

It is such an honor to be here with a solid group of candidates. My objective aligns with NSP: Maintain the National Ski Patrol relevance in the Outdoor Public Sector. Enhance the safety of the NSP membership while patrolling and during training activities. Continue to Increase the Fund-Raising efforts of National Office.

I have been patrolling for several decades, with roles that changed along with the times in my life. As a single mother with no other family, my priorities were on my only child. When I was injured in a major accident, my priority was getting well and getting stronger than even before the accident. I understand we all have lives and need different support at different times from NSP. Despite my ups and downs, I have served the patrol in many ways. At the National Level, I was involved with Powderfall both as a worker and as a vendor. Moving on to Division Roles I have held the positions Acting Merchandising Chair (my first year of patrolling) of Ski Swap then Merchandising Chair and finally overall Co Chair. The Rocky Mountain Swap was a huge event at that time, involving many committees, hundreds of volunteers, many months in the planning. I served as Patrol Registrar (bless computers for taking that job over). I was an Alpine Ski and Toboggan Examiner for 8 years, and division newsletter editor for 4 years.

Within my patrols, I served as CPR instructor for patrol and for local hospital 25 years. I was an Avalanche and Mountaineering Instructor for 8 years. I Served on my local patrol's board as secretary and board member for 18 years. I was the Young Adult Program Advisor for two different patrols for a total of 8 years. I have a national number, a purple merit star and a yellow merit star. I have been paid and volunteer. I was an EMT for ten years, have been active in OEC as an instructor and trainer my whole career. I continue to learn, have completed certified modules in risk management and operations and will continue.

Beyond NSP, I have Masters in Math and Operations Research (the discipline that deals with the application of scientific methods and techniques to problems of decision making, especially in business management and government administration). I was in the first RN graduating class from our local college. I hold a professional teaching license, am PSIA in Alpine and Telemark and Children's Specialist 2. I speak several languages. In one job, I revised the IT reporting system to save 75% of prior costs through a procedural change. I have served on a variety of business and non-profit boards (working with financials, political interfaces, reporting, networking and fundraising. I was a soccer coach taught wheelchair tennis.

I have been through the Our Community Listens program which offers distinctive learning experiences that transform individuals and the communities in which they live through the power of empathetic engagement. I communicate much better after that experience, an eye opener!