

BYLAWS
of the
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
FAR WEST DIVISION
NATIONAL SKI PATROL
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PREAMBLE

The following document is adopted by the Eastern Sierra Region to give order and consistency to the affairs and function of this organization. The Eastern Sierra Region is a volunteer organization and is a duly registered subunit of the Far West Division of the National Ski Patrol. As such, this region is subject to the rules, regulations, policies, ideals and Bylaws of the National Ski Patrol, a non-profit federally chartered organization, and the Far West Division. These Bylaws are intended for the conduct of business within the Eastern Sierra Region only and will conform to the Far West Division and National Ski Patrol whenever amendments are made by these organizations. The Eastern Sierra Region Bylaws describe the organization's name, purpose, membership, Board of Directors, officer and staff duties, meetings and conduct for meetings, finances, amendments and policy statements

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this volunteer organization shall be the Eastern Sierra Region, a region of the Far West Division of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Eastern Sierra Region is to promote the mission and objectives of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and encourage communication among patrols, the Far West Division and the NSP. The Eastern Sierra Region supports its constituent patrols, patrollers and ski areas in providing for the ski safety and emergency medical and transportation needs of the snow sport public as assigned by its Board of Directors, the Far West Division and the National Ski Patrol. The Eastern Sierra Region may conduct business and engage in activities it deems appropriate in pursuit of this purpose.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Eastern Sierra Region shall consist of all individuals properly and currently registered with the patrols assigned to the Eastern Sierra Region as set forth by the National Ski Patrol Policy and Procedures and the Far West Division Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Eastern Sierra Region's Board of Directors shall consist of the Patrol Representative for each patrol within the Eastern Sierra Region, the Region Director (who serves as Chairman of the Board), the Assistant Region Director(s), and the Immediate Past Region Director. Each member of the Board of Directors will have one vote in determining the matters of the Eastern Sierra Region, except that the Assistant Region Director(s) and the Immediate Past Region Director have no vote unless they are also a Patrol Representative. Patrol Representatives may assign their vote to a representative only by written proxy, which is to be presented to the Chairman of any meeting when called to order.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND STAFF

Section A: Region Director

The Region Director will be elected biennially in odd-numbered years for a term of two years. The Region Director must meet the qualifications as outlined by the National Ski Patrol and is elected by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Region in the manner prescribed and conducted by the Far West Division Bylaws. The Region Director shall serve no more than three full consecutive elected terms unless no other qualified person is available. The procedure for removal of the Region Director from office will be as prescribed by the Far West Division Bylaws. Should the position of Region Director become vacant, the Division Director will appoint an interim director to serve pending an election.

Section B: Assistant Region Director

Assistant Region Director(s) shall be appointed by the Region Director and ratified by the Region Board of Directors prior to assuming the office. The Assistant Region Director(s) shall not be voting officers, unless he/she is also a Patrol Representative or is given a proxy. The duties of the Assistant Region Director(s) shall be defined by the Region Director. An Assistant Region Director may be relieved of his/her duties by the Region Director when ratified by the Region Board of Directors.

Section C: Region Staff and Advisors

The Region Director shall have the authority to appoint staff and advisors, typically including at least a Secretary, Treasurer, Outdoor Emergency Care Program Advisor, Avalanche Program Advisor, Mountain Travel and Rescue Program Advisor, Nordic Program Advisor, Senior Program Advisor, Certified Program Advisor, Instructor Development Program Advisor, Outdoor Emergency Transportation Program Advisor, Awards Program Advisor, and Legal Advisor. The creation of a staff or advisor position and appointment of an individual is considered valid unless an objection is made by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Region. Such staff and advisors serve a term, are given their authority at the discretion of the Region Director, and are not voting members of the Board. Should a staff or

advisor position be similar or related to a position in existence on the Far West Division staff, the appointee will coordinate their duties with that individual as appropriate.

Section D: Patrol Representatives

Patrol Representatives shall be designated for each patrol properly and currently registered within the Eastern Sierra Region as defined by the National Ski Patrol. The selection of the Patrol Representative may be made by the procedures outlined by or consistent with the bylaws of the National Ski Patrol and the Far West Division, with the term and other details of the office to be determined by the patrol's membership and area management.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

All meetings of the Eastern Sierra Region shall be chaired by the Region Director, or in the absence of the Region Director, by an Assistant Region Director; if both the Region Director and Assistant Region Director are absent, a Chairman will be elected from among the Board of Directors present by a majority vote. A quorum shall exist when fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Board of Directors are present. A quorum must exist for any business requiring a vote to be conducted.

Section A: Regular Meetings

Three regular meetings will be conducted each year, with a first meeting to be held in or around summer, one in or around the fall, and one meeting to be held in or around the winter or spring. The Board of Directors will be notified of the date at least one month in advance with the details finalized not less than one week prior to the meeting. The Region Director or other Chairman of the meeting will prepare an agenda prior to the meeting. Items not on the agenda may be considered at the discretion of the Chairman or by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present.

Section B: Special Meetings

A special or emergency meeting may be called by the Region Director or three members of the Board of Directors by giving notice to each of the members of the Board not less than five days prior to the meeting. The purpose for any special or emergency meeting shall be determined by the calling parties with additional items considered by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present. Such meetings may be in the format of telephone conferences.

Section C: Executive Session

If the need should arise, the Board may adjourn to a closed executive session meeting in which case written minutes will not be kept. The results of the executive session will be read into the minutes of the meeting on the re-convening of the Eastern Sierra Region Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCIAL

Policies for the establishment, administration and disbursement of funds shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting. These funds will be maintained in one or more accounts with three authorized signatures requiring two signatures for disbursement. The Region Director and Treasurer shall be considered the normal signatures, with the third signature being an Assistant Region Director. Funds for all classes and events offered by the region or a patrol in the region will be paid to and debited from the region or a patrol account identified with the FWD tax ID number. A report of the regions assets, liabilities and cash on hand shall be provided at the request of a member of the Board of Directors and should be made at each regular meeting. A financial report shall be prepared for each fiscal year ending June 30th. An inventory of Region assets will be maintained and be provided at the request of a member of the Board of Directors and should be made public at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

All matters not covered by these or other adopted rules, regulations and policies of the Eastern Sierra Region or applicable items of the Far West Division and National Ski Patrol shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, current edition.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to make, alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Region and voted upon at the next regular meeting. Adoption of the proposed change requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present.

ARTICLE X: POLICY STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to make policy statements for the Eastern Sierra Region, such policy not to conflict with that of the Far West Division or the National Ski Patrol. Policy statements adopted by the Eastern Sierra Region Board of Directors require a simple majority vote of the members present. Exceptions to policy may be made by the Region Director and shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled region meeting. Policy statements adopted by the Eastern Sierra Region Board of Directors shall be consecutively numbered and will become part of this article.

1. Professional Patrollers, employed in the Eastern Sierra Region, are not required to pay Eastern Sierra Region membership dues when registering with the region. Adopted January 4, 1997.
2. The Eastern Sierra Region is not legally responsible for the quality or thoroughness of the training provided by its constituents. Added July, 2012.