



BYLAWS

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

CENTRAL DIVISION

NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, INC.

Preface

The Preface to these Bylaws is to serve as a written record of initiation, changes and current status of the Bylaws of the South Central Region. When changes are made to the Bylaws they should be noted in this portion of the document

As of June, 2014 no copies of earlier South Central Region Bylaws were available for use so this document has been developed and published to provide a framework for the ongoing governance of the South Central Region (SCR).

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION BYLAWS

1. PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 **DESCRIPTION:** The South Central Region (herein after referred to as the Region), an organizational unit of the Central Division of the National Ski Patrol System, In c. (NSPS), shall operate pursuant to and in accordance with the policies of the Central Division and the NSPS in the State of Wisconsin.
- 1.2 **PURPOSES:** The primary purpose of the Region is to fulfill the NSPS mission, under the authority of the Central Division, by delivery of educational services and training to ski¹ Area Managers, ski Patrols, and ski Patrollers in the Region. The Goals of the Region are:
 - 1.2.1 **PUBLIC SERVICE:** To serve the skiing public and area managements by promoting ski safety and skiing accident prevention through safety awareness and education for member ski patrollers and the public in Outdoor Emergency Care, rescue, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche Awareness and Rescue, and other NSPS programs in accordance with NSPS standards.
 - 1.2.2 **PROFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT:** To provide educational programs that develop leadership and patrolling skills needed by ski patrols at the local level.
 - 1.2.3 **REGION PROGRAMS:** To engage in Region-wide programs and projects (e.g., awards, special events, fund-raisers, etc.) for the general benefit of the Region's Patrols and Patrollers.
 - 1.2.4 **DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERS:** To develop a broadly-based cadre of trained, experienced and qualified leaders dedicated to maintaining and exceeding the standards of service and proficiency, established by the Central Division and the NSPS, in all Region programs.

¹ "Ski" means alpine, or Nordic skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or other snowsports activity offered at a local area or resort.

1.2.5 FORMATION AND SUPPORT OF LOCAL PATROLS: To promote and support the formation and effective operation of local ski Patrols in the Region through the provision of NSPS educational programs and training.

2. ORGANIZATION:

2.1 SECTIONS: The Region is subdivided into four sections. Each section serves two or more ski patrols in a contiguous geographic area. The Region serves these patrols through the section's activities and with Region-wide programs.

2.2 BOARD OF GOVERNORS: a Region Board of Governors, composed of the Region Director, Assistant Region Directors, and Section Chiefs is responsible for the application of NSPS policy by the Region through the review and approval of Region programs and budgets, review of program evaluations, the creation and abolishment of Region standing committees and advisorships, and assisting the Region Director in administering the Region. The immediate past Region Director is a non-voting ex officio member of the Board of Governors.

2.3 REGION DIRECTOR: The Region Director is elected and is the Region's highest ranking NSPS officer. The Region Director is also an ex officio officer and Board Member of the Central Division with duties specified in the Central Division Bylaws. The Region Director appoints qualified patrollers to serve as Assistant Region Directors, Administrators, Advisors, standing committee chairs, and other permanent Region positions established by the Region Board of Governors. Where Region program administrators, advisors, etc. are recommended by Division or NSPS level officials, such appointments will be subject to the approval of the Region Director.

2.4 SECTION CHIEFS: Section Chiefs are elected. Section Chiefs may appoint Assistants and Advisors. When there is no such appointment, the Section Chief shall assume those responsibilities. In the absence of a candidate during an election or following the resignation of a Section Chief, the Region Director as the chief executive officer of the Region shall appoint a member to this position.

2.5 NSP PATROL REPRESENTATIVES: NSP Patrol Representatives of local patrols within the Region are either elected as provided by the Bylaws or other operating rules of the respective Patrols or selected by their Area Management.

2.6 LINE OFFICERS: The Region Director, Section Chiefs and NSP Patrol Representatives are the line officers of the Region with special voting responsibilities in the Region and Division elections. Assistant Region Directors and the line officers are considered the officers of the Region.

2.7 OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY: No Region Bylaw or Policy & Procedure can restrict or expand the constraints on authority or responsibilities of Region officers as they are currently prescribed by the NSPS in the *NSP Policies and Procedures* or the Central Division in the *Central Division Policies and Procedures Manual*. Sections of the South Central Region Policies and Procedures (Operating Policies) Manual detail responsibilities and authorities of the Region officers and other permanent Region and Section positions.

3. MEETINGS:

3.1 REGULAR BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS: The Board of Governors shall meet at least three times each year to conduct general business. Standing meetings shall occur in the fall, mid-winter, and the spring.

3.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS: The Region Director can, upon at least one week notice to all Board Members, call a special meeting of the Board of Governors. Except for the Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant and any other individuals who are requested to attend, other Region appointed officials are not required or expected to attend a special meeting unless specifically requested by the Region Director.

3.3 PROXIES: Board members shall provide 7 days prior notification to the Region Director regarding an expected absence at a duly noticed meeting. An absent member may designate a proxy by letter/email to the Region Director. A proxy shall not be another member of the Board of Governors.

3.4 QUORUM: A majority of board members is a quorum for conducting business at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Governors. For purposes of establishing a quorum, proxies are counted. The past region director shall not be counted. Each member has one vote.

3.5 ATTENDANCE AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING:

3.5.1 BOARD MEMBERS: Members of the Board of Governors are expected to attend all regular board meetings. Excessive absences by a Board member as determined by the Region Director may be a basis for removal from their position.

3.5.2 ADVISORS: All appointed Region advisors, committee chairs and administrators should attend general business meetings of the Board of Governors to report on plans and accomplishments and to receive guidance from the Board. However, an Assistant Region Director can excuse a supervised Advisor from attendance by presenting the Advisor's report and receiving guidance from the Board for the absent advisor.

3.5.3 NSP PATROL REPRESENTATIVES: NSP Patrol Representatives are encouraged to attend regular Region Board of Governors meetings. If a NSP Patrol Representative requests a place on the agenda, the Region Director will provide that NSP Patrol Representative an opportunity to address the meeting.

3.5.4 PATROLLERS: All patrollers in the South Central Region are welcome to attend any general meeting of the Board of Governors. If time on the agenda allows visiting patrollers, at their request, may be recognized by the chair and given time to address the meeting.

3.6 ROBERTS' RULES: Except as may be provided in these Bylaws. Roberts' Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Board of Governors of the South Central Region.

4. TERMS OF OFFICE:

4.1 REGION DIRECTOR: The term of office of the South Central Region Director is as provided in the *Central Division Bylaws* (par. 11.3.11), and runs from July 1 of the first year through June 30 of the last year. A Region Director shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. However, a Region Director serving a second consecutive term may petition the Region Board of Governors for an exception to be a candidate for such office for a third consecutive term and the Board may grant such exception upon a finding of good cause by a simple majority of the members of the Board. Vacancies in the position of Region Director shall be filled as provided in the *Central Division Bylaws* (par. 11.3.13).

4.2 SECTION CHIEF: The term of office of a Section Chief is as provided in the *Central Division Bylaws* (par. 11.2.9), and runs from July 1 of the first year through June 30 of the last year. Section Chiefs shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. However, a Section Chief serving a second consecutive term may petition the Region Board of Governors for an exception to be a candidate for such office for a third consecutive term and the Board may grant such exception upon a finding of good cause by a simple majority of the members of the Board. Vacancies in the position of Section Chief shall be filled as provided in the *Central Division Bylaws* (par. 11.2.11).

4.3 APPOINTED POSITIONS: The normal term of office for any Region Advisor, administrator, committee chair, etc. and those Region Officers appointed by the authority of the Region Director shall begin upon notification of the appointment by the Region Director and shall terminate when a new Region Director takes office unless the new Region Director extends the term or reappoints the incumbent. In the event of resignation or removal from office of any such Officer, Advisor, administrator, committee chair, etc., the term of office of that person shall end upon acceptance of that resignation or upon written notice to the incumbent from the Region Director.

4.3.1 ASSISTANTS: With the approval of supervising ARD, an appointed officer is encouraged to appoint one or more assistants to serve during that officer's term or until the assistant resigns or is removed by the Region Director. Assistants provide needed additional help in administering a program, improved geographic coverage for a program, and in-service leadership training.

4.4 NSP PATROL REPRESENTATIVES: The term of office of the various NSP Patrol Representatives shall be as established in the Bylaws or other rules of operation of the individual Patrols; if there is not a contrary provision, the normal term of office shall be from July 1 through the following June 30.

5. ELECTIONS:

5.1 REGION DIRECTOR AND SECTION CHIEFS: Elections for the Region Director and Section Chiefs shall be conducted and scheduled to meet the requirements specified by the Central Division Bylaws. The South Central Region will schedule these elections to allow the nomination and election process times required by the Division and to permit the announcement of election results at the Region annual spring meeting and awards ceremony.

6. FISCAL YEAR:

6.1 COMPLIES WITH CENTRAL DIVISION: The fiscal year of the South Central Region, all Sections, and Patrols therein shall comply with the fiscal year of the Central Division. All financial statements of Patrols and Sections are due to the Region Director or their designated Region official in accordance with Division and Region specified deadlines.

7. SOUTH CENTRAL REGION OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

7.1 SOUTH CENTRAL REGION POLICIES & PROCEDURES (OPERATING POLICIES) MANUAL: The South Central Region Board of Governors shall codify and publish Region operational requirements and policies for all permanent Advisorships and other permanent positions and program areas in the South Central Region Policies & Procedure Manual. No Region operating policy can stand in conflict with any current or future policy published in the NSP Policies and Procedures or the Central Division Policy & Procedure Manual. The Board of Governors shall have the authority to amend any Region operating policy. Such action can be taken at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be accomplished by motion, duly seconded, and approved by a simple majority of the voting members present of the Board of Governors.

7.2 PROPOSALS TO AMEND REGION OPERATING POLICIES: Amendments to any operating policy in the South Central Region Policy & Procedures Manual may be recommended in writing by any patroller in the Region. However, a motion to amend a policy can be made and seconded only by a member or a duly authorized proxy of the Board of Governors.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION BYLAWS:

8.1 BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS: Amendments to these bylaws must be recommended in writing. Recommendations may be submitted by any registered patroller in the Region. All amendments shall be submitted to the Region Director at least 14 days before a regular meeting of the Board of Governors. Amendments can be moved and seconded only by a member of the Board of Governors. If seconded and approved by a simple majority of the voting members present, that proposed amendment shall be tabled until the next regular business meeting of the South Central Region Board of Governors, at which time it shall be voted upon as provided in Article 8.2

8.2 MAJORITY REQUIRED TO AMEND BYLAWS: Amendments to the Bylaws require a second affirmative vote of a two thirds majority of all voting members of the Board of Governors, as contrasted with a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

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APPROVAL/AMENDMENT HISTORY

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/Signed/

Ronald J. Plumer, Region Director

South Central Region, Central Division