

When I joined the ski patrol 26 years ago, little did I know that I would be joining an organization that would become a big part of my life, a part of my family. I have been involved in all levels of patrol from the local level to the national level, from being a shift leader to being a National Program Director and want to continue to serve this great organization.

I continue to ski and fulfill my regular shift at Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington, MN. I am a Senior Alpine patroller and I continue to help train and test OEC candidates and patrollers who are going for their Senior and are training for the OEC module of the Senior Program. I am also the Assistant Patrol Director as well as the Assistant Region Director for the Western Region of the Central Division.

I have been very active in the Outdoor Emergency Care Program having held positions as an OEC Instructor, an Instructor Trainer, Instructor of Record, Region Administrator, Division Supervisor, National Assistant Program Director, National Program Director, Assistant Editor for both the 5th and 6th edition. I started the online hybrid version of the OEC Refresher program and started the standardized OEC candidate test to help bring a national standard to the testing across the organization.

As stated above, I have implemented improvements during my service in the NSP and will continue to do so if elected to the Board. I would like to work with all education programs to ensure they can be delivered effectively in an electronic format, and are current and relevant to the organization.

If elected I am committed to focus on member recruitment and retention. I would like to build up the YAP ranks across the organization as well as retain the members we have currently. This would include finding out why people come into the organization and stay for a few years, and then leave, or why some stay for a long time; is there something that can be changed to accommodate members and encourage them to stay for a longer period of time.

My full-time job is with the State of Minnesota, Board of Dentistry where I am a Senior Investigator/Compliance Officer for the past 26 years. I am a Licensed Dental Hygienist, NREMT, a member of my local CERT as well as MRC. When I am not at work or busy with NSP work you will find me out in my gardens, riding my bike or with being from Minnesota, out on one of the 10,000 lakes enjoying the water.

I look forward to hearing from patrollers and sharing ideas in upcoming months.