President of both the North Carolina Ski Areas Association and the North Carolina High Country Host. He lobbied for the North Carolina Skier Safety Act legislation which was enacted in 1981. He also served as President of the Southeastern Ski Areas Association and represented the southeast region while serving on National Ski Area Association Board of Directors.

In 2005 Grady received the NSAA Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2009 Grady and his wife Reba, were awarded North Carolina's top civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, presented by the Governor.

Our Region and Division will miss Grady and his leadership.

I'm looking forward to attending as many of the local Refreshers as possible and seeing many of you on the slopes this season.

Mike Harris (AKA- Tyrone)

Elections Coordinator,

Rick Roberts

NSP ELECTION NEWS

It is time again for our annual refreshers and also time to **VOTE** in this year's important election for the NSP's Board of Directors (BOD).





Voting Starts October 15, 6:00PM EDT

Last year, **60%** of active patrollers in the Southern Division participated in the NSP's BOD election ---
AMAZING!!!

The National Ski Patrol's system of governance can best be defined as: *a selection of leaders based on their knowledge and experience that best meets the defined needs of the organization at the time of the election* (i.e. "The List of Needs").

Therefore, based on the criteria set forth by the BOD in this year's "List of Needs," the approved candidates were thoroughly vetted using information they submitted along with comprehensive interviews with each candidate and with other NSP leaders who have had personal experiences in working with them.

Based on the results of the vetting process, your Southern Division executive committee unanimously endorses the following slate of candidates for election to the National Ski Patrol's Board of Directors:

-  Brian Rull
-  Bob Scarlett
-  Julie Stone
-  Richard Yercheck

Please reference the flyer below for additional information about the candidates and how you may contact them. Also, included are directions for accessing each candidate's platform and especially how to **VOTE** at www.nsp.org.



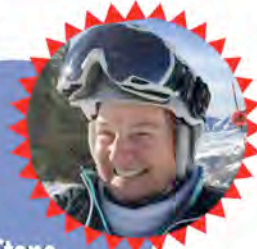
THE SOUTHERN DIVISION SLATE IS READY TO WORK FOR YOU!

BOB, JULIE, BRIAN & RICH NEED YOUR VOTE TODAY!



Bob Scarlett
Eastern Division

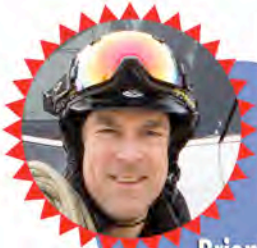
Hi! My name is Bob, and I have patrolled for 43 years, currently at Ski Liberty. For over 10 years I was the NSP Legal Advisor, so I know how to build consensus to resolve challenges. If you have any questions, or want to talk, please call me at 410-917-4775 or via email at: RScarlett@scarlettroll.com.



Julie Stone
Central Division

Hi! My name is Julie, a 13 year patroller at Hidden Valley. As a CRNA & educator, I know the importance of maintaining educational standards in healthcare settings like ours. If you have any questions, or want to talk, please call me at 314-691-2340 or via email at: DrJaStone@gmail.com.

THE SOUTHERN DIVISION IS PROUD TO ENDORSE BOB, JULIE, BRIAN & RICHARD FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL BOARD ELECTION!



Brian Rull
Central Division
(Incumbent)


Hi! My name is Brian, a patroller at Hidden Valley for 13 years. As an attorney and CPA, I know how critical fiscal accountability and responsibility is to organizations such as ours. If you have any questions, or want to talk, please call me at 314-750-7855 or via email at: BrianRull@outlook.com.



Richard Yercheck
Southern Division

Hi! My name is Richard, and I have patrolled at Beech Mountain for 27 years. As a financial advisor, I know how important fiduciary responsibility is for non-profits like the NSP. If you have any questions, or want to talk, please call me at 704-614-2900 or via email at: Yercheck@yahoo.com.

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 www.southernsp.org

Voting in the 2018 NSP Board of Directors Election is ...



easy

- Go to www.NSP.org signing in with your username & password*
- Go to the "Member Resource" page
- Click on the "VOTE" button
- **Select 4 candidates** & click "Submit" to vote

You will receive an email confirmation you have voted!

*To reset your password go to: "Member Resources" → "Customer Care" → "Password Reset"

That was EASY!

Make your voice heard. VOTE TODAY!

If you have questions or need help, please call 303-988-1111 ext. 2660
or via email at elections@nsp.org

Southern Division Elections

Election for the position of Southern Division Director

This coming year (2019), we will hold an election for a Division Director to succeed Byrd White, who presently serves in that important position.

The Division Director serves a two-year term with a maximum of three consecutive terms, and elections for the position are held in odd number years.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday, December 1, 2018. Electronic submissions may be sent to the division election coordinator, **Rick Roberts**, via e-mail (rick-roberts@comcast.net).

The election procedure requires that all nominations must be accompanied by a signed acceptance of the nomination by the nominee and a one-page resume of the nominee's qualifications for office. The nominee may also include a platform statement.

The qualifications for the position of Division Director are as set forth in Chapter 2 of the National Ski Patrol Policies and Procedures (2018 edition):

2.2.4 Division Directors

2.2.4.1 Qualifications

- a) Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years. Membership in an NSP registered Professional Division patrol shall constitute NSP membership.
- b) Must be registered in the division (i.e. Southern Division).
- c) Must have served in a leadership position in the NSP.
- d) Must be familiar with national policies and procedures as defined in the current *NSP Policies and Procedures* manual.
- e) Must be familiar with the division's policies and procedures, as applicable.

No later than February 1, 2019, ballots, resumes and platform statements will be sent to all Patrol Representatives of record as of January 1, 2019. Each Patrol shall have one vote to be cast by the Patrol Representative.

All patrollers are encouraged to take an active part in this election by reviewing each nominee's position statement and qualifications and voicing their opinion to their respective Patrol Representatives.

No later than Thursday, February 21, 2019, all ballots must be returned to the election coordinator, who will announce the results of the election on Friday, March 1, 2019.

Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development

Teresa T. Stewart,

Instructor Development Supervisor

Greetings to all at the beginning of this ski season. There are a couple Instructor Development Courses scheduled in the Division – check the Division calendar **OR** contact your Regional Instructor Development Program Administrator for the dates and contact information. A course requires a minimum of 6 students. The course **MUST** also be approved by the Region Director, and an IT assigned by the Region ID Administrator before the course is registered with NSP and placed on the Division calendar.

The NSP Education Department and the Instructor Development National Committee has updated the “Instructor Development – Training the Adult Learner” (student textbook) **AND** renamed the NSP CE Course Guidelines to the new title of “Instructor Skills CE Manual 2018”. These are available on the NSP website under Instructor Development Resources.

Introduction: The National Ski Patrol – Instructor Skills Continuing Education Manual 2018” was designed by the National Instructor Development Committee as a guide for all National Ski Patrol education disciplines to use to provide continuing education to NSP instructors. This course, when presented as recommended herein, will fulfill the continuing education requirement for all instructors of all disciplines to complete a continuing education course for their specific NSP education discipline at least once every three years.

Course Objectives: The objectives of the National Ski Patrol Continuing Education Course for NSP Instructors are to provide a review of the material included in the NSP Instructor Development Course and the accompanying textbook, “Instructor Development: Training the Adult Learner”, and to provide reviews and updates to NSP Instructors on the latest materials and information pertaining to the discipline in which they teach.

The National Ski Patrol Instructor Skills CE Manual 2018 consists of Two Modules:

1. A review of some of the principles from the Instructor Development Course and the course textbook, “Instructor Development – Training The Adult Learner.” → using the 2018 CE Manual.
2. A presentation which offers continuing education and update material to instructors relative to the specific discipline in which they teach.

Length of the Continuing Education Course:

The course should be 60 – 90 minutes minimum, with at least 1/2 of that time devoted to a review of the Instructor Development material. You are not required to teach all of the included Instructor Development material. You may choose certain portions to teach to fulfill the ID material review requirement. The course can be longer than this minimum if additional educational material and updates are to be presented.

Let me know if you have any questions and how this relates to Instructor 3-year Cycle of Instructor Renewals.

Teresa Stewart – stewart.teresa@gmail.com 980-522-8410

DIVISION DIRECTORS of the SOUTHERN DIVISION
(Created from Eastern Division in 1971) National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated

1. Keith Argow 1971 – 1977
2. David Dillard 1977 – 1979
3. C. Harwell Dabbs, MD 1979 – 1981
4. Charles T. “Charlie” Benbow 1981 – 1985
5. Farris Jackson 1985 – 1989
6. Douglas Carlburg 1989 – 1993
7. Raymond B. “Bernie” Smith 1993 – 1999
8. Eunice “Nici” Singletary, MD 1999 – 2003
9. Neil Booth 2003 – 2007
10. R. Morgan Armstrong 2007 – 2011
11. Richard Boyer 2011 – 2015
12. Byrd White 2015-present

**Southern Division Calendar
& Staff Directory**

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

www.southernnsp.org

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

In order to accommodate everyone wishing to present to the Southern Division's Executive Committee or Board of Directors and to allow for adequate time for members of the Committee and Board to review materials, please send requests to be placed on the meeting agenda, along with a summary of your topic and supporting documentation, to the Division Director in advance of the meeting. Requests must be received at least 30 days prior to the meeting, except that the Division Director may grant an exception to that deadline to accept an agenda request received at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests can be sent to Byrd White at bwhite@opinionsrendered.com.