

National Ski Patrol

Division Director News Update

September/October 2022

NSP Members,

This News Update has been created by the Division Directors of the National Ski Patrol as a way to increase our communications with you. We meet monthly as a team to discuss Division and National business and to support and share ideas with each other.

Our goal is to provide you with a consistent message on a variety of topics as they come up. The message we send will be simple. If you want to know more about any information sent, remember each of us is here to serve you and we are only a phone call, text, or email away. Please reach out to your respective Division Director at any time.

Senior Program

Your Division Director team is currently working with several people from the National OEC Committee to revamp and revitalize the Senior Program. The goal of Seniors is to dive into the development of high-level scene and care management by solidifying your leadership, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities.

This season 2022-2023, changes in the OEC component include:

- More focus on leadership, problem-solving and decision-making
- More intimate
- Less intimidating
- Less resources/people required to evaluate
- Renewed energy from your senior instructors and evaluators
- Same high standards

If you are interested in pursuing your senior certification, contact your patrol OEC instructor or Patrol Director/Representative

Candidates for Board Forum

This fall 4 board positions are open and there are 11 candidates. We encourage you to jump on any one or all of the candidate calls:

Thursday October 13, 6:30 p.m. Mountain

Thursday Oct 27, 6:30 p.m. Mountain

Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. Mountain

As the forums get closer, you can find information about how to join these forums at the bottom of the [elections webpage](#). (Members side to Member Resources to Board and Leadership to Elections)

Division Director Talking Points:

1. What are NSP and the Division doings to serve the needs of our members and patrols?
 - Division and regional leaders ensure that NSP educational programs and curriculum are delivered to our members when and where they are needed. Our division program supervisors work with region administrators, ITs, instructors, and patrol leadership to provide course content to members across all NSP disciplines.
 - Our goals are to serve our members' needs, ensure our patrols work productively and cooperatively with ski and bike area management, and deliver educational content backed by solid quality assurance. We provide our members with the skills they need to meet the demands of ski areas and other outdoor recreation managers, ensuring safety and service to skiers and others who rely on us.
2. What can we do to help support our patrol and the NSP?
 - You and your patrol can work with your Region and Division Director to send a positive message to your community. Partner with your ski area or other land manager to develop a communication strategy that highlights the good work of NSP members and patrols. Keep Division leadership informed of your communication efforts so we can help amplify and coordinate your message.
 - Don't feed the trolls! It's often better to ignore negative voices on social media instead of amplifying their often unfounded or misguided messages. Let's keep doing the good work we have been doing for years (decades!), and let our impact be the story, instead of trying to strike back at every negative message.
 - Respect that the NSP office staff are an intelligent, devoted, and response group working diligently for you, our members, despite recent challenges.
 - Please respect the chain of communication within your Division to minimize the burden on national office staff: Raise any questions or issues first with your patrol and region leaders, then with Division leadership (including program supervisors, your Division Director, and any the relevant Assistant Division Director).