

CT Region Advisor Meeting
Meeting Minutes—Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Zoom conference 1835-1953

Attendees

Advisors: Peter Bayer (ROA); Berni Fowler (Assistant ROA); Bob Cassello (Alumni Advisor); Becky Mudge (Sr Program Coordinator); Larry Hyatt (Sr OEC Training Coordinator); Melinda Mingus (Medical Advisor); Michael Gajdosik (ID Advisor); Michael Lapierre (MTR Advisor); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team Advisor)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief); Liz Fenner (Treasurer); John Segretta (Webmaster)

Absent: Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry Advisor); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Paul Katz (Assistant Snowboard Advisor); Mike Bafuma (Awards Advisor); Austin Hochstrate (Assistant YAP Advisor); Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Training Coordinator); Sue-Ellen Repeta (YAP Advisor & Pequot Section Chief); Steve Goldblatt (Ski Sundown Medical Advisor); Tom Kim (Snowboard Advisor); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management Advisor)

CT REGION ITEMS

- The position for CT Region Historian is still open. If interested, please contact Skip.
- The Eastern Division is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. Job description and requirements listed on nspeast.org.
- The Eastern Division Memorial Scholarship available to any Eastern Division patroller looking to enhance their education. Deadline is March 31, application can be found on the Eastern Division website under programs (nspeast.org/memorial-scholarship.html). There is also a link on the CT Region home page.
- Nominations for all the Eastern Division “Outstanding” awards are due by February 15.
- Please submit expenses as they occur. Don’t save up until the end of the season. Make sure you use the current expense report which can be downloaded from the Documents section of the region website. Contact Liz if you have any questions regarding your budget performance or how to submit expenses. We will talk about 2022-23 budget planning at our next meeting.
- Course Closure Process
 - If a student doesn’t complete the requirements for a course and IOR wishes to transfer them to another course, open the new course and then email NSP Education prior to closing the original course. Education will transfer the student from the old to the new course.
 - When marking a course as **complete**, ensure the end date is correct, verify roster is correct (making any changes required), download and/or print roster and finally mark course as complete.
 - It is good practice to email the ITOR when course is marked as complete and inform them of any changes to the roster (the ITOR cannot see edits made to the roster).
 - IT will then **approve** the course for closure.
 - Education will **close** the course.
 - There are written and video tutorials in the Instructor Resources section of NSP.org.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Medical Advisor

- There is nothing new with Covid updates. All our region's Patrol Directors responded to the Eastern Division's CIMS survey. The report can be found on the Safety Team page of our website (<https://www.ctnsp.org/safetyteam>).
- Patroller Stress Awareness document completed for ORM program. Will be available through LMS.
- Working on a patrol-focused "trailmap" as all patrols have unique needs. Will be for all NSP.
- CT Region leads way with Safety Events. Sundown had one last Sunday. Southington has one coming up (Sunday, Jan 23) for which Jenny obtained a grant from Safe Kids Connecticut with Rick Schandler's assistance, to acquire 15 youth Bolle helmets to give away. Powder Ridge is planning one. Other dates are in discussion for other locations, dates will be posted on the CT Region website as they become available.
- A question was raised if areas were having a problem with people leaving their skis on the ground when going into the lodges. It seems to be a common problem. It might be a topic for discussion with local area management.
- The website has a new calendar. We are looking to rebuild the Hall of Fame database. If anyone has any information regarding inductees (date of induction, nomination letter, bios, etc.) please contact Skip. We will post nomination criteria and application.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – MTR

- Will decide by Jan 30th whether to do the MTR course this year. Need a minimum of 4 participants (maximum of 7). The classroom portion is going on now and keeping the indoor portion to a minimum. Chuck sends his best. Flying out to Beijing tomorrow. Part of Olympic Safety Team for downhill. Will be part of the low angle rescue team (apparently there are cliffs along the side of the course).

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Instructor Development (ID) Program

- There is another ISR class, E602220001, for anyone that missed the previous recert online class, which is ½ of the instructor continuing education requirement. (The other half is discipline specific and listed under each of the disciplines.) Should be included in the discipline-specific ConEd courses but must register as a separate course to ensure everyone gets credit. 56 of the instructors have completed this requirement.
- Continue to run hybrid ID courses as needed.
- A new LMS (Top Class) has been installed and a team of 18 people are vetting to ensure all of the data has been properly transferred from IMIS. No new courses have been created at this time. It looks like the release may be made available at Powderfall. Don't expect to see anything until next season. ID course development still moving from learning styles to enriched learning environment.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – ROA

- All records have been updated (refreshers, instructors, ITs). Kevin Muravnick completed a makeup refresher for those who attended Camp Sloper but didn't register. Nine patrollers haven't yet attended a Refresher. Peter only has access to those who are up to date with their dues, so there could be others who don't show on his reports. He has sent delinquency reports to Patrol Directors and asked them to review

them and notify him if he is missing any. Sundown has expressed interest in hosting a makeup Refresher.

- Pahquioque is running their OEC evals on Sun January 30. There are a couple of other areas that still have some individual re-tests to do.
- A newsletter was sent out for the Region, with another planned either the end of February or beginning of March. Celebrate individual achievements and activities throughout the region. News on upcoming events, events in progress and stories of completed events. Bring the region closer together. Send ideas to Berni.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – OET Program

- The Sr OET has not confirmed where in VT the evaluations will take place at. Tomorrow night there will be a clinic at Sundown.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Senior Program

- Becky Mudge is the Senior Program Coordinator. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate and participating in the Senior program should submit their application to her and once they have completed all the requirements, she will submit the request to National to have their status changed to Senior. Becky will work with the IORs of the individual programs, in particular, OEC and OET. She will also follow through notifying local PDs and the Region Awards Advisor.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – OEC Module of the Senior Program

- There will be a Sr OEC clinic on Saturday January 22 at Mohawk and another on Saturday January 29 at Southington. The Sr OEC Final is scheduled for Sunday February 6 at Southington.

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 1830

Adjourned 7:53 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt