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Northern Rocky Mountain Division

Letter from the President



Greetings, summer has passed and it's time to start thinking about skiing (as if we ever stop). The first dusting of snow has hit the Bitterroot Mountains and the high alpine larch are starting to turn yellow in their fall colors. My anticipation is high, thinking about getting on snow for the first turns, feeling the snow under my skis, sliding, feeling the acceleration as my speed grows, making those first turns of the year. Oh, such freedom we get from skiing. I also have the anticipation about the first lesson of the year, leading clinics,

training new instructors, demonstrating to other instructors. For me this time of year is my preparation time. Time to open manuals, read through my teaching notes, dust off the cobwebs so that I am able to talk about the fundamentals, the learning cycle, CAP, VAK, Maslow, learning styles, teaching styles and everything else. But mostly I'm thinking about the fun, the joy, comradery, the experiences that I'm going to have this winter, sharing my passion for skiing. It's what keeps me coming back. Sliding on snow is fun.

Last season was another great year for our division. Our examiners and clinicians were able to get out to almost every ski area in the division and interact with a you. The Senior Specialist 2 Clinic was able to sample some of the "Cold Smoke" conditions that Bridger Bowl is famous for. National Academy was a great success. Weather and conditions for the event were excellent. It had record numbers attending, unfortunately there weren't enough Northern Rockies faces there. We have plans in the works to try to improve that this year with some scholarships for National Academy. Stay tuned for more information as we get into the season.

Starting out this season in November, the division will be sending examiners/clinicians to Fall Conference at Arapahoe Basin. Fall Conference is an annual event for all the divisions to work together developing consistent processes. This year

they will continue with refining "Learning Outcomes". In short the Learning Outcomes are concise, quantifiable task descriptions that both examiners and candidates can use for more successful exam outcomes. While the examiners/clinicians are busy with Learning Outcomes, the President's Council, National Board and the Executive Directors will be meeting to work on the three C's (consistency, collaboration and consolidation) and discuss Policy Governance issues that are facing all divisions.

This year PSIA-AASI is releasing the updated editions of "Teaching Snowsports" and "Core Concepts" Both of these manuals will be available by ski season. To capture on these updates, the theme for Fall Festival is "The Learning Connection". Morning Core sessions and afternoon Elective session are going to be focused on these two resources providing you with an opportunity to get a head start on upping your instructing game with some additional tools for your toolbox. Fall Festival is December 7 – 9 at Big Sky Resort.

Having been on the board of directors now for four years I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about our division and PSIA-AASI. It has given me a whole new perspective on what our organization is all about. Perspectives not just on being a ski instructor but also what being a leader in an organization like ours entails. Working with our executive director to discuss the financial state of the division, or to learn of their challenges of getting events entered onto the website are just a couple of the areas that I've become versed in that are part of steering our division. Working with the board to help lead us into the future is one of the more exciting tasks of being a board member. I want to reach out to you to think about how you can help the Northern Rockies Division move into the future. Sitting on the board of directors is a three-year commitment. What could you bring to the division from your knowledge, skills and expertise to keep moving us forward. To help address opportunities that can bring more to you our members and keep making it fun. I want to hear your ideas. And maybe recruit you for more.

Thank you for your support and time.
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ STEWART HOYT
President PSIA-AASI-NRM

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2018-2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates and locations are subject to change. View NRM website www.psia-nrm.org for event details, prices and online registration. Please direct any questions or requests for clinic topics and/or locations to the NRM office at info@psia-nrm.org. We look forward to skiing and riding with you!

ALPINE

Dec 3-4	Alpine Examiner Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 5	Alpine Ed Staff Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 5-6	Alpine Clinician Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 5-7	Alpine IT Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 7	Alpine Train the Trainers (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 7-9	Alpine Level 2 Prep Clinic (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 7-9	Alpine Level 3 Prep Clinic (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 8-9	Alpine Level 1 Prep Clinic	Big Sky
Jan 10-12	Alpine Level 2 Prep Clinic	Big Sky
Jan 10-12	Alpine Level 2 Prep Clinic	Showdown
Jan 12-13	Alpine NSP	Great Divide
Jan 22-23	Alpine Examiner Training	Bridger Bowl
Jan 22-23	Alpine IT Training	Bridger Bowl
Jan 28-29	Alpine Ski the Ghee	Grand Targhee
Feb 2-3	Alpine Level 1 Exam	Red Lodge
Feb 5-7	Alpine Level 2 & 3 Prep	Jackson Hole
Feb 9-11	Alpine Level 2 Prep Clinic	Terry Peak
Feb 13	Alpine Ski Like A Girl	Big Sky
Feb 27-Mar 1	Alpine Level 2 & 3 Prep	Bridger Bowl
Mar 9-10	Alpine Level 2 & 3 Exam	Discovery
Apr 8-9	Alpine Level 2 & 3 Exam	Big Sky
Apr 10-11	Alpine Ed Team Hiring	Big Sky

SNOWBOARD

Dec 5-6	Snowboard Ed Staff Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 5-6	Snowboard IT Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 7	Snowboard Train the Trainers (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 8-9	Snowboard Level 2 Prep	Big Sky
Dec 8-9	Snowboard Level 3 Prep	Big Sky
Jan 24-25	Snowboard Level 2 & 3 Prep	Jackson Hole
Jan 31-Feb 1	Snowboard Ed Team Training	Bridger Bowl
Mar 1-2	Snowboard Level 2 & 3 Exam	Big Sky
Apr 9-10	Snowboard Ed Team Hiring	Bridger Bowl

NORDIC/TELEMARK

Nov 17-18	Telemark Ed Staff Training	Grand Targhee
Dec 15-16	Cross Country Level 1 Exam	Whitefish
Feb 2-3	Telemark Level 1 Exam	Showdown
Mar 4-5	Telemark Level 2 & 3 Exam	Grand Targhee

CHILDREN'S

Dec 8-9	CS Children's Specialist 2	Big Sky
Dec 8-9	CS Children's Specialist 1	Big Sky

FREESTYLE

Dec 5-6	Iron Team IT Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 5-6	Iron Team Training (FF)	Big Sky
Dec 8-9	Freestyle Cert Level 1 Exam	Big Sky
Feb 12	Pro Park	Great Divide

ADAPTIVE

Nov 29-Dec 1	Adaptive Train the Trainer	Big Sky
Dec 7-8	Adaptive Level 2 Prep Clinic	Big Sky
Jan 12-13	Adaptive Level 1 COG/ID Exam	Showdown
Jan 30	Adaptive Equipment Play	Grand Targhee
Feb 1-3	Adaptive Level 2 Exam	Big Sky
Mar 2-3	Adaptive Level 1 COG/ID Exam	Bridger Bowl
Mar 30	Veteran Specific Clinic	Big Sky
Apr 6-7	Adaptive Level 1 COG/ID Exam	Red Lodge

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Should cancellation become necessary seven days or more before the event, your registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 cancellation fee. Within seven days of the event half of the registration fee will be refunded. No refunds will be given if requested on the day of the event or later. All requests must be made directly to the NRM office.



From the NRM Office

Herb Davis, Executive Director

Greetings NRM Members!

The first dustings of snow have blanketed Lone Peak, hinting at the winter to come. Thank you to all that have renewed your membership in PSIA-AASI and your continued partnership with PSIA-AASI to provide the ultimate in resources, events and certifications in the snow sports world. Your commitment to continuing education is the key to staying current with the latest trends and innovations in snow sports. If you have yet to renew your membership it's not too late to take advantage of the many pro deals, educational materials and events coming up this winter.

After some fine tuning and reorganizing in our office we now have a great team in place handling all of your calls, emails and requests. Last winter we entered into a new partnership with the PSIA-AASI office in Lakewood and it has proven to be much more responsive and accurate in taking care of your needs. This partnership has been significantly more cost effective and efficient and gives us access to greater resources for your benefit. The team is very well versed in all things PSIA-AASI and have the advantage of being a team working full time for all the members of PSIA-AASI. They enjoy hearing from you, you can contact them at info@psia-nrm.org or give them a call at 406-581-6139.

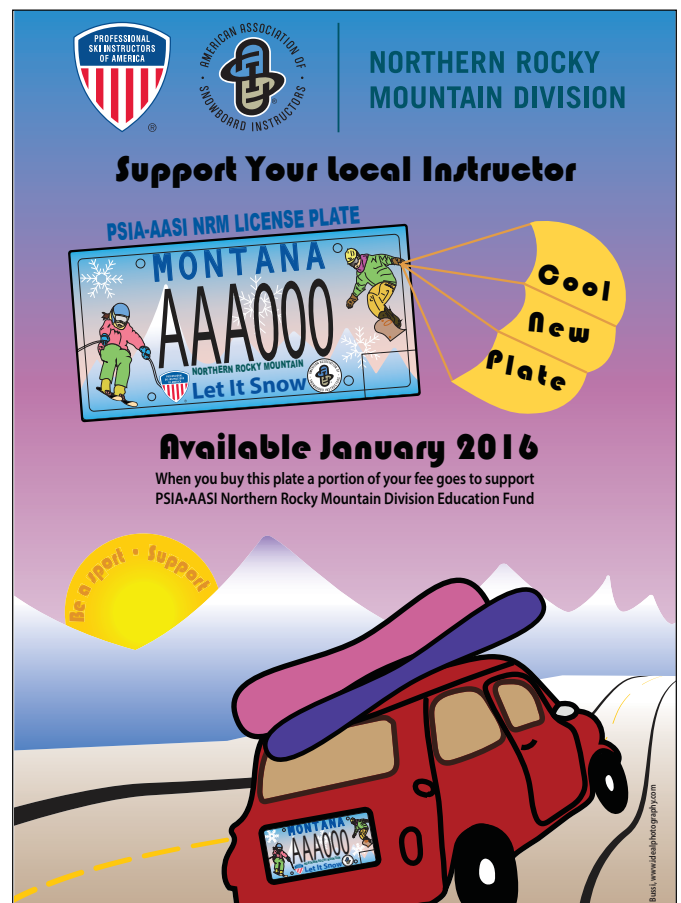
Even with the improvements to the NRM office our success still relies on the active participation of the many volunteers that contribute their time, expertise and passion with NRM. In addition to the very dedicated and active Board of Directors we have an awesome group of talented discipline leaders, you'll seen their reports in this newsletter. The Fall Festival committee has been working on fine tuning the [Fall Festival, scheduled for December 7-9](#). We also have a very active Governance Committee and Scholarship Task Force. We can always use more help, if you have any particular skills and experience you'd like to share with the membership in marketing, sponsor solicitation and social media, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

We all know instructors and members of NRM that have gone above and beyond in their commitment to snow sports instruction and PSIA-AASI. Recognize these outstanding members of our community by nominating them for one of the many awards we use to recognize the

movers and shakers in NRM. [Look here](#) to see what these awards are and submit your nomination to the office.

Your commitment to continuing education is the key to staying current with the latest trends and innovations in snow sports. Get the skinny on the newest addition to PSIA-AASI's educational resources, [Teaching Snow Sports Manual](#), by attending Fall Festival and riding with PSIA-AASI's top educators as they bring the Learning Cycle to life on the slopes of Big Sky. This year we have a stellar group of clinicians to ski with you, including PSIA-AASI Team Members Jonathan Ballou, Jennifer Simpson Weier and Nick Alfieri. [Click here for more info on Fall Festival 2018](#). If you are behind in continuing Education Credits and at a loss as to what your options are please contact office and we can work out a plan to bring you back current.

NRM's scholarship program can assist you with financial resources to attend Fall Festival and other events during the season. Click here for more info on [NRM's scholarship programs](#).



Important Events to put on your Calendars!

Fall Festival, December 7-9th in Big Sky

Big Sky Resort and the FF Committee is excited to bring you some new events and approaches to NRM's most popular weekend of comradery and education. If you are interested in helping in any capacity please contact Herb in the office!

Cross Country Academy, November 25-27 West Yellowstone, MT

Cross Country Academy 2018 features three days of formal indoor and on-snow training where you'll share the best of ideas, topics and technique to get you geared-up for the 2018-19 season. Join PSIA Nordic Team members David Lawrence, Emily Lovett and Greg Rhodes, who'll lead you in classic and skate ski technique improvement, teaching drills, progressions and the latest news and projects the PSIA Nordic team is working on.

National Academy in Big Sky, April 17-22, 2018

Remember your season as the most epic in history when you attend National Academy 2019 in [Big Sky, Montana](#)! Take your personal teaching to the next level by skiing and riding at Big Sky Resort, Montana, with some of the best instructors in the world. You'll find [Big Sky right in south central Montana](#). It's easy to get to, just 50 miles south of Bozeman, and 50 miles north of West Yellowstone. It offers some of the best expert and advanced terrain AND a large amount of beginner and intermediate terrain.

Don't hesitate to contact us at the NRM office with any of your concerns, feedback or just to say hey! Enjoy the rest of your fall, we look forward to seeing you on snow this winter!



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NRM CHAIR REPORTS 2018

Ski School Management Committee

Beaner Thacker

I am just coming back from a wonderful 7 day cruise in Alaska! The weather was cool and there was snow everywhere to be seen. This has gotten me so excited for the season that is soon coming. We are expecting snow sometime in the next 7 days here in the beautiful Black Hills, yea for us.

This being said, we will be starting the season off with a big change. Shannon Griffith will be taking over as the new SSMC chair. She is excited for the challenge and I am confident she will do an excellent job. She has already started the transition by working with the Alpine committee on a project. One of my big goals

was to give the small schools all the help, support and opportunities they need to receive education and clinics. I am confident Shannon will do her best to see this concern is carried out. We will make the transition at Fall Festival. Thanks Shannon!

On to Fall Festival, we will be having our meeting as usual on Thursday evening (and in no particular order) a team building exercise, a presentation from National, hopefully a quick little report from all the committee chairs, a farewell from me and Shannon will take the reins. I am excited for the season, for Fall Festival and to see all your smiling faces! Now the rest is up to Mother Nature!

Adaptive

Rebecca Starr, NRM Adaptive Chair

2017- 2018 was a great season in the Adaptive world! We were so excited for the publication of the Adaptive Alpine Technical Manual—a great read! Last season we happily welcomed our first two NRM-based Adaptive Ed Staff to the team and were able to host one Level 2/3 Prep and two Level 1 Exams. Additionally, we teamed up with DSUSA and Intermountain Division to host an Adaptive Train the Trainers event in early December. This was a great opportunity for program

staff and volunteer trainings to collaborate and spend some quality time on the snow. Looking forward into the 2019 season, we're excited to host a similar event, as well as several Adaptive Topic Clinics such as Veteran Specific Teaching Techniques, and Adaptive Equipment Know-How. These clinics will combine information from the new manual as well as outside sources to provide information to those both within and beyond the adaptive community.

Children's

Zoe Mavis, NRM Children's Chair

Hello all!

What a whirlwind of a summer! Winter is fast approaching and I for one cannot wait for another amazing season for NRM. The children's world has some exciting things happening on the national front. We are moving forward with all the divisions working on more cohesive standards for all the children's events. As usual we will have some fun children's events at fall

fest, including CS1 and CS2 events and a Children's Core group. We will also have another divisional CS1 and CS2 later in the season. (In my conversations with Zoe we thought it was best to promote CS1/2 credentialing events through the Ski School In House events, NRM Scholarship, Roadshow and MSAA supported events. HD) Looking forward to seeing everyone on the slopes!

Senior Specialist

Michael Hickey, Senior Specialist Chair

This will be my final report to NRM's Board of Directors. Many of you already have been made aware that I have stepped down as Chairperson of the Senior Specialist Program/Committee, and that Rock Rehman will be replacing me in that position. Rock has shown a strong interest in the program and has worked hard to enhance it in a number of ways, not the least of which is to help in making it a multi discipline program. I ask that the BOD and management of NRM continue the support that the program has received over the past several years. Following are some key points regarding the current and future status of the program.

According to NRM management, The Senior Specialist Program is currently "the most successful of NRM's credentialing offerings". It is likely to continue to grow and expand in scope as the multi discipline aspect continues to take hold. Support from the BOD and management

will allow for further development, expansion, and the generation of income for the division.

Though the idea of a national senior program remains on the table, it is currently still in the preliminary discussion stage. There is some work being done by the national education group however and some form of such a program will be in place down the road. The timing is the big question that cannot be answered at this time. In the meantime, it remains the task of the divisions to continue to provide the innovation that is driving the programs and providing our membership with new and fresh learning opportunities.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who have supported the development of the Senior Specialist program. I ask that you continue to do so. It is a truly worthwhile project that will benefit both our membership and the division in many ways for years to come.

Nordic

Mary Marshall, NRM Nordic Chair

The Nordic side is getting amped for the 2018/2019 season, and recently met for a fall meeting to get the event calendar squared away for the upcoming season. Similar to last year we will be doing some combined events with other divisions, which is a great way to get cohesion of the standard. The L2/3 Telemark Exam will once again be at Grand Targhee with Intermountain and coincide with World Telemark Days. This event was a blast last year and by chance fell on 50+ inch powder days, so definitely a good one to have on the calendar, whether it is for the exam, or to join the camaraderie for World Telemark days March 2-5. Examiner Training is also scheduled with Intermountain at Grand Targhee opening weekend, the week prior to Thanksgiving, if the snow co-operates. L2/3 XC will be combined with Northern Intermountain and Intermountain, the details still to come. We will have a L1 XC at Whitefish and a L1 at Showdown. Last year there was great telemark representation and the National Ski Patrol event in which NRM led clinics. We are happy, per request to host a telemark exam at such a fun location.

We have two representatives attending Fall Conference at Keystone this year, Adam Johnson for telemark and

Denise Wade for XC. Adam and Denise have both joined the online basecamp taskforce to be up with national initiatives. We recently updated the NRM website to align with national initiatives. We have substituted our telemark L1 and L2/3 workbook for online exams. The L2/3 online exam was formulated/reviewed last year at fall conference. We have also updated the scorecards to a 6-point assessment and have a new version of the Telemark Fundamentals. Another project that NRM are hoping to be involved with this year is re-vamping and completing the telemark matrix. During our on snow examiner training with IM with are hoping to get video of specific tasks and demos to contribute to the telemark matrix – videographers welcome!

Tom Marshall has stepped down from Telemark Examiner Coach and Stew Chumbley is excited to take on this position. Brenda Winkler will continue to be the XC Examiner Coach.

Lastly, we are excited to once again have the National Telemark Academy at Big Sky. This event was a big success last year and I encourage folks to take advantage of this event being held locally, and get involved!

Alpine

Tom Marshall, NRM Alpine Chair

Thank-you, Zoe Mavis, for your past commitment serving on the alpine committee and we hope to still see you at our periodic meetings. Please join me in welcoming AJ Oliver to the alpine committee. He took this volunteer role following the spring meeting. We look forward to his input and ideas as we move forward with becoming more consistent and unified with all the other divisions of PSIA-AASI. In the effort to gain consistency in education, certification, and training we are sending Jim Anderson to represent us at the Fall Conference in Colorado at the end of October. Jim has previously attended this conference and his leadership and experience make him a great addition to the conversations and actions of this national task force. Thank-you Jim for your continued support of NRM on the national stage. We are also having additional representation at both the examiner's college that is in conjunction with Fall Conference and Rocky Mountain staff training.

Please remember that the deadline for applying to join the IT group is November 1st. Emily Nedved and Jill Chumbley have clarified and updated the written

processes for becoming an NRM alpine staff member, including a very useful FAQ section. This document is located on our divisional website. Speaking of the website, the alpine event calendar is posted. As always please sign –up for events at least 2 week prior.

We are very excited to announce a new educational clinic this season, the level 1 prep clinic. It is going to be offered during Fall Fest this season. It is not required to be taken before taking the L1 exam, but highly encouraged for new members looking for additional training and exposure to PSIA prior to taking the exam. The outline for this 2 day event will follow closely with the first 2 days of the 4 day level 1 prep and exam course given by the Alpine Team.

The next alpine committee meeting is Saturday, November 17 at 2:00pm in the Big Sky Water and Sewer conference room. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see a few new faces in a month from now.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marshall



Snowboard

Tim Dietz, NRM Snowboard Chair

The snowboard crew has been hard at work getting ready for the Winter 18/19 season. This spring, former chair Bridger Biggins and the committee voted to make Tim Dietz the new snowboard chair. Bridger will transition into the freestyle world. Ben Daniel will take his immense experience into a newly defined role mentoring our NRM staff as the Snowboard Team Coach. We defined the roles of the Snowboard Chair and Team Coach. Tim will focus on timely communication with our membership and organizing events, while Ben will lead our team's training and development. By splitting the chair's responsibilities, we will be able to improve how we serve our members while continuing to standardize our process across the division (and nationwide).

This season will complete our three-year phasing in of a new selections process. All existing staff members who have not completed selections in the past two years must do so this winter. These changes ensure our members are getting certified by examiners with the most current information and standards.

We continue to improve our exam process. With National's effort to standardize the knowledge portion of exams through online tests, we are in the process of overhauling our written workbooks to be more of a

supplement to the exam process rather than a testing tool. We are committed to giving timely and accurate feedback on the workbooks and at prep clinics.

We're also very excited to continue our "road show" this year. We will be traveling to smaller member schools and offering a range of "shreducational" topics, preparing members for snowboard, freestyle, and children's events. These events provide opportunities for instructors to receive top-shelf training and witness what PSIA-NRM has to offer firsthand. We want these under-represented ski areas to be part of the discussion - if you have an idea for a clinic or want us to come your way, just drop us a line!

Finally, we're excited to continue our relationship with our neighboring divisions. We plan on holding our spring training in the Tetons, adding two days at Grand Targhee to our usual trip to Jackson Hole and training with Intermountain's finest. These dual-member schools have a lot to offer their instructors, and we're stoked to be part of that dialogue! We will also be attending RM's training in Colorado this November. We can't wait to share what we learn from our friends in other divisions!

Freestyle

Matt Larson

This upcoming winter will be exciting for NRM Freestyle! Biggest news is cooperation with new ownership of Great Divide Ski area for ProPark! This event looks to become even bigger and possibly incorporate multiple days! As we continue through the fall. Stay tuned for updates.

Coming into National Fall conference, our division scorecard content is the starting point for a standardized national scorecard. This is most exciting as we looking to see it go further to have more similarities between all disciplines. We have incorporated the 6 point system and our scorecard has been revised and is ready for this

next season.

Training this fall will include expanding our video library for standards and MA assessment. We are prepared for multiple in-house FS1's for this season and also plan to have 2 open events. The crux of our season will be a FS2 venue. Fingers are crossed for Dollar at Sun Valley. It will be snow dependent. Otherwise we may again not have an FS2. Utah would be our next closest option.

Bridger Biggins officially takes the role as Freestyle Committee chair. Matt Larson will now be the Iron Team Training Coach. See you on Snow!!

Education Coordinator

Jill Chumbley

This June the ELC established a 5-year plan of what we wanted to do based on what we saw our role within the framework of the “3 C’s” directive. In short we are directing everything having to do with the educational direction of the organization.

Over the summer we have worked on a few projects with the main goal moving divisions mainly exam experience into better alignment. First off we’ve worked to move the scorecards toward a more unified scoring system. The scale we are asking all divisions and disciplines to use is a 1-6 scale with descriptors used by our Alpine program currently. This scale currently in use pretty much uniformly across alpine and in some divisions in all scorecards/ evaluation forms. For NRM I have talked with the majority of disciplines about doing this and the majority are on board. Matt Larson has offered to convert all the cards to the same format with the 1-6 system so we look more uniform as a whole :)

That said the Children’s specialist national task force is still discussing what a national evaluation/score card would look like. I’ve had a few good discussions with Zoe about this and basically we feel we are happy to go with the majority as long as the integrity of the clinic being a learning experience is maintained.

The scorecard discussion and movement toward a common evaluation is the first step toward developing a national scorecard for each discipline. This has lead to discussion about process and differences across divisions and how we do need some variability because of geography and membership needs. The general consensus that though we will likely end up with some differences we need to be having these discussions to maintain the integrity of a national standard.

On the topic of consistency the task of developing Learning Outcomes (LO’s) has continued from last

fall within the discipline task force groups attending Fall Conference (FC). The Alpine Task force has been making the best progress on this project and their LO’s are serving as a model for the other disciplines. At FC there will be mixed discipline groups working on LO’s for teaching and people skills as well since those should be interdisciplinary. FC will be mainly focused on Learning Outcomes and scorecard alignment.

In that same vein of consistency we are working toward developing more formal examiner exchange. We’ve developed a document outlining the expectations and process of interdivisional exchange. And National and RM have donated \$4000 to each division to use for exchange this season, which comes from the China work RM/Ntl has been doing. I will discuss our current plans at the meeting.

For online materials here is the update currently we have the following online:

Alpine 1 course

Alpine 2/3 written exams

SB 2/3 exams

CS1 and 2 workbooks

New Instructor course

Working on: Telemark 1 workbook, Telemark 2/3 exams (these should be done soon if not already), XC 1 course, and a Snowboard 1 course.

We are continuing to work with Penn State.

Also a discussion we had about where we want to move educationally as a whole I found particularly exciting. Which I will share with you all at the meeting.



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