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Professional Snowsports Instructors of America – Northwest Division  
Pacific Northwest Snowsports Instructors Association – Education Foundation

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## *Spring Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

20 May 2017

Double Tree Suites – 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188

### ***PSIA-NW Mission Statement***

Provide high quality educational resources and well defined standards to aid our members in improving their teaching skills to better satisfy the needs and expectations of their customers in the enjoyment of downhill and nordic winter sports.

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Call to Order and Roll** – President Molly Fitch called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00am.

Molly Fitch, Mary Germeau, Mark Schinman, Diana Suzuki, John May, Tyler Barnes, Kim Petram, Rick Brown, Jack Burns, Rob Croston, Mike Davies, John Eisenhauer, Larry Fale, Burrell Jull, Ed Kane, John Keil, Bill King, Richard Mario, Devin Mettler, Hiro Oishi, Russ Peterson, Donna Sanders, Kay Stoneberg, Takashi Tsukamaki, John Weston and Kirsten Huotte, Executive Director.

**Welcome Guests** – Guests were welcomed and introduced, Ed Younglove, Nick Herrin, Sherry Jennings and Mike Peters.

**Accept Agenda and Opening Remarks** - Accepted

**Minutes of prior meeting previously approved via email.**

**First call for nomination of officers** – those nominated include:

President:	Molly Fitch
Executive VP:	Mary Germeau
Secretary and Second VP:	Mark Schinman, Richard Mario
Financial VP:	Diana Suzuki
Education VP:	Kim Petram
Certification VP:	Mike Phillips
Communications VP:	Tyler Barnes
Member School VP:	Rob Croston

## **Reports stand as written based on consent agenda.**

1. President
2. Executive Director
3. Executive Vice President
4. Secretary and Second Vice President
5. Financial Vice President
6. PSIA-AASI Representative
7. Education Vice President
8. Certification Vice President
9. Communications Vice President
10. Member School Vice President
11. Awards and Recognition Chair
12. Snowboard Chair – Comment regarding the inclusion of snowboarding and keeping it in mind moving forward.

There was a question regarding the number of people receiving continuing education waivers for education credits. Kirsten Huotte was asked to explain the policy. To summarize, those that have not met the continuing education requirements are assessed a \$35 extension fee annually. As the policy is currently written, there is no limit to the number of seasons the education waiver can be extended. It was commented that approximately 30% of certified members are extended annually.

## **Proposals**

**Proposal A – DCL Assignment** – It was moved that within 2 weeks after the PSIA-NW events Calendar is published on the PSIA-NW web site, or in the NW Snowsports Instructor, the Executive Director will send a request for availability to the divisional staff/independent contractors. Divisional staff/independent contractors shall have 2 weeks to return their availability to work published calendar events. The Executive Director, within 30 days after the deadline to submit the availability calendars, shall provide divisional staff/independent contractors with their assignments and post the assignments on the PSIA-NW web site.

Motion was made by Richard Mario and seconded by John Weston. After discussion, Bill King moved to table the motion, this was seconded by John Weston. Motion to table passed.

**Proposal B – Lifetime Membership Don Portman** – It was moved that Don Portman be granted lifetime membership in PSIA-NW and that the PSIA-NW Representative be requested to propose Don for national PSIA/AASI lifetime membership

Motion was made by Ed Kane and seconded by John Weston. After discussion, the question was called for. The motion passed.

**Proposal C – Vision Statement** – It was moved move that PSIA-NW adopt the following Vision Statement: **Create lifelong adventures through education**

Motion was made by Molly Fitch and seconded by John May. The question was called for. The motion passed. There was further discussion regarding the background and benefits of a common vision statement for all divisions and national.

**Board moved into an executive session at approximately 9am.**

**Proposal D – Alaska**

Motion was made by Molly Fitch and seconded by John Weston. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**Board moved out of executive session at approximately 10am.**

**Agenda Addition: A Mt. Hood member’s concern regarding the partnership with Volkswagen:**

Richard Mario presented a member concern he is aware of about the partnership with Volkswagen.

**Governance** – A presentation was made by Sherry Jennings of Sound Governance. Ed Younglove and Nick Herrin presented their experience with PSIA-AASI’s implementation of policy governance through the eyes of the CEO and Chair and the relationship between the two. There were questions and discussion.

**Second call for officer nominations:** No additional nominations were made.

**Elections:** A unanimous ballot was cast for the uncontested positions. The two candidates for Secretary and Second Vice President, Mark Schinman and Richard Mario were asked to speak about their background/experience and desire for the position. After they spoke, they were asked to leave the room, there was board discussion and ballots were cast. Mark Schinman was reelected as the Secretary and Second Vice President.

**Continued Governance Discussion and Break Out Groups**

**Fall Board Meeting Date:** September 16, 2017 currently plan on a day and a half meeting.

**Summer Budget Approval:** It was moved to accept the summer budget by John Weston and seconded by Burrell Jull. Motion passed.

**Award of appreciation:** Awarded to Kay Stoneberg and Hiro Oishi for their service as Board Members.

**Blue Mountain Seat:** It was noted Kay chose to not re-run for the Blue Mountain Region seat, Mike Peters ran for the position uncontested and would be seated as a board member at the adjournment of the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4pm**