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Patrollers of the Eastern Division-

For the past several months you may have been aware of discussions that have been occurring with regard to proposed changes to the governance of the National Ski Patrol. These proposed changes provide Patrollers with more rights and the ability to have a greater influence on the Direction of the NSP. There has been a virtual avalanche of information that has been prepared regarding these changes and the upcoming vote to determine if these changes are enacted. The goal of this document is to provide a complete summary of the proposed changes in one location. Below you will find a table that describes information that relates to 1) what is in place now, 2) what the change will be if the vote is successful, and 3) the status of Board proposals to address Eastern Division Patrollers' concerns.

Currently In Place	Proposed By This Vote	Proposed By Board
National Board term limits were recently extended to 9 years	Returns National Board term limit to 6 years	No proposals known
National Chairman's term limit was recently extended to 15 years as Chair and on Board	Sets National Chairman's term limit to 6 total years as Chair and on Board	No proposals known
Nominating Committee for Board candidates comes from the National Board	Nominating Committee to be formed by the Division Directors	Unknown, under study by committee at this time
The board automatically votes yes for the entire slate for you unless you cut out the ballot from Ski Patrol magazine and vote no and mail it in your own envelope	Patrollers will be able to cast an actual vote for each individual Board candidate Only those votes cast will be counted	Unknown, under study by committee at this time
The number of Board candidates on the ballot equals the number of Board vacancies	There will be more Board candidates on the ballot than there are Board vacancies allowing a choice	Unknown, under study by committee at this time
Changes to the Board nomination process may be made at any time by the Board	Changes to Board nomination process must be approved by Patrollers	Unknown, under study by committee at this time
Changes to the Board election process may be made at any time by the Board	Changes to the Board election process must be approved by Patrollers	Unknown, under study by committee at this time
Changes to the Board term limits may be made at any time by the Board	Changes to the Board term limits must be approved by Patrollers	No proposals known

The leadership of the Eastern Division believes that Patrollers should have a significant say in the direction of the NSP. We trust that you will cast your vote carefully and we will respect your wishes. As a fellow Patroller, I will tell you that I am going to vote "For" the new Articles of Incorporation, as are all of your Region Directors. We believe that the new Articles will provide a check and balance system for our Board that currently does not exist. Your Division leadership did not request this vote without considerable debate and Patroller input. That we did embark on this course was in great part because our National Board was unresponsive to Patrollers' concerns. Some may say that changes should not be made to the Articles and may suggest that the Board should be given time to address members' concerns. We have a choice to accept the new Articles that will give all members a true voice and know that these changes are backed by Colorado law, or to trust that the Board will eventually address our concerns, but have no guarantee that they will. With the new Articles, Patrollers will be guaranteed a say in NSP operations and future changes. I think the choice before us is like standing in a foot of fresh snow at the base and deciding whether to head up the mountain, or to go home and hope that another day comes along that is as good as this one. I'm going to make the most of what is offered today by voting for these changes and I hope that you do too.

–Rick Hamlin, Division Director