

**Ohio Region Spring Meeting  
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**Intro**

**Call to Order**

**Bill Currier**

The Ohio Region Spring Meeting at Hampton Inn, Mansfield, was called to order at 905.

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**Roll Call**

**Pat McCabe**

PRESENT: Pat Aquila, Arnold, Dave Baumlein, Jim Burns, Tom Ciranna, Dave Cobb, Bill Currier, Max Davis, Guy Day, Chad Dworkin, Kim Garrett, Sandi Hammons, Bruce Heichelbech, Carl Hilker, Kim Hiser, Scott Kinnamon, Daryl Knauss, Pat McCabe, John McGoff, Orest Melnyk, Alida Moonen, Dan Moss, Ellen Mulqueeny, Chris Raudabaugh, Lori Ringley, Greg Schoenmen, Bob Smith, Troy Southwick, Tom Tavenner, Kurt Tenerove, Bev Janke, Dave Zeager, Jay Zedak ABSENT: Phyllis Mauntel, Todd Vermilya, David Walker, Mark Fogt, Dick Ike. GUESTS: Janet Glaeser, Jim Woodrum, Rose DeJarnette, Rick Jackson, Kal Dworkin, Frank Cleary, Brian Cobble

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**Announcements**

Results of 2009/2010 Region elections - Greg Schmidt will be replacing retiring Bob Smith as O-1 Section Chief and Jim Burns is new O-2 Section Chief. Kal Dworkin will be replacing Dave Baumlein, who is retiring Snow Trails PR. John McGoff is retiring as Region Proficiency ARD and is being replaced by Frank Cleary. Assistant Advisors have been added to Region Staff, and will be introduced at time of Advisor reports.

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**Appointments**

Parliamentarian – Chad Dworkin  
Sergeant at Arms – Dan Moss

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**Proxy Announcements**

None

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**Voting PR's**

**Section Chiefs**

Bob Smith (01):	Carl Hilker
Jim Burns (02):	Daryl Knauss
Scott Kinnamon (03):	Kim Hiser
Kurt Tenerove (04):	Pat Aquila or Ellen Mulqueeny??

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**Agenda Additions**

There were no additions to the agenda. (1<sup>st</sup>) Dave Cobb; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Chad Dworkin  
Agenda was voted and approved.

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**Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes**

There were no changes to the Fall Meeting minutes. (1<sup>st</sup>) Dave Cobb; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Chad Dworkin  
Minutes were voted and approved.

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**News From National**

**Janet Glaeser**

Janet Glaeser gave National updates. There will be a call for four new Board candidates soon. Attended the Patroller Education Conference (PEC). Carl Hilker had the longest tenure of 58 years. The PEC

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unveiled new fund called the Charles Minnie Dole Service and Safety Fund. It is a way to recognize individuals who have passed on; a plaque is displayed at National and the family receives a plaque. Limited life time membership is \$550. The NSP budget (at least the proposals) is on the website. Vacancies for National ID Program Director and Nordic Program Director need filled. The toboggan position was recently filled by someone from Eastern Division. There is a new Avalanche program book. Work is being done on instructor pieces for toboggan but no new book forthcoming. The new OEC books projected release is now January 2011. The 2011 OEC Refresher will incorporate what's new in the new OEC books. The MTR Program is in the process of rewriting program and updating. The current OEC program is being threatened by EMT issues in Washington and Idaho. With the new EMT protocols at some areas, they would need to be certified to do anything. The NSP is addressing these issues. The OEC retest policy was being discussed by OEC supervisors at PEC. Results are forthcoming. Also being researched is having CD for the ID course online rather than having to buy it. Jim Woodrum, Tim White, Bela Musits, and Scott Marland will participate in NSP/NSAA Convention in Orlando on May 2. Chip Perfect, PNS Area owner, will represent Central Division Area owners. Dave Baumlein asked if there has been anything further about the SEM requiring skiing to scenarios. Would they be forced to cancel due to no snow? John McGoff questioned the thought process behind that. Comment made that NSP requires "skiing" as opposed to "walking" up hill. Lori Ringley questioned whether that would affect the Senior Auxiliary SEMs. Rose DeJarnette reassured that it would stand okay. The Senior Auxiliary program is being looked at regarding aid room modules, etc. Tom Tavenner questioned if the "helper" patrollers would be affected and the need for using toboggans in the SEM.

**Spring Division Meeting Report**

**Bill & Others**

Jim Woodrum updated things the Division Staff did during the season, doing toboggan and ski seminars. There was much travel to these events, which included Dan Moss, Amy Arnold, Jay Zedak, and Chris Raudabaugh. Jim, Central Division Director, is not a National Board member and, thus, has no voting rights. The division directors now meet the day before the National Board meetings as well as periodic teleconferences using Skype. They vote on each subject on the Board agenda. The chair asks for input from each division director and they provide input. Even if not in agreement, they provide support input.

Regarding the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition book, the National Board is involved in action on changes. There have been a couple IT conferences and mini meetings—one in Saginaw, MI. All ITs in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana have been provided updates on the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. The ITs will come back and spend time with area instructors before its use in Spring of 2011.

The STWs are being geared towards service and safety. From safety position, all STW instructors had to be in helmets and have NSP-C school liability insurance behind them. This is an example of us being in public showing role responsibility. The Region Senior candidates were required to use helmets. The instructors and ITs were to wear helmets during testing events.

2010 Division STW's are scheduled for Trollhagen the week after Thanksgiving; Boyne Highlands in mid-December; and Cascade the weekend before Christmas. (Senior test dates) Area managers again want to see patrollers be better skiers, so we need to do everything to make patrollers improve. There is an image the public sees—the skiing ability of the patrollers reflects upon their "ability to provide first aid."

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It was mentioned that some are candidates still in training, and also some older patrollers who need improvement.

The ski school program at Vail was highlighted. Ohio is known to have a very successful NSP-C school, which has gotten national attention. Vail has been studying teaching methods from around the world and is offering a program (by invitation only). Includes a boot fitter. Professional discount offered. Their intent is in developing better coaches and instructors. Customized version includes four days of personal ski instruction and two days of being better coaches. From Central Division heading to Vail after Thanksgiving to go through the program are Sandi Hammons, Darcy Hanley, Dan Moss, Dan Somalski, Tom Anderson, Linda Murphy-Jacobs, and JT from Western Region. The Division staff and a couple others are also attending the program. They will bring back materials and use them in our programs. This is a pilot group. Jim attended North Central Region banquet and they are providing \$500 in support and Marquette is kicking in \$500 in support. The Regions are helping support this.

The areas' S&T Refreshers should be registered with National as "Refreshers," not "SESS" or "TESs." Every ski area should hold as many SESSs as possible, and there is a goal to have a TES in every area as well. The number of TESs was down this year from 44 last season. Ohio generally does well with TESs, as well as SESSs.

On a volunteer basis, Division Directors are invited to Regional Patrol Directors meetings. They skied the morning, met in the afternoon, and had dinner together.

Discussion regarding the incident at Jackson Hole whereby pro-patrollers were killed. OSHA is required to be called in to perform investigation. The paperwork was immense investigating things like snowmobile training, avalanche control, etc. and involved other agencies such as DOT. It was found that the avalanche people were not wearing helmets, which has resulted in the requirement of helmets. Vail, Keystone, Beaver Creek and Heavenly now require patrollers and instructors to wear helmets. At the Professional Division Conference, various experiences were discussed. Ski Patrol reiterated not responsible for out of bounds skiing and rescue. Some area season pass holders are receiving beacons for skiing in upper areas, although not all follow through with proper instruction of their usage beforehand.

The NSP-C ski school continues to grow, which is encouraging. Insurance guru, Jack Lawson, advises to get binder policy way before ski season starts. He spoke at division meeting and urged obtaining the \$66/year coverage in advance of the season as opposed to waiting towards the end.

Financial auditing of Region books has been completed. Each area patrol in each region gets audited regarding spending of funds. Patrols should be aware of where funds go. For example, they are not to go towards buying toboggans.

The Rusty Parka News has now gone electronic, and an announcement will be sent out.

2009 MSA meeting held at Devil's Head. Division leadership met with area owners. 2010 meeting will be at Shanty Creek, MI. Division leadership will be there. If PDs come, don't come through "ski patrol" —

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come through "AREA." Areas are encouraged to bring PDs. Area managers meet at round table, and that will continue. Key dates: Aug. 10-12 MSAA meeting at Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI.; Sept. 10-12 Central Division Fall Meeting, Minneapolis (motorcycle trip up through Mackinaw). 2010 Certified event held at Nubs Knob and Marquette. They will move around to different areas in 2011—Lutzen; and then following year to PNS.

Brian Cobble commented about divisions crossing over others—two members, Moss and Zedak, were invited to Southern Division to provide SES for southern patrollers.

BREAK: 1015 – 1020

**Treasurer's Report**

**Orest Melnyk**

Orest Melnyk provided copies of treasurer's report. The Region showed a profit from last year (a little inflated). Budget was approved. Total doesn't match each area because budgeted 01/02 and areas that don't have expenses typically. There are some fluctuations. Checking total: \$35,790.13, Savings total: \$11,192.56; totalling \$46,982.69. Orest urged everyone to get their expense to him. The Region budgets for a slight loss--\$5,700 loss this year. Over the past two years, they came out ahead so there was a little bit of income. They mostly break even, making \$1,000-\$2,000. Orest will need all expenses by May 5. Final reports and all books closed by June 30—get to Section Chiefs. An e-mail will be sent to the Section Chiefs regarding dates to have them in (August 15).

Everyone was reminded that there is an NSP credit card whereby the NSP gets rebates with usage. \$50 goes back to National if you sign up for the NSP card (\$40 goes to National and \$10 to Division). Every month, National gets a rebate back, which could add up to \$19,000. The cards must be in individual's name (not in area's name).

**Circulate Calendar & Org Chart**

**Max Davis/Pat McCabe**

Max Davis circulated the calendar and organizational chart for additions and changes.

**ARD Line**

**Dave Cobb**

**Section 01**

**Bob Smith / Greg Schmidt**

PERFECT NORTH SLOPES – SANDI HAMMONS: This is PNS's 30<sup>th</sup> year. PNS hosted classes in avalanche, held STW, certified event, SES, MTR, TES, and Women's Clinic. Harold Park became new member of the Board. May 5 will be the PNS Banquet. There are four new candidates in their OEC class that begins in August.

BUCKEYE NORDICS – CARL HILKER: Had a really good 30-day season. There was high activity in the state parks with no major injuries. This was his first time not able to attend the Berkibeiner. Object of the PEC '10 to raise Nordic skiing to higher technical level. 154 attended from Central Division—good turnout and great weather. The PEC will skip till year after next (2012) to phase in with Japan. Max told about seeing helicopter with beacon system dangling underneath that can hover over avalanche areas and can locate fallen within a few minutes—very good system.

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PAOLI PEAKS – BRUCE HEICHELBECH: Paoli had its best season in about 11 years consisting of 85 continuous days without shut down. February 11 was last day to make snow. In the last four years, they've seen a 60% increase in patroller hours on the hill and total hours. Paoli participated in the Region STW, and they had the highest number of STW participants. There was no TES event at Paoli DUE TO SNOW! Bruce thanked Sandi Hammons and PNS for the establishment of a good working relationship between the two areas. Area patroller, Dave McKinley commended on being done with Senior in his second year and now OEC IOR. Paoli is now reengaged in the Senior program and Awards program. Their banquet was held at an area farm. Rick Jackson will be transitioning into PR role this coming season.

**Section 02**

**Jim Burns**

BM/BW – TOM CIRANNA: Had annual MCI training, calibration clinics, D-team event sold out, Divas S&T clinic successful. May 8 will be their spring banquet. Their spring OEC class has started, with 22 candidates. ITs have created efficiency summit to evaluate their whole training program and how to embrace it. BM/BW member, Janet Glaeser is now National Board member. Their resort requires helmets for its patrollers. Elections are coming up, and they will be using the internet for that. Area was open 100 days. Saddened by loss of three members, Dennis Maslar, Beth Tyson, and another from cancer.

CUYAHOGA NORDICS – DARYL KNAUSS: They monitored Polar Blast tubing area of Brandywine. There were several accidents that required squads. They have five primary, two secondary, and one joining. Patrol Saturdays and Sundays normally. An OEC refresher/fundraiser was held, with five different patrols there. The fundraiser went well and funds were used towards helping primary registration, etc. Telemark SES was attended by two at Hollimont and received great instruction. Thanks to Dave Walker for organizing it and getting people to attend. Their status as a patrol continues to be in limbo, and they are willing to do Polar Blast. Ohio Nordics gave call about helping. One patroller for whole patrol. They will call them back again, at least to offer support. They received word about Goodyear having an exclusive area for their employees, so they might be able to help out there. Regarding Trailblazers, a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association group who patrols the Park's Nordic trails, they have a good deal of rules, and Daryl hasn't heard anything back about that.

**Section 03**

**Scott Kinnamon**

CLEAR FORK – TODD VERMILYA: No report

SNOW TRAILS – DAVE BAUMLEIN: Made mandatory sign-up for one late-night duty shift and it worked out well. They are having another OEC class with eight candidates. Area pays dues but have invested interest in the patrol, and the patrol must justify funds, so they have to be careful. They have about \$9,000 in funds. Kal Dworkin will be taking over as patrol representative. Dave thanked for years as PR.

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN – KIM HISER: Had 87 continuous days of skiing without interruption. Excellent season. MRM expanded its terrain park with jumps approximately 15-45 feet tall, dubbing it "Capital Park." Events pre-season and during the season promoted the new park. Local area, Louie Vito, competed at this year's Olympics in the half pipe. Had a lot of accidents at "Jump 2," and an increase in Med Flights (9 this season). The Patrol's "Over Yonder" area will be taken over by area management for

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Lift Operations, and changes will be made in the patrol's facilities to better utilize space and serve area patrons. MRM hosted an SES, STW, and TES. Eight candidates completed the OEC course, seven successfully became Alpine patrollers, and our new OEC class has eleven candidates. MRM registered 112 patrollers and has 7 secondary patrollers. MRM started a new pilot program called the Ambassadors for Ski School and Ski Patrol alumni.

**Section 04**

**Kurt Tenerove**

Steve Barbour stepped down as PR of Oho Nordics and retired from the patrol. The Lake Park Service is talking about having its employees volunteer time to become NSP members, becoming another dedicated patrol. They hope to have that in place this summer. Dave Walker may be crossing Cuyahoga Nordics with them.

ALPINE VALLEY – PAT AQUILA: Alpine Valley had a great season, the best snow-wise and financially. They had more customers either because of the good snow or possibly because they couldn't afford to travel out of state. One particular week had a lot of ice, and it became a "MASH" unit. They had 134 accidents but was well below yearly average. Six required ambulance assistance. Nine people took Patroller 101, but only six stayed and started OEC, which began March 27. Five alpine patrollers were added this season. An SES was held January 30, and Amy Arnold came to assist. Great event and done well, but it's always difficult to get patrollers to attend. The OEC class is trying to find ways to generate revenue. They are in competition with BM/BW with the Ski Swap. They are considering hosting cycle race and will work out details on that. The instructor refresher is planned for September 18, with OEC refresher on October 3. The area plans for a lift tower inspection for integrity, and a new roof is planned on the main lodge. The patrol has a couple great patrollers that will be retiring this year.

BIG CREEK/CLEVELAND – ELLEN MULQUEENY: Big Creek does the management of the patrol since there is no area management. The area requires bringing people up hill to the aid room. They don't have many accidents. They came up with a device to take sled to the aid room. Big Creek partners with Alpine Valley for training classes, and some help with OEC training at Alpine.

**ARD Administration**

**Guy Day**

AWARDS – LORI RINGLEY: There is a separate handout for award winners. If anyone has questions regarding awards, call her and not National. She plans another workshop this summer or fall since there are a number of new award advisors. Judges are needed from Section 04 to keep it fair, so please contact her if interested. There haven't been many Nordic submissions, so please do so. May have to increase budget due to cost increases. There had been questions on what to provide Senior Auxiliaries, and they went with framed certificates. They are trying to access the database at National so information can be pulled with reference to registered courses attended, etc.

ALUMNI – DICK IKE (Per Guy Day): The alumni program is strong at Ohio Region. The alumni still are assets to the NSP and can be used. Dick asked that those names not being registered as patrollers should be given to him to follow up as alumni. Certified alumni classification for individuals not able to maintain regular status but can participate in different modules (OEC, chair evacuation, etc.) still can participate in alumni program. The National Board appointed a new alumni advisor. Maintaining an alumni program starts at the individual patrol level.

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LEGAL – CHAD DWORKIN: Took care of things like risk management. It is of great value to have separate debriefing session after serious accidents to reassess performance and for record keeping purposes, making sure there are no loose ends. If anyone has issues of concern, e-mail him and he will get it taken care of. Dave Baumlein asked whether there has been any further word regarding bill in Ohio Legislature, and Chad stated he hadn't seen or heard anything as of yet.

DOWNHILL – MAX DAVIS: There will be a proposal later in the meeting about the Downhill going electronic as much as possible. Information is contained in the handout. He hasn't had any volunteers for assistant yet. Max would like area patrols to send a copy of their newsletters to him, as some of its information can be used in the Downhill. He would like a blast note sent to the patrol that the newsletter is posted on the internet.

HISTORIAN – VACANT

WEBMASTER – MARK FOGT (Per Bill): Mark is stretched thin due to work and education. He has agreed to stay with the position for the time being, but Bill is asking Chris Raudabaugh to help where possible and thanks go to him for that. More events have been able to be registered online electronically now, including payment exercises.

ELECTIONS – BEV JANKE (Report given as part of Announcements)

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS – GREG SCHOENMAN: December 1 is still the submission deadline for National. Electronic submissions will be used again. He is looking for an assistant (must have current National Appointment). Bill and Guy are working on changes to the P&P regarding National appointment process at Section level. This will set things for more involvement at Section level so clarity and acceptability is improved. It will be published when section review will be held. Section Chiefs can put it on the calendar if they'd like but will require that it is on the calendar by the Fall Meeting. Be aware of when that review meeting will be so National and LCA members can be present. Max suggesting putting "TBA" for dates on calendar if not certain.

LUNCH BREAK: 1130 – 1217

Jim Woodrum demonstrated a cardboard splint that is available and brought samples for the PDs to take. He also advised of the website where the splints may be ordered.

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**ARD Proficiency**

**John McGoff / Frank Cleary**

OEC – DAVE BAUMLEIN: See included OEC report. SEM clinic was held at BM/BW and a second one at PNS. Ratio of 1:4 of instructors and 1:7 of ITs. The QA process was successful. There are QAs available for courses. Challenges include improving SEMs. Would like to hold three SEMs in the region if possible, with one in the north, one central, and one south for recerting. Check e-mail for further information. OEC Refreshers will be held in late September/early October and will try to have QAs there. Sheet evaluations show a focus needed in keeping the standards clear. It is trying to avoid using sign-offs but will try to remedy problems and make changes for better outcomes of SEM. There is hope for better

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SEM calibration, possibly hold clinic to include Senior Evaluators and Candidates and maybe set the stage for level expected. A date will be picked for SEM Calibration Clinic—proposing November 6 at Snow Trails. MRM is scheduled to have SEM this year. At calibrations, candidates can come, look at it, and run live scenarios. Register the SEM class by IOR and make sure to close it afterwards. Dave presented flow chart of OEC Team. He picked one person from each patrol as the OEC Contact IT. Dave will contact these people and then they will send on to rest of patrol. Contact will work with others and cross over to other patrols with QA. If areas have new instructors that need mentored, or ITs, contact Dave and he'll get things going. A survey was sent out in collaboration with Tom Tavenner (Senior Program Administrator) and had a good response of about 40 out of 66 responding. Overall response was to have one SEM per year. Comments were varied, but there was a feeling that a calibration clinic would be valuable. Also possibility of video presentation at SEM Clinic. Discussed various suggestions and opinions. There is a preference for a February 13 clinic date. MRM will hold SEM on March 13. SEM calibration clinic will be November 6. OEC instructor recert TBA. It was suggested that candidates practice scenarios on the snow (Division suggestion). Ohio Region is the only region that has its SEM prior to the ski season. There was a question regarding holding the calibration clinic so far from the date of the test, which was answered that it is more for the students' benefit than the evaluators. Jim Woodrum suggested having the PDs sign off SEM candidates for testing. Commented that one of the ITs must attend one of the conferences or they shouldn't be an IT. Also, some regions have the SEM on Saturday and the Senior S&T on Sunday of the same weekend. Tom Tavenner said we currently have S&T clinic on Saturday and S&T evaluation on Sunday. Point was taken that some candidates aren't planning on taking both. Bruce suggested that if calibration clinic is held on March 12, be sure to mark it on the calendar. Tom Tavenner commented that in the event MRM closes prior to March 13, there are options available in still holding the SEM there.

Bill thanked Dave for taking on the OEC Administrator position on such short notice (March 6).

ID – ALIDA MOONEN: Presently is working on what to do with CD course. Would like to have a better way of delivering, and the Ohio Region is receptive to different ideas. She has agreed to do the position one more year and asks that someone else consider replacing her. Alida volunteered at the Olympics in Canada this year.

TOBOGGAN – TROY SOUTHWICK: Rich McNitt has agreed to be assistant in toboggan program. There has been progress in getting the ITs and trainers on the same page. Trying to incorporate correct wording in training that pertains to transportation manual. Six TESs were held (combining Alpine Valley and Big Creek). Trained 70 people in TESs. Suggested that when TES date is decided, appoint someone for the sign-up process—keep information at local area. Should think of what to do to customize TES to particular patrol, i.e. aging patrollers, women, etc. You might try incorporating them into the clinic. Try to certify people at BM and PNS TESs and have special TES for those aspiring for higher level or to play around a bit at different level of skiing. Women's Clinic and Certified level of toboggan handling would be included in the TES clinic. Troy will be giving areas a proposed date for future TESs; and if that date is not going to work out, let him know.

SKI SCHOOL – AMY ARNOLD: The NSP-C Ski School has 74 members, 37 of which are PSIA Level II or III. She thanked Chris Raudabaugh for helping with online registration for STWs, which helped a great deal

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in making paperwork easier and knowing ahead of time staff requirements. She asks that Chris help again with that next year. The numbers for participation were down compared to last year. Would like to have specific SESs for specific groups. Would like a telemark SES and “never-ever” snowboard enhancement seminar. People who had video analyses done did like that. She has been working with Dan Moss for SES for those going on to Certified program. The SESs at BM and PNS have been geared towards Senior candidates. Would like to work with the older patrollers and have a SES for that group.

MEDICAL – DAVE WALKER (Per John McGoff) – No medical report. Mike Spector is assistant and had no further comments or report.

John McGoff welcomed Frank Cleary as new ARD of Proficiency and thanked staff members.

**ARD Programs**

**Jay Zedak**

A short video was presented from the historical nightclub fire a few years back that resulted in over 100 dying after being trapped inside. Jay followed with necessity of effective communication and use of ski area resources during mass casualty incidents. He urged PDs to be prepared and think ahead. NIMS test is available online. Being NIMS certified is a good idea for patrollers and offers opportunity for cross training to be better prepared.

Afton Alps hosted Western Region meeting. Ohio Region usually sets a precedence out there, being known in Ohio as “trainer crazy.” Afton Alps had outside speakers come in, and Jay suggested coming up with additional ways to include what other regions do and possibly bring in other patrollers. He suggested things like having a CPR class, use of transceivers, etc. for additional reasons to attend Region meetings. Jay passed out pamphlets on what other regions do. Commented that NSP-C ski school is now recognized in other areas. There are ways to gather tips and ideas of getting good ski instruction training outside of PSIA. V1 software will be available in the NSP catalog (if everything goes well). Recognized NSP training used outside of skiing. Also feels the ski patrol should be responsible for getting to areas normally out of bounds, despite who is at fault for being there. Urged being up on low angle rescue.

MTR – DAVE ZEAGER: In Dave’s absence, Daryl Knauss gave his report regarding the recent MTR weekend. A classroom session was held, followed by an onsite MTR another weekend. There were nine participants in the program. An instructor retreat is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2010. See report.

Carl Hilker commented that “what to do’s” need discussed and HOW to do them. PNS is a good example of an area with a good action plan—one page per instance. Urged areas to be prepared, integrating with other emergency agencies in the event of an emergency.

AVALANCHE PROGRAM – KIM GARRETT: There have not been many changes over the course of the years; however, changes are now taking place, and there are concerns about how it will affect the Ohio Region. They want to make this work, so there are classes offered as Level I Avalanche, one at BM/BW, and then field event afterwards. PNS had course to include 12 (other had 6 at BM/BW). Avalanche courses are of interest to other areas such as ski clubs. Classes put them in awareness state. Instructor

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staff in Ohio Region plays a big role in Level II support. They have five Level II instructors and one as Level I instructor. Students from Level I class go out in actual conditions and it is a good experience. Nine students attending; five from Ohio completed Level II course. Another Level I course will be held November 14-15.

**CERTIFIED ADVISOR – DAN MOSS:** Darcy Hanley and Sandi Hammons are current candidates. Pre-qualification and re-cert clinics held at PNS. 71% participation there. New potential candidates can come pre-qualify into the program. Re-qualify clinic was participated by other staff and was put on as “mini test.” Ohio Region is the only region in Division doing it that way. 81% participated in Division testing. Good evidence of Certified staff working together. There are 11 new candidates coming up to enter the program over the next five years. Committed to training—Tom Worley, Dale Mihuta, etc. show great strength, lots in PSIA, ITs, and many in leadership positions. Eric Massanyi is new assistant for 2010. The annual test will be at PNS in 2012. He would like to see one Certified at every major resort by 2015. Pre-qualification will be January 15-16, 2011. Test is March 3-4-5 in Minnesota.

**SENIOR PROGRAM – TOM TAVENNER:** Had six Alpine Seniors and one Senior Auxiliary. Identified 35 candidates that are either active or in Senior core modules. Exam was great success at PNS with 80% pass rate. They have made headway with records. Want to get copies of records as evaluators and instructors and try to combine them. Would like to transfer registration process onto website. Wants each area to have contact person who is key to handling area Senior people. There have been mixed responses towards the Senior program, so he would like to focus on enhancing the program. Mark Santos will be Tom’s assistant. John McGoff emphasized the importance of the program in building leadership, more upcoming Certified patrollers, APDs, etc.

Jay complimented Amy on her work and ways of advancing skills of her staff, hiring Ed staff to come in and make trainers better. Again urged wearing helmets during training.

BREAK: 1411 – 1422

### **Old Business**

John McGoff: Ohio is hosting 2011 Division Meeting at the Cincinnati Marriott Riverview Hotel. Guy Day is in charge of planning and would like to see 80-100 people from Ohio attend. He is planning to make it a fun event for the whole family. Suggested establishing someone at area patrols to be point person to drive attendance rate. Guy asked for suggestions, such as classes, maybe electives for Seniors, speakers, etc. to attract patrollers from other areas to attend. Janet suggested offering companion things to do, and Guy acknowledged there will be things for the rest of the family to do, also possibly babysitting. Weekend festivities will start with Friday and go through Sunday. Maybe yoga, spa treatments, and John McGoff suggested perhaps doing something to include the Junior Patrollers. Max suggested having an article in the Downhill asking what people would like to see. Maybe a Riverboat Cruise? Get ideas to Guy or John.

### **New Business**

**DOWNHILL – MAX DAVIS:** Max asked for other changes in organizational chart. The proposal for electronic distribution of Downhill will be in revised P&P. There are normally four editions, with #2

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already being electronic. Advised cost of paper distribution—865 copies sent out of each edition and 90 notifications by e-mail. Potential cost reduction of \$2,600 per year. Not sure of how it will be accepted by the membership, so felt best way is to gather information from people who have already tried it. PNS is already 100% electronic distribution of their newsletter—10 issues per year. It is sent out as an attachment to e-mail and posted to their website. No paper copies are made. At the Division level, they just started electronic distribution of the *RPN*. There are three issues per year; and if you didn't want it electronically, you could request a paper copy. Cost is about \$5 per year per patroller. Other divisions are either electronic or considering it. Recommended changing to electronic black and white for those opting out, initially at no cost, but plenty of advance notice (1 year). First edition in April of next year as all electronic. Advantages: quicker, color, "green," saves Region money. Recommended change in format to look like new product. Janet suggested making the e-mail include what's in the issue—highlights. Daryl asked about individual price per patroller per edition. Dave asked if four Downhills necessary per year. Division has three per year. Question of why four editions. Max explained that one is after Fall meeting, second after area opens, Third after areas close and announcement of spring meeting and banquet, and fourth is the awards issue—pictures and wrap-up of the season. Bruce suggested having next issue announce going electronic. Motion was made by Bruce to make starting date of Vol 1, Issue 1 being first electronic and next edition being last paper edition. Dave seconded. (Oct. 2010 Issue v38.1) Open for discussion. Voted and unanimously passed.

REVISED BY-LAWS – GUY DAY: Asked for discussion of concerns, questions, comments. Tom C. questioned about terms of office. Jim Woodrum explained that if person is ill or can't finish tenure, can petition Board to allow to run. He reminded that the person still has to be elected. Term limit is currently two, but Board can give the third opportunity to run again. Max: only added item that if staff needs assistance, how long to put in place. Jay clarified this gives an opportunity to think about the By-laws and then bring concerns up at Fall Meeting. Guy made a motion to accept the first reading and move to Fall 2010. Seconded by Dave Cobb. All approved and motion passed.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS – JAY ZEDAK: Event at Vail this Fall is to be attended by four people. Jay asked about help in funding event. Jay made motion that Ohio Region contribute \$1,000 towards funding of participation of however many people from Ohio choose to go to event. Cost is about \$1,500 per person, not including travel). Normal price for public is \$1,500 per person but will be given discount as patrollers, but must pay for accommodations, food and travel. Guy Day seconded. Discussion by Guy that patrols also could provide monies to help in addition to this. Question as to benefits brought back to the local patrols. Jay answer that they will try to continue to advance and develop instructor staff and would like to increase the numbers of advanced level PSIA members. Participants may give internal staff more tools to better help them help others get better and on speedier pathway. Brian Cobble also added that group is willing to bring it on the road—all but boot fitter, but it's a definite for the instructors. Members were considered and it was decided on who to include. Orest suggested waiting till the Fall Meeting on the exact amount. Brian added they will get "homework" in the summer to look over the curriculum. Jim brought up Ski School budget could include this as payment from there. Jay brought up that V1 was indicative of how the instructors "looked" and we need to refine our instructors. Amy commented budget for Ski School comes as an estimate on amount collected from SESs and TESs, so it's not an exact amount guaranteed. Guy reminded that motion is on the floor. Brian said the event is by invitation only and not an option of "who else wants to go." It is being represented

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by BM, PNS, and MRM—all Level II or III members of Ski School. Tom inquired about present balance and Orest advised. Clarified this would be a 2011 budget item. Call question: Motion approved and passed.

### Meetings / Events 2010

PD RETREAT: Bill advised that he has sent e-mails to Jim Vickroy regarding the PD Retreat but has not received a response as of yet. Discussion of the advantages and benefits of retreat ensued, and it was felt the PD Retreat would continue. Tom Cirrana volunteered to take over for Jim Vickroy. Jay Zedak also volunteered to help Jim if Jim comes through. Bill will try contacting Jim one more time. Dates are August 13-14, 2010.

MSAA MEETING: To be held at Shanty Creek, MI, on August 11. Will work through area management to do it. Bill is tentatively planning to attend event.

FALL DIVISION MEETING: The Fall Division Meeting will be September 9-12 and posted on Division website.

FALL REGION MEETING: Proposed date of September 19, which might be a better date due to refreshers at end of month. Bill will try to arrange for Liberty Township Fire Hall again.

SPRING 2011 REGION MEETING: Sandi asked if they might want Region to have it somewhere other than PNS due to Fall 2011 Division Meeting being in Cincinnati. Discussion regarding different location. Question of possibly swapping Cleveland's rotation year. Tom Cirrana said they could do the Spring 2011 Region Meeting at BM/BW if necessary. April 30 is tentative date for that.

### Action Item Log

BILL CURRIER: Bill suggested looking over action item log and send him an e-mail with any comments or updates and will send revision with the draft of minutes.

Sandi Hammons asked about the status of the Girl Scout Troup scanning records. Orest advised that the group is still to scan but has not completed it yet. Alida will follow up with the Cobbs and then contact troupe. The Fall/Winter of 2010-11 is proposed for completing the work.

Jim Woodrum said the Fall OEC Refresher this year will use the current 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Then after this year, everyone will convert to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. He highly suggested patrols find way to fund its instructors and ITs to have the new editions. Lots of supervisors have worked at PEC to go over and over the new edition. The publishers are establishing the price of the book, and quotes have not yet come. Thinking maybe \$80-100. Jim also urged registering the Spring OEC classes and collect fees at the beginning of year—the class is then registered with National and they are protected under liability insurance of NSP immediately.

Motion to adjourn: (1<sup>st</sup>) John McGoff, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Guy Day. Meeting adjourned at 1550.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Ohio Region Recording Secretary

**Summary of Motions (all approved/passed)**

1. Meeting Agenda and Fall 2009 Meeting Minutes
2. Publish *DOWNHILL* electronically beginning with Issue 38, vol. 1 in October, 2010. Issue 37, vol. 4 (Spring 2010) will be the last paper issue
3. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Fifth Edition Revised Ohio Region By-Laws; 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading will be at the Fall 2010 Region meeting
4. Ohio Region contribute \$1000 towards expenses for Ohio Region patrollers who attend the Vail Ski School Training program in 2011.