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R. Morgan Armstrong,
Division Director

Patroller Conference – The 2008 Southern Division Patroller Conference was attended by 15% of all the patrollers in the division. Last year we had about 80 in attendance and this year we had 184 out of our division population of 1,208 patrollers. If you missed the Conference in Kingsport, TN, this year, then you missed a lot. We were able to present the annual Outdoor Emergency Care Instructor Update Course (thanks to **Jane Poundstone, Leslie Carter** and a host of instructors), an Instructor Development Course (thanks to **Ann T. Wood** and her staff), and a CPR Course (thanks to **Paul and Debbie Gagon**). Fifteen Proposals were submitted to the Southern Division Board of Directors this year. Again this year as we did last year, the proposals that were filed prior to the meeting were submitted on Saturday but the vote on proposals was postponed until Sunday to allow patrollers attending the conference to talk proposals over with their Board Representatives and other Board members. Several proposals were also submitted during the conference and debate was lively. The division plans to continue to add programs of interest to the conference so it becomes even more attractive to patrollers. Please make plans to attend next year's conference.

Patroller Conference Staff – I want to thank our program staff for the great job they did at this conference. This group was expecting about a 20% increase over the conference attendance last year based on my expectations. We had about 80 in attendance last year and I was expecting another 16 or so increase. Was I wrong! Instead of 96 to 100 patrollers this year we had 184 for this conference. Despite my estimate being off by almost half, they pulled things together, got with the hotel and

were able to obtain larger meeting rooms and banquet space and re-supplied the hospitality suite repeatedly. My admiration to:

Robb Raff, Chair
Jo Ann Ehlinger (Registration & Hospitality Suite)
Jonathan Hale (Hospitality Suite)
Hugh Jernigan (Hospitality Suite)
Teresa T. Stewart (Registration)
Fred Wessels (Registration & Accounting)

Awards – Another change in the Patroller Conference was the Awards Ceremony on Saturday night. This year personal invitations were sent to all patrollers who were to receive a Service Award of from 5 years of service up to 45 years of service. Many responded and were able to receive the award in person. Each award presented this year was announced at this Awards Event. Our division had three national awards this year: **Outstanding Patrol Representative** – **Joe Donadio** of Appalachian Ski Patrol, **Outstanding Paid Patroller** – **Chris Martin** of Appalachian Ski Patrol and **Runner-Up Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller** - **Teresa T. Stewart** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol. **Tim White**, Executive Director of the NSP presented these awards personally to the patrollers. We had a very large number of awards (see Awards Article this edition) and I want to give a special thanks to **Peggy Harris** and **T. Harris** for a tremendous effort in preparing all these awards. Their efforts help keep the Southern Division in the top ranking of divisions with national awards by making sure the quality work being done by our patrollers gets properly presented to the national team of judges.

Division Director Election – This January 2009 the division will be holding an election for Division Director. I was frankly surprised the time for a term of office had come and gone so quickly and it was time for another election. I would like to invite all who have an interest in running for the post of Division Director to check with **Lee T. Wittmann** our Elections Supervisor for the proper procedure and to file. I intend to run for a second term but encourage all who have a like interest to apply and to run for this very important office.

Ski Season 2008-2009 – A lot is in the works for this ski season. The Southern Division will be working on adding instructors and programs to the Ski and Snowboard School and we always are working on Instructor Development. We have a new Leadership Course that the division is piloting for NSP and that will continue to be perfected. This year the NSP returns Powderfall to its agenda and the dates are April 14 – 17, 2009. The Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (FIPS) translated the International Federation of Ski Patrollers will hold an international conference in Sweden April 25 – May 2, 2009. Since the Southern Division is a member of FIPS, any patroller wishing to join me at this conference is invited. Contact me and I will give you the information on how to join this conference. The programs are presented by patrols from all over the world and are very, very interesting. I have never been to Sweden so I am looking forward to a new experience and seeing those patrollers from Korea, Japan, Chile, Australia, Great Britain that I met and skied with during the 2007 FIPS Conference in the United States. Patrol Representatives do not forget to begin working on Awards and your End of Year Report

beginning in September for a much easier and enjoyable time next spring. Looking forward to seeing you this ski season and in closing, I have acquired the recent release of **Ski Sentinels: the History of the National Ski Patrol**, which was released this past spring. If you would like it shown as I visit your mountain this year, let me know and I will bring it along. It may also be ordered directly from the NSP Catalogue.

R. Morgan Armstrong - Southern Division Director

From the Assistants...

Richard Boyer,
1st. Assistant Division Director



End of Year Reports – One of the things that has to be done as an Officer of the Division or Patrol Representative of the National Ski Patrol is a report at the end of the ski year. For those of you who do not know this includes all officers, both line and staff.

In the coming year I will send out forms to be used by all who need them. In the case of line and staff officers the forms capture the time and travel spent in the service of the ski patrol. The form for patrol directors requires more detail and compilation of time and activities for a myriad of folks under the patrol reps supervision and responsibility. Therefore, careful record keeping of these activities during the year makes this report easier and the absence of such history makes it darn near impossible.

We had, for all intents and purpose, a less than award winning result of getting these reports finished on time last year. I'll take the responsibility and write it off to inexperience on my part, for not being more diligent in reminding you patrol reps and officers. This year, though, I've become a veteran, so be forewarned. I will be reminding you soon and often.

The reports are due to be filed with me by April 15 to give all our mountains time to finish their ski year. Please send your report to me via both email and regular USPS mail. I have to summarize all the 18 mountain reports and the officer reports into one rather large collection, send it on to Morgan who has to add his detail and forward it on to National. Please, let's work together and get these done on a more timely basis this year by starting early and keeping track of necessary activities and time as we go during the ski season.

On a lighter note, we had a very good Patrollers Conference in Kingsport, Tennessee this past August and I, for one, am really looking forward to this ski year and seeing as many of you as Joan and I can on the slopes. Congratulations to all patrollers and patrols who received awards and recognition for their services and rescue activities. Have a good year; do like you usually do and make us all proud of this organization. I continue to be warmly amazed by the awesomeness of the people in the National Ski Patrol!

Richard Boyer

Brent Bowman,
2nd ADD, Southern Division

HERE COMES WINTER!!!!!!

I am anxiously awaiting the first snowflakes in the Southern Division!! As many of you know I LOVE SNOW!!! Yes, my wife thinks I'm crazy but that is the least of my worries. I noticed that Alta and Snowbird had 3+ inches of snow on Sept 1! This means that there are fewer than 60 days before we will get to ride in the Southern Division!



OK, I promise not to use an exclamation point again in this article.

For those of you that did not attend the Southern Division Conference.....What a GREAT TIME YOU MISSED! (oops) Morgan gave tons of awards to some of the VERY deserving & HARD WORKING patrollers of the Southern Division. Among the highlights of the weekend for me was the "New (and Old) Officers Course". For those of you who are a Patrol Rep, Patrol Director or Assistant Patrol Rep/Director and have not attended this meeting you are really missing the boat. We covered the 'to do list' from "Awards" to "Year End Reports". This was done by a number of instructors. Each spent about 10 minutes covering their material and then 10-15 minutes with questions from the 'class'. Lots of great information was shared by all. Anyone who has not attended this session is truly missing a great opportunity to see how things run in the background of this organization. Be sure not to miss next summers meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the slopes this season.

BRENT

Notes From The North...

Jan Starr
Assistant Division Director – North Area

The days are getting shorter and the fleeces are on during the day which means ski season will soon be upon us. Refresher dates are set for the areas. These are posted on the Southern Division website and in this Southern Cross edition, along with training and evaluation dates.



As you go through your refresher please thank your instructors as they put a lot of time into this for all to participate. If you can't make your home area refresher and need to go to one at another area, CALL AHEAD TO THE IOR there. They may need to plan for extra people. It is not fair for you to just show up! Make sure you have the correct documentation that shows that you

attended a refresher so that you have verification if you would happen to show up on an OEC delinquent list.

As we go through the winter, remember that attitude is a big part of patrolling and work. It helps to keep positive about things no matter how little “freshies” we may have through the season. It will rub off on everyone around you and make it go much better!

A big WELCOME to **Ted Forbes** as our new VA Region Director. I look forward to working with him this season. He has his work cut out for him trying to fill Bill Smith’s shoes! I will miss Bill and all his help in the past seasons, but I know I will be seeing him out on the hill and in other capacities in patrolling. He will be out there “pacing” himself. A big THANK YOU to him for the wonderful job he has done for our Division. Hope to see you “on the hill”

Jan Starr

Mike Harris,
Assistant Division Director – South Area

The Edge of Wetness

Wow, what a Southern Division Fall Conference! On August 15th, 16th, and 17th. Our Division had 184 registered participants in our annual Fall Conference. We were host to Tim and Jan White. Tim is the new Executive Director at our National Office in Lakewood, Colorado. The conference also had an Instructor Development Class, OEC Instructor Update, Snow Sports held meetings for NSP Transportation Instructors, NSP PSIA Instructors, and a CPR refresher. The rooms were a tremendous bargain, the food was delicious, and the hospitality suite hosted by the Hawksnest crew headed by **Rob Raff** was terrific with special thanks to **Fred Wessels**, **Angela Jones** and her husband **Stan**. Everyone in attendance appeared to have enjoyed themselves. There were two patrollers that were rumored to have taken golf lessons from their wives and **T. Ray** was rumored to have scored some impressive autographs.



The awards presented were amazing. **Peg Harris** will have a full article so I won’t steal her thunder on that. I just have to mention the Purple, Blue, and Yellow Merit Star awards for a life saved at Appalachian Ski Mountain and the National Outstanding Paid Patroller-**Chris Martin** and National Outstanding Patrol Representative-Joe Donadio. We are all proud of the awards recipients.

It is sad that Hawksnest will only be open for Tubing this winter. Your Region Director

Jonathan Hale has worked with the other three patrols in the region to move the events that were scheduled at Hawksnest. Everything seems to be going well in Dixie and Blue Ridge Regions. **Dennis** and **Jonathan** will report on their regions.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming round of refreshers. Just can't wait for the season to begin so we can spend time on the hill together.

Mike Harris
aka Tyrone

From the Regions...

Bill Smith,
Virginia Region Director

A Fork in the Road

By: Bill Smith, Virginia Region

I've long been a believer in the concept of the "fork in the road." Many times in life, we encounter decisions - or forks in the road - that force us to decide between one direction or another. Based on our experience, knowledge, emotion and luck, we choose. Somehow we hopefully always choose the correct fork that advances us to the next phase of our lives.

This situation has confronted me at every major crossroad of my life. And looking back, I know why I have made the decisions that I did. I needed to learn something, or help someone else, or be in the right place at the right time.

Since first joining the NSP many years ago, I have encountered a whole drawer full of forks in the road. I have been a proud member of my patrol, the region and the Division and have had the opportunity to serve in many capacities over the years. Those were the first of many either/or decisions I encountered in my ski patrol life that brought me to where I am today in the organization... starting down a new fork in the road.

As I seek out the next opportunity in my life, I do so knowing that I've grown as a person and a professional, I've stretched my abilities to greater lengths and I've had the absolute privilege of working with the most dedicated, talented and professional individuals on the patrols, the committees and board within the Region and Division.

I want each of you to know how greatly I appreciate the splendid support and cooperation which was given to me during my tenure as Region Director. What a great opportunity it has been.

To Ted Forbes, our new Virginia Region Director, I wish you a successful administration and express the hope that, should you find that I can be helpful at some time in the future, you will not hesitate to call on me.

To all of you in the Virginia Region, I wish each of you the best of luck as you encounter the forks in your own lives and those you will encounter in the life of the Region. Please stay in touch and be safe!!!

"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll still land among the stars"

I've had the absolute privilege of working with the most dedicated, talented and professional individuals on the patrols, the committees and Board within the Region and Division.

To everyone in the Virginia Region and the Southern Division: As Little Red Riding Hood once said, "My, what big shoes you have." Well, maybe I am taking a little poetic license here, but let me tell you, Bill Smith is a tough act to follow! I've had the great fortune to apprentice with Bill for the past year, and also to patrol with him; I've learned a lot and look forward to spending time with all of you on your home slopes.

My plan is to come see you at Refresher this fall, come ski with you during the season, and join you for our Regional training events such as the Senior Program, Ski and Toboggan Enhancement seminars etc. Learning is a big part of my life, and you can count on me to bring that lens to the job. I'm eager to build on the relationships I already have with many of you, and to develop even more across the Region as I travel. Here's to a great Refresher Season and a hope that cold weather will be our constant companion this season! See you soon Ted Forbes

Dixie Region

Dennis Slagle,
Dixie Region Director

I apologize to everyone for not being at the fall meeting, due to extenuating circumstances. It had potential of being one of the best meetings yet. I definitely wanted to be there for the awards banquet knowing all the awards submitted for many in Dixie region. That was an outstanding job by everyone involved. I hope to see everyone at some of the refreshers and on the slopes this year. Most everything in Dixie has been scheduled and is on the calendar. Let's hope for a good cold year (we are definitely due one).

Dennis Slagle

Blue Ridge Region

Jonathan F. Hale,
Blue Ridge Region Director

Hey Fellow Patrollers,

Lot's happening in Blue Ridge. One Refresher down and one to go. Much thanks goes to the team leaders (the real heroes) such as **Larry Bost, Richard Yercheck, Jenny Ware, Lisa Adams, Theresa Varner, Mark Latendresse, Mark Rees, Fred Wessels, Roger Bushnell and Butch McLean, Hugh Jernigan, Teresa Stewart** and newbie AIT **Cammie Hale** have made it another extremely well organized set of events.

The perennial off-scale duo of instructors **Cathy Lamarre** and **Lisa Adams** are conducting OEC cert classes in the High Country. Please volunteer to help them with testing and teaching as needed. The new requirements on OEC examinations from National are personnel-intensive



and I ask you to help these dedicated instructors with their examinations by volunteering as patients and examiners. A final exam can require as many as 30 volunteer examiners just to make it viable. We are working very hard through Leslie Carter to remedy this situation and she is battling for us on this issue presently.

Ski Hawksnest mountain owners finally succumbed to pressures from financial and political issues and will NOT be open for skiing this year and the foreseeable future. This has cast Ski Patrollers to the wind in search of places to ski. **Brent Rockett** (runner-up winner of the Division Patrol Rep of the Year award) has kept the Hawksnest Ski Patrol Family together through heart-wrenching meetings and spent hours finding new ski-homes for his Patrollers. Other Blue Ridge Mountain Patrol reps have been unbelievably gracious in opening their Patrols to some very good Patrollers. The Hawksnest Ski Patrol is the most decorated Patrol in the Southern Division and it will be sad to leave a patrol family behind. The On-the-hill refresher was a day filled with loud laughter mixed with tears. The Dixie Region has been exceptionally kind in opening up their Patrols to *Hawksnesters* with invitations from Wolf Ridge, Cataloochee, Ober Gatlinburg and others. We truly thank your kind offerings.

The Summer Patrollers symposium and Awards Banquet again showed the Blue Ridge Region taking home the bulk of awards. More than two thirds of the Division awards went to our Region and two National 1st Place Awards (just like last year). Appalachian Ski Mountain's PD/PR **Joe Donadio** won the National PD of the year and his associate, **Chris Martin** was the best of the paid Patroller in the country. Hats off to those two guys! I dare to say that the Blue Ridge Region is the most decorated Region in the country and I challenge someone to prove me wrong. It is due primarily to the people that are willing to volunteer their time (like those mentioned in *bold* above) that we are able to get the recognition that is so deserved. Thanks so much to all of you who volunteer your time to make a difference in people lives on a ski slope.

Lastly, I just want to notice the other people that we work for at our mountains, for it is their support that gives us this type of chance to do the specialized work that we do. At the Awards sat two owners **Grady and Reba Moretz** and their family, in support of the heroic efforts of their purple merit star winners that saved a Mother's life last year with fast AED action at the lodge door. The Appalachian Ski Patrol is class personified; they get it from Grady and Reba.

See you soon on the hill! Jonathan

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

Teresa T. Stewart,
Instructor Development Supervisor

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline that you are becoming involved with (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a SENIOR ELECTIVE.

Ann Wood held a course at the Fall Conference in Kingsport, TN in August that was a huge success.

Remember that this is a Senior Elective AND is the first step in becoming an instructor in any of the disciplines.

Interested students should contact Teresa directly at (stewart.teresa@gmail.com). Students will also need to buy the Instructor Development Student Manual (#502) from the NSP catalog or through the NSP on-line store. I will be contacting the Region Directors for input from their areas on potential needs for courses after the first of the year. Gear up – the season is almost here!



Annual Southern Division Awards 2008

Awards Advisor,
Peg Harris

Wow!!! Two years in a row with the Southern Division being awarded two National Outstanding Awards and one National Outstanding Runner Up. This year has really been an exciting one for me as your Southern Division Awards Advisor. I was really thrilled to receive all the nominations for the outstanding categories. As if that wasn't enough, there were national appointment nominations, merit stars and lots of years of service. The Southern Division is proving to be an awards powerhouse.

Your Division Director and your Division Awards Advisor really took a hard look at the way the 2007 awards banquet went. Both of us decided that this year we didn't want to look out at our audience to see folks falling asleep or leaving due to the length of the presentation. And this year, we thank you for approving of our changes!! It is very important that everyone receiving a service award and any of the other categories be recognized individually and I think that we accomplished this and we didn't see anyone leaving or falling asleep!! It was also very rewarding to have our National Executive Director, Tim White, present to witness our success and to present the National Outstanding awards.

And I cannot forget the sheer numbers present at the banquet this year – 184 strong. This is the most folks I have ever seen at any of the banquets I have attended. Thanks to Morgan for sending personal invitations to all who received a service award.

Now for the list of all Southern Division Patrollers who received awards this year.

Certificates of Appreciation

Richard Chadick	Alumni Supervisor 2006-2007
Lisa Adams	Blue Ridge Region Senior Administrator 2005-2008
Jonathan Hale	Assistant Blue Ridge Region Director 2007
Bartek Drewnowski	Massanutten Patrol Director 2000-2008
Steve Kuller	Certified Program Supervisor 2005-2008
Dean Lyons	Sugar Mountain Patrol Director 1985-2008
Homestead Resort	Providing the facility for Leadership Course 2008
Watauga Medical Center	Providing the facility for Leadership Course 2008

Service Awards by Patrol

Administrative

Jim Underwood 40 years

Appalachian

Henry Horn	10 years		
Carroll Lowe	10 years	Larry Bost	20 years
Sam Taylor	10 years	Mitchell Davis, Jr	20 years
Mike Teague	10 years	James Morris	20 years
Michael Fletcher	15 years	Eddie Winkler	20 years
Reid Stewart	15 years	Lisa Winkler	20 years
Denise Bost	20 years	Tony Ray	30 years

Beech

Elise Allen	10 years	Robert Schisla	20 years
Lisa Adams	15 years	Cynthia Schoepfle	30 years
Darren Box	15 years	Michael Ohlson	40 years
David Kaser	15 years	Larry Waters	15 years

Blackwater Nordic

Stephen Strothers	10 years	Penelope Dimler	35 years
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Bryce

Lisa Gravitte	10 years	Patricia Lessy	30 years
Julie Stocker	10 years	John Leckie	35 years
Rodney Torp	10 years	Lacy Williams	35 years
Carlton Sampson	20 years	Robert McCowen	40 years

Cataloochee

Victoria Henley	10 years	Neil Booth	35 years
Constance LeBron	10 years	Robert Landin	35 years
Gordon Pettit	10 years	Charles Henley	40 years
James Peterson	15 years	Janie Bollinger	45 years
David Gunter	20 years	Roger Bollinger	45 years
Robert Feldmann	30 years	Jack Britt	45 years

Cloudmont

Celeste Bernstein	10 years	John Newton	40 years
Jeff Leonard	10 years		

Hawksnest

Bill Herring	10 years	James Shuttleworth	35 years
Brent Rockett	25 years	Dave Guertin	40 years
Harry Stowe	25 years		

Homestead

Ronald Goings	15 years		
James Birchfield, Sr	20 years		

Massanutten

Tom Byron	10 years	Michael Miller	25 years
Charles Harner	10 years	Leslie Carter	35 years
David Brown	20 years		

Ober Gatlinburg

Jeff Hostler	10 years	Brent Galloway	15 years
Eric Randall	10 years	Mark Howard	15 years
Stanley Shue	10 years	Steve Cortelyou	20 years
Randy Bjornstad	15 years	Dennis Slagle	30 years

Sapphire

Robert Melton	10 years
Timothy Bauer	30 years

Smokey Mountain Nordic

Patti Johnson	20 years
Deborah Meacham	25 years
Andy Meacham	30 years

Snowshoe

Gerry Bateman	10 years	Ian Archibald	10 years
Charlotte Bradley	10 years	Mark Mendes	15 years
Timothy Estep	10 years	Marti Mitchell	15 years
Gregory Gill	10 years	Marie Mohrman	15 years
Christopher Jacobs	10 years	Ann Slayton	15 years
David Justice	10 years	Les Stiers	15 years
Diana Lintala-Raming	10 years	Virginia Wiesz	20 years
David Orlando	10 years	Jeffrey Gooding	25 years
Jon Magi	30 years		

Sugar

Tim Hagaman	10 years	Mark Thurston	15 years
Terry Loges	10 years	Steven Wall	15 years
Babette Fleming	15 years	Jean Webb	15 years
Jane Johnson	15 years	Doug Groce	35 years
Mary Self	15 years	Norris Woody	35 years

Timberline

Darren Bennett	10 years	Scott Kersjes	10 years
William Cox	10 years	Frank Loughery	10 years
Julie Cyphers	10 years	Dale Schultz	25 years
Richard Dunn	10 years		

Wintergreen

Christopher Cuthbert	10 years	Tucker Crolius	15 years
Patricia Deane	10 years	Bill Smith	15 years
Landon Harris	10 years	James Dick	20 years
Brett Henryon	10 years	Mary Graham	20 years
Geoffrey Stagg	10 years	Stephen Wilcox	20 years
Carrie Webber	10 years	Robin Meyer	30 years

Winterplace

David Wallace	10 years	Joy Marr	25 years
Tressa Mason	15 years	George McMurray	25 years
Lowell Frantz	25 years	Gregory Rash	30 years
Michael Kelly	25 years		

Wolf Ridge

Michael Erb	10 years	Mary Waldrep	10 years
Sue Estridge	10 years	Rhonda Smith	15 years

Merit Stars

Purple Merit Star

John Whitener
 Tony Ray
 Joseph LaCroix

Successfully saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at the Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

Blue Merit Star

Chris Martin
 Joe Donadio

Successfully assisting in saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

Yellow Merit Star

Mark Latendresse

Support in saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

Blue Merit Star

Steve Ebb
 Joe Ayers
 Greg Gabrilets

Yellow Merit Star

Dave Crawford
 Amanda Ogle
 Joy Jucker

Superior medical acumen during the multiple patient rescue efforts during the Ober Gatlinburg Cardboard Sled Race on February 5, 2008

Yellow Merit Star

Lee Wilkinson Outstanding service to the National Ski Patrol
Wolf Ridge

Steve Waldrep Outstanding service to the National Ski Patrol
Wolf Ridge

David Gunter Exemplary service to the Cataloochee Ski Patrol
Cataloochee

Peter Knowland Outstanding service to the Dixie Region Senior Program
Cataloochee

Melanie Wolford Outstanding service to the Dixie Region Senior Program
Cataloochee

Rhonda Ratcliff Outstanding support of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol & Area
Management during the 2006-2008 ski seasons

Craig Ratcliff Outstanding support of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol & Area
Management during the 2006-2008 ski seasons

Patroller's Cross

Rob Raff Personal sacrifice in service to all who ski
Hawksnest

NSP Angel Award

Beverly Huff For her service and dedication to the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol

Leadership Commendation Award

Harvey Varner LCA # 8411
Hawksnest

National Appointment

Robert Brewster NA # 10806
Cataloochee

Jonathan Hale NA # 10808
Hawksnest

Tony Tingle NA # 10810
Hawksnest

Richard Boyer NA # 10812
Cataloochee

Distinguished Service Award

Lewis Dimler

Given posthumously for his 30 years of service providing instruction and training of patrollers in four NSP Divisions and eight Patrols.

Division Director's Award

Neil Booth presented **Bill Smith** with a very beautiful and very large plaque in appreciation for all Bill did for him when he was the Southern Division Director.

Jonathan Hale presented **Tony Cheek** with a NSP key chain engraved on the back with “Tony the Tiger” for her efforts in running a successful Senior EMM evaluation for the 2008 season. Be careful Tony – once you are a star – the job will be yours for a very long time!!

Division Outstanding Winners

The winners received a plaque from the Southern Division and a Yellow Merit Star from National for being the Southern Division Winner. The runner-ups received a framed certificate signed by the Division Director.

OEC Instructor

Paul Thompson
Wintergreen

Runner Up

Charles Quillen
Wolf Ridge

Instructor

Jonathan Hale
Hawksnest

Runner Up

Susanne Ebling
Wintergreen

Paid Patroller

Chris Martin
Appalachian

Runner Up

Meggan Monaghan
Wintergreen

Patrol Representative

Joe Donadio
Appalachian

Runner Up

Brent Rockett
Hawksnest

Auxiliary Patroller

Teresa T. Stewart
Hawksnest

Runner Up

Deborah Lentz
Appalachian

Young Adult Patroller

Amy Norwood
Appalachian

Runner Up

Brant Taylor
Hawksnest

Alpine Patroller

Mark Taylor
Hawksnest

Runner Up

Mike Fletcher
Appalachian

Large Alpine Patrol

Wintergreen

Runner Up

Appalachian

National Outstanding Winners From Southern Division

The winners received a Gold Merit Star from National for being selected as the National Outstanding Winner.

Patrol Representative

Joe Donadio
Appalachian

Paid Patroller

Chris Martin
Appalachian

The runner up received a Silver Merit Star from National for being selected as the National Outstanding Runner Up.

Runner Up Auxiliary

Teresa T. Stewart
Hawksnest

I cannot stress enough what a fun time I had assisting Morgan in giving out all the above mentioned awards. This is one of the best ways to thank those who so deserve the recognition. So with that said, I expect more nominations in all the categories next season so start thinking about who needs to be nominated now.

Thanks to all of you who made this year's awards banquet such a success!

**National Ski Patrol
Southern Division
2009 Division Director Election Procedure & Schedule**

December 1, 2008 is the deadline for the submission of nominees for the office of Southern Division Director. The election will be held in accordance with the Southern Division By-Laws, Article V. Election or Appointment of Officers.

All nominations will be acknowledged with an email from the Election Coordinator. It is strongly suggested that the correspondence be followed up if you do not receive an acknowledgement in a reasonable time.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Lee T. Wittmann, Election Coordinator.

December 1, 2008 Deadline for submitting nominations

Required:

Signed acceptance of nominee

One page resume

Candidate's one page platform (optional)

Info will be forwarded to Southern Cross editor for inclusion in January/Mid-winter issue and to the Internet Communications Supervisor for posting on web site. It is recommended that the candidate verify that the editor of the Southern Cross and the Internet Communications Supervisor have received their articles.

December 15, 2008 Deadline for eligibility determination.

Ineligible candidates have seven days to appeal to the PAST Division Director.

December 22, 2008 Election Coordinator submits slate to National Chair for review. Any concerns of Chair are due by January 1.

February 1, 2009 Ballots, resumes & platforms will be sent to all Patrol Representatives of record.

February 21, 2009 Deadline for the receipt of ballots in hand of election coordinator.

March 1, 2009 Election Coordinator will announce results of the election.

Any concerns or procedural questions should be addressed to the Election Coordinator:

Lee T. Wittmann
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From Around the Division...

Southern Division Telecommunications
Rick Woodlee

Once again, ski season approaches with ever increasing speed. Are you ready?

Let's look at some of the things that might need to be done:

1. Skis—ug! Look at all that rust on those life saving edges.
2. Skis—Look at that gouge, I thought I hit a rock at the end of last season.
3. Clothes—My ski cloths stink!
4. First aid belt—I do not think this stuff is sterile.
5. Patrol jacket—Do I have to get this jacket dry-cleaned?
6. Radio—I turned it on—nothing happened. I opened the battery compartment; then, some strange, corrosive paste oozed out. Well, I always wanted one of those new, do it all radios for less than \$100.

Does all this sound familiar? I guess I need to do some fall cleaning and start to get ready for patrolling.

This is a great time to get a new radio battery; or, even a new radio. You can get a new battery at a good price at 800-308-4805, or WWW.batteriesamerica.com.

You can find a new radio on Ebay. I personally like the Puxing because it meets most of my operational and function requirements for less than \$100. You can find these radios by going to the Ebay internet site; then, search for "Puxing." Most likely you will get several hits for Puxing. Browse around and you will most likely find a Puxing Vhf radio for about \$50 plus shipping. (I think the high shipping amount is a rip-off; but, is still cheaper that the \$300 to \$500 type radios.)

Some of the specifications for the VHF radio are as follows:

1. Transmit power = 5 watts
2. Receive sensitivity = .2 uwatts/12 db sinad
3. Both broadband (25 MHz) and narrow band (12.5 MHz)
(this is important if you are using a narrow band repeater)
4. A Li-ion battery that lasts me 3 days on one charge under normal use.
5. 118 channels
6. Lots of other bells and whistles
7. Optional speaker/mic
8. Optional program cable plus software to program the radio with a computer.
(you can also program the radio manually---good luck)
9. Very small size (about the size of a regular pack of cigarettes)

There are other radios from China (I think made in the same factory) with names like the following: 1. Quanzhou 2. Licheng (who knows what other names)

If your mountain uses UHF; then, Puxing makes a UHF version too. If you need more information, please contact me.

Now is a great time to prepare your radio for patrolling use. My suggestions are as follows:

1. Clean exterior of radio.
2. Open the battery compartment, take the battery out, look for corrosion; then, clean the battery compartment and the battery contacts.
3. Put the battery back in the radio if it is not corroded; then, recharge the radio for 14 hours.
4. Cycle the radio by turning on for 8 hours; then, recharge back up for 10 hours.
5. If the radio does not work OK, take it to a repair shop now, before the season starts.
4. This gives the technicians time to order and receive parts and fix the radio to like new condition.
5. Take the radio to someone who is certified to check the key operating parameters to verify that the radio is operating in accordance with the FCC rules and regulations Part 90, para. 201-217. You are still required to have the primary operating parameters to be in tolerance. If there is an incident involving your radio; and, you are found to be negligent in maintaining those parameters; then, you are responsible. The primary operating parameters are as follows: frequency tolerance, spurious radiation, modulation, and power output.)

The operating requirements and procedures can be found in the FCC rules and regulations Part 90 para.401-449. A brief summary proper radio communications and operations is as follows:

1. Never use profanity or improper communications on the air.
2. Never interfere with other users of the frequency. (ie, Rescue and EMS units, ambulances, law enforcement, etc. This is the quickest way to get a pink slip from the FCC.)
3. Identify yourself by saying your call letters at the end of your conversation or every 30 min., which ever comes first.
4. Post a copy of your FCC license in the patrol room.
5. Be responsible to clean and recharge the radio after use.

One can use the NSPS frequencies during training, examinations, searches, intra communications with other patrols, rescue and search teams, or anything in the special emergency realm. If you are using the Ski Areas' frequencies, I suggest you post a copy of the Ski Areas' license close to your base radio; so, there is no question about frequency authorization and use.

One of my goals this year is to visit as many refreshers and ski areas as possible. I will bring my test equipment; and, (time permitting)I will be happy to check as many radios as possible. Please contact me if I can assist you in any of your telecommunications programs. Phone: 828-693-1554 or Email me at N4FAT@juno.com.

**The Southern Division and Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol take the lead.
The Anniversary Fundraising Campaign: Guiding our Future**

On June 20, 2008 the National Ski Patrol kicked off its National Fundraising Campaign, an important fundraising mission that will span five years and play a considerable role in guiding the organization into the future. The Campaign is the first fundraiser to be developed by the NSP in its 70-year history.

At the Southern Division Fall Conference in Kingsport, TN the Board of Directors voted to become a Platinum Sponsor. The Division will donate \$ 10,000.00 to the Campaign, to be paid 1/5 over the five years. Also the Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol in Banner Elk, NC. which has been part of The National Ski Patrol since 1969 will become a Silver Sponsor and donate \$ 500.00.

Sugar Mountain Patrol Representative Flynn Harris stated “It’s time to help and give back to our Organization. I hope other ski patrols in the Southern Division will also consider giving to the campaign.”

The Campaign will help shape the future of our organization by creating financial stability to support the goals and mission of the NSP. It has been created to ensure that the National Ski Patrol remains a financially secure non-profit institution and continues its historic purpose as established in the Federal Charter. The Campaign will target a broad range of benefactors including NSP members, industry partners, and the skiing and general public. The Campaign will run through the 75th Anniversary of the NSP in 2013. The goal is to raise \$1,000,000 over five years. It will generally benefit these four major areas.

NSP Education and Credentialing Programs;
Research and Promotion of Public Safety in Skiing and Outdoor Recreation;
A Future Leaders’ Scholarship Program;
National Office Infrastructure and Operating Systems.

Pledges can be paid over 5 years of the Campaign. Sponsorship levels include:

Bronze Sponsor: \$100 +
Silver Sponsor: \$500 +
Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 +
Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000 +

The NSP is a 501c3 organization and donations are tax deductible. Pledges can be sent via check to: The NSP Fundraising Campaign, The National Ski Patrol, 133 S. Van Gordon St., Ste. 100, Lakewood, CO 80228. An email notifying NSP of your intent to donate can be sent to NSP Executive Director Tim White at timw@nsp.org.

By: Norris Woody



2008 [®] 2009

Limited Lifetime Membership Drive

200 memberships will be available for \$550.00
on a first-come, first served basis

LIFETIME MEMBER

**Never pay National Dues* again and help support
the long-range efforts of the National Ski Patrol**

This offer is open to all Active and Alumni members of NSP
and comes with:

- Framed Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Lifetime Membership Lapel Pin
- NSP Registration Card with Lifetime indication
- May Be Tax Deductible

**LIMITED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP \$550.00 – one-time fee
FOR THE FIRST 200 MEMBERS ONLY**

** Active members are still responsible for their patrol, section, region and division dues.*

Yes, I want to help NSP and never pay National Dues again. My check is enclosed.
 Yes, Please Bill My Credit Card (circle one) AE / Discover / MC / VISA

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email Address _____

Please send check or money order to:
National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.
133 S. Van Gordon Street, Suite 100
Lakewood, CO 80228

Southern Division Calendar

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

www.southernmsp.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.

2008 - 2009 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

Rev 10-01-2008

2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL

2008 DIVISION PROGRAM DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
11-29	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com
11-30	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com

2009
DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-12	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	sceditor@bellsouth.net
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2009-2010)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net
04-15	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	richardboyer@bellsouth.net
05-22	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	sceditor@bellsouth.net

2009
DIVISION PROGRAM DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
03-13	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com
03-14	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com
03-15	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com
04-14	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	http://www.nsp.org
04-15	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	http://www.nsp.org
04-16	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	http://www.nsp.org
04-17	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	http://www.nsp.org
05-16	Executive Committee Meeting	Roanoke, VA	R. Morgan Armstrong	276-629-1654	rmasp@comcast.net

**2008
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
10-04	OEC Refresher – Hawksnest/Sugar	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	sceditor@bellsouth.net
11-01	OEC Refresher – Carolina Highlands	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	sceditor@bellsouth.net
11-01	CPR Refresher	Beech	Ann T. Wood	336-282-3097	awood@ptcog.org
12-07	S&T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net

**2009
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-04	S&T Basic – Test	Sugar	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net
01-10	S&T Senior – Clinic	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net
01-11	Senior EMM – Clinic	Beech	Toni Cheek	423-676-5493	tbcheek@fedex.com
01-31	S&T Basic – Test	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net
02-01	S&T Basic – Test	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net
02-07	Ski & Snowboard School	Beech	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com
02-08	Ski & Snowboard School	Beech	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com
02-21	Senior EMM – Test	Appalachian	Toni Cheek	423-676-5493	tbcheek@fedex.com
02-26	S&T Basic – Test	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net

**2008
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
10-04	Pre-Refresher – Cataloochee	Western Carolina University	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	wmorgan@cataloochee.com
10-18	Pre-Refresher – Ober Gatlinburg	Pellissippi State	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com
10-25	Pre-Refresher	Cloudmont	Jamie Marshall	404-386-2765	fjmarshl@aol.com
10-26	Refresher – OEC	Cloudmont	Jamie Marshall	404-386-2765	fjmarshl@aol.com
11-01	Pre-Refresher	Wolf Ridge	Phil Bentley	828-713-4462	philbentley@charter.net
11-01	Refresher – OEC	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	wmorgan@cataloochee.com
11-02	Refresher – On-the-Hill	Cataloochee	Dan Greene	770-640-6396	d.greene@mindspring.com
11-15	Refresher – Ober Gatlinburg	Pellissippi State	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com
11-15	Refresher – OEC	Wolf Ridge	Phil Bentley	828-713-4462	philbentley@charter.net
11-29	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com
11-30	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		briggsaln@aol.com

**2009
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-11	Senior S&T Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net
01-25	Senior EMM Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net
02-01	Senior S&T Clinic	Wolf Ridge	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net
02-21	Senior S&T Test	Ober Gatlinburg	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net
02-22	Senior S&T Test	Ober Gatlinburg	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net
03-01	Senior EMM Test	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	bobbrewster@charter.net

**2008
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
10-04	Pre-Refresher	Massanutten	Will Drewery	540-421-4890	wdrewery@hughes.net
10-04	Pre-refresher	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	gpence@flowserve.com
10-17	Pro Night - Freestyle	Charlottesville	Denika Gum	434-973-6885	hiualll@aol.com
10-18	Refresher – OEC	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	gpence@flowserve.com
10-18	Bryce Ski Swap	Richmond	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-18	Pre-Refresher	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-18	Patrol Meeting	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-19	Refresher – on the hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius	434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com
10-19	Refresher – OEC	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-25	Refresher – on the hill	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-289-4925	skuller@massresort.com
10-26	Refresher – OEC	Massanutten	Will Drewery	540-421-4890	wdrewery@hughes.net
11-01	OEC Basic Course – Begin Date	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-289-4925	skuller@massresort.com
11-28	Ski Swap – Wintergreen Patrol	Wintergreen	Jim McCaslin	703-250-5193	mccaslin_jim@earthlink.net
12-21	Transfer Orientation	Wintergreen	Ted Forbes	434-979-9354	forbest@darden.virginia.edu

**2009
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-10	Senior EMM Clinic	Bryce	T Harris	804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
01-11	Senior S & T Clinic	Massanutten	T Harris	804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
01-24	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Massanutten	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	heardmtn06@hughes.net
01-25	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	john.shaffer@us.army.mil
02-07	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Massanutten	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	john.shaffer@us.army.mil
02-21	Senior EMM Evaluation	Bryce	T Harris	804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
02-22	Senior S & T Evaluation	Wintergreen	T Harris	804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
03-07	Instructor Development	Massanutten	Cathy Riley-Hall	703-830-9520	Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.
03-08	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	heardmtn06@hughes.net

**2008
WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
10-04	PreRefresher	SnowShoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	dphilippi@carolina.rr.com
10-18	Refresher – OEC	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	Mountain.bc@verizon.net
10-25	Refresher – OEC	WinterPlace	Gorge McMurry		jorgemcmurray@gmail.com
11-01	Refresher – OEC	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	dphilippi@carolina.rr.com
12-06	Instructor Development	WinterPlace	Greg Rash		Greg.rash@insightbb.com
12-14	Ski Trainers Workshop	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-5035	dphilippi@carolina.rr.com

**2009
WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-31	Sr. EMM Clinic	WinterPlace	George McMurray		jorgemcmurray@gmail.com
02-08	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
02-22	Toboggan Enhancement	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
03-07	Sr. EMM Evaluation	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	Mountain.bc@verizon.net
03-08	Sr. S&T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
03-13	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com
03-14	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com
03-15	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com

2008
SOUTHERN DIVISION STAFF DIRECTORY
 [10-01-08]

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION		
DIVISION LEVEL	REGION LEVEL	PATROL LEVEL
Division Director – Morgan Armstrong (Chair) (X) 1 st Assistant Division Director – Richard Boyer, Jr. 2 nd Assistant Division Director – Brent E. Bowman Assistant Division Director – North – Jan Starr Assistant Division Director – South – Mike Harris Past Division Director – “Bernie” Smith Professional Director – Bartek Drewnowski Secretary – Kelly Duke Drewnowski Treasurer – Jim Underwood <u>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (X)</u> OEC Supervisor – Leslie Carter (X) Legal Advisor – Chuck Lollar (X) [8]	Region Director – Blue Ridge – Jonathan Hale Assistant RD – Blue Ridge – Charles L. Lentz Region Director – Dixie – Dennis F. Slagle Assistant RD – Dixie – Brandon Olson Region Director – Virginia – Ted Forbes Assistant RD – Virginia – Vacant Region Director – West Virginia – Byrd E. White, III Assistant RD – West Virginia – Thomas Wagner [8]	Appalachian Patrol – Joe Donadio Ski Beech Patrol – Tom Watson Ski Hawksnest Patrol – Brent S. Rockett Sugar Mountain Patrol – Flynn Harris Cataloochee Patrol – June L. Ray Cloudmont Patrol – Bob Palik Ober Gatlinburg Patrol – Brent Galloway Sapphire Patrol – Justus Baird Wolf Ridge Patrol – Phil Bentley Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol – Don Jones Bryce Patrol – William “Bill” Kost Homestead Patrol – David Woods Massanutten Patrol – Ron Dull Wintergreen Patrol – Greg Pence Blackwater Nordic Patrol – Brad Moore Snowshoe Patrol – Becky E. Sharp The New Winterplace Patrol – Walter Watson Timberline Patrol – Darren Bennett [18] = [34] [Quorum = 18]
X = Non-voting member of the Board Chair = May only vote to break a tie vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §4] OEC Supervisor = Additional member not entitled to vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §§ 2, and 5] Legal Advisor / Parliamentarian = legal counsel [Division Policies & Procedures Manual, 4 th edition – revised, §3, Program Structure – Legal Advisor]		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<p align="center">DIVISION DIRECTOR (X)</p> <p>Mr. R. Morgan Armstrong Post Office Box 699 Collinsville, VA 24078-0699 [2007] Jo Ann [H] 276-629-1654 [W] 276-634-4815 rmasp@comcast.net (X) = non-voting</p>	<p align="center">1ST ADD – Administration</p> <p>Mr. Richard Boyer, Jr. 4559 Collins Avenue Acworth, GA 30101 [2007] Joan [H/F] 770-975-5875 [W] 770-975-1902 richardboyer@bellsouth.net</p>	<p align="center">2nd ADD – Skills</p> <p>Mr. Brent E. Bowman 2489 Oostanaula Drive NE Atlanta, GA 30319 [2007] Wendy [H] 404-869-8286 [W] 770-543-0183 brent2489@gmail.com</p>	<p align="center">TREASURER</p> <p>Mr. Jim Underwood 109 Wildwood Drive Oak Ridge, TN 37830 [1977] Mary [H] 865-483-3675 jnu@bellsouth.net</p>	<p align="center">SECRETARY</p> <p>Ms. Kelly Duke Drewnowski 713 Woodberry Road Richmond, VA 23229 [2004] Bartek [H] 804-281-7255 dukekj@comcast.net</p>
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DIVISION DIRECTOR (R. Morgan Armstrong)*		
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