



## **Northern Division Patrollers:**

### **Division Director Election**

Northern Division Director Karl Uhlig is serving his sixth consecutive and last year as Division Director. Karl has been superb, devoted hundreds of hours to the Director duties and will be greatly missed!

As provided in Division Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, the Division Director is elected for a two-year term. This person can be re-elected and serve up to three two-year terms for a total of six years. Article IV, Section 4(d) of the Division Bylaws provides that the two Division Region Directors and all Division Patrol Representatives are the group that elect the Division Director.

Division Bylaws Article IV, Section 4(a), provides that the Division Director shall appoint an elections committee that shall solicit and receive nominations of interested and qualified persons, for Division Director who shall submit their letters of candidacy and a resume of ski patrol experience.

The current Division Bylaws are available on the Division website under the “Patrollers Resources” drop down menu.

### **Appointment of Division Director Election Committee**

The Northern Division Election Committee to administer the 2024 Division Director election was appointed by Division Director Karl Uhlig during the May 2023 Division Executive Committee meeting. The Election Committee members are Brent Brooks, Brian Beattie and Jeff Motley. This Committee will organize and administer the Division Director election which shall occur later this winter of 2024. The Committee along with Division Director (DD) Karl Uhlig, are seeking candidates for the Division Director Position.

### **Qualifications For Division Director**

The requirements for this position are provided in the current NSP Policies and Procedures (P&P) Manual and are included at the end of this notice.

The Division Director can be any current NSP member registered for at least five years, in good standing with NSP, as provided in, Section 2.2.4.1. of the P&P Manual. Remember that as a Northern Division patroller you can advise and inform your Patrol Representative as they contemplate voting.



The Election Committee is soliciting nominations of interested and qualified Northern Division Patrollers for the **Division Director Position**. Potential **Division Director Position** applications need to submit letters of candidacy **and** a resume of ski patrol experience to the **Election Committee by either email or U.S mail received by 5 pm Monday March 4, 2024**.

Thereafter, the Elections Committee will review applications to ensure they meet the qualifications for Division Director. **Ballots shall be sent to Region Directors and Patrol Representatives by email on or before March 11, 2024, and voting ends March 18, 2024 at 5 pm**. The candidate that received a majority of the votes cast shall be elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be conducted between candidates that received the same number of votes.

Please submit required materials as described above by **March 4, 2024, at 5 pm to:**

[slyskier@yahoo.com](mailto:slyskier@yahoo.com) or [bbrooks@axilonlaw.com](mailto:bbrooks@axilonlaw.com)

Or

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### **If Only One Qualified Candidate Submits Required Notice of Candidacy**

As provided in the Northern Division Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4(c), If only one qualified candidate for Division Director submits candidacy materials as of the deadline date for candidacy, no election will be held. The Executive Committee shall appoint the one qualified candidate and shall notify the candidate that they have been appointed Division Director.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the election committee by email.

Thank you for what you do for NSP and the Northern Division.

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**Division Director Job Description.** (From current NSP National P&P Manual) :

**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.
- 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.



#### **2.2.4.2 Minimum recommended (not mandatory) eligibility requirements for division director candidates**

- a. Should be currently registered as a Senior (Patroller, Alpine, or Nordic/Backcountry) or Certified/Nordic/Backcountry Master volunteer patroller or professional (paid) patroller
- b. Should have logged at least 80 days of active patrolling (excluding refreshers, tests, etc.), with one third of these days at a ski area(s) in the division.
- c. Should have experience working with management at a ski area in the division.
- d. Should have the endorsement of an area management representative in the division.
- e. Should have participated in national level activities.
- f. Selection is directed by Division bylaws and policies.

#### **2.2.4.3 Responsibilities and Duties**

- a. Supports and fosters NSP values, vision, and mission.
- b. At the completion of the division selection/election process, the office will be notified of the new division director, contact information, and the associated start date of term.
- c. Administers the division according to the division's bylaws and policies and procedures.
- d. Facilitates and promotes the delivery of approved NSP education programs.
- e. Develops, promotes, and enhances leadership opportunities for the members of the division.
- f. Responsible for ensuring availability, quality, and content of approved NSP programs.
- g. Divisions and subunits are expressly prohibited from offering programs or instructional courses that have not been approved by the NSP board of directors.



- h. Functions as an NSP liaison between members, patrol representatives, ski area patrol directors, and area managers within the division boundaries.
- i. Develops and maintains accurate division records.
- j. Develops an annual budget and presents it to the division board of directors.
- k. Submits year-end division report to the NSP.
- l. Submits annual financial reports to the NSP office and the IRS.
- m. Appoints individuals to serve as division program supervisors.
- n. The national board of directors, in consultation with the affected division directors, determines the boundaries and membership of the divisions.
- o. When a division director's performance does not represent the best interests of the NSP, the director may be removed from office by the NSP board of directors at the recommendation of the national chair.

**Additional Responsibilities & Requirements:**

- Attendance at NSP (National Meetings in Denver) twice per year.
- Monthly NSP Board Meeting via teleconferences.
- Plan and attend Division Meetings both Annual Fall Banquet and Spring E-Board.