



National Ski Patrol System, Inc. Northern Division

To: All Patrol Representatives, Program Supervisors, and Northern Division Board Members

From: Karl Uhlig, Division Director

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Subject: September 20-22 Northern Division Annual Meeting

Hello everyone. By now you should have received the Summer edition of the Polaris newsletter. In the newsletter you will find a registration form for attending the September 20-22, 2019 Division meeting. It is mandatory for Program Advisors and Patrol Representatives to attend!! It's your responsibility as a leader to attend the business meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please identify someone from within your patrol to attend as your proxy. Your vote is your voice in the administration and direction for the Division in the coming year.

The meeting kicks off on Friday 9/20 with a highly competitive golf tournament and in the evening a meet/greet/registration get together. Saturday will potentially begin with an optional early morning Yoga session if we can find someone to lead the group, starting at 7:00 am which should help get the blood flowing and energy levels up. If you are interested please inquire Friday evening. The remainder of the Saturday morning is packed with activities designed to be fun and informative which include several mini sessions. The OEC Refresher is scheduled for the afternoon. The evening Banquet festivities begin at 6 pm with a social hour. Patrol Representatives please don't forget to bring some SWAG for both the silent and live auctions. The money generated from these items helps offset the cost of the meeting, helping keep registration fees low.

The business meeting will be held on Sunday morning in an effort to allow more flexibility for those not required to attend the entire weekend. Because of the position you hold the Sunday business meeting requires your attendance. Here are some weekend highlights and reminders.

Bill Finley, National Finance and Operations Manager

Bill will be attending the business meeting and giving a short presentation on the \$5.00 National dues increase.

Beckett Stokes, National Marketing Director

Becket will give a short presentation during the Saturday evening banquet and be available on Sunday morning to answer any follow up questions.

Attendance Scholarships

As announced in the Polaris, the Executive Board is offering a 50% reimbursement for the Northern Division Annual Meeting registration fees for first time attendees (\$50). Up to 2 individuals from each member patrol could and should take advantage of this offer. I hope you are thinking of contacting future leaders from within your patrol to encourage them to take advantage of this offer.

Sunday Business Meeting

Attached are copies of the entire weekend agenda and draft 2019-2020 FY budget spreadsheet. I've also attached a copy of the Division's Spring Board meeting minutes. Board members, please review the spring meeting minutes because they will need approval on Sunday. The Division meeting agenda is for your information and use. Please feel free to pass along to anyone who may have an interest in attending.

For Sunday's business meeting if you are a Board member or Program Advisor who has already submitted a report to the Board, your report will be part of the meeting packet given to you on Friday evening. If you plan to submit a written report and want it in the meeting packet please forward it to Jana Barnes at swazijana@yahoo.com before Thursday September 13th. We will incorporate any reports received timely into the packets and meeting record. By submitting reports timely the hope is that your discussions will focus on the highlights of your program.

A proposed 2019-2020 budget spreadsheet is attached. I request that you remember the spreadsheet is a work in progress and not final until approved by the voting members consisting of Patrol Representatives and Program Advisors, during Sunday's meeting. The budget approval is for the period of July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. My hope in getting the draft budget to you now is that you will take the time to review it and be better prepared for Sunday's meeting. The spreadsheet identifies the approved budget for FY 2018-2019, what's been spent to date and the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020 for each program and/or advisor for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 FY unless modified).

There is also a link attached to a PPT presentation (<https://www.nspnorth.org/patroller-resources.html>). The presentation discusses a pilot project the Far West Division is initiating that will be starting this winter. If you feel that your patrol is great at recruiting candidates and seeing them through their first year or two of patrolling, but then sees their participation declining, please review the PPT slides and possibly contact the author Rick Boyce (rhbskier557@gmail.com) to become part of the pilot. The project is focused on mentoring new patrollers to help them make the transition from candidate to long term patrollers.

Safe travels and I hope to see you each at the September meeting.

Enclosures;

1. Spring Board meeting minutes
2. Division Meeting agenda
3. Draft Northern Division Budget for 2019-2020