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I am requesting to continue to serve as your Northern Vermont Regional Director (RD). I have been RD since April 2021 having served as the Northern Vermont Section Chief for several years before.

I am a Senior qualified patroller and have patrolled for over 55 years at several Vermont areas with my most recent years spent at Bolton Valley. I have experienced firsthand the changes in skiing and patrolling over the years. Originally our work was 90% rescue and 10% prevention. Today I would say our time is spent 90% on risk prevention and 10% rescue. I believe in letting the program leads (OEC, Safety, etc) run their programs without micro management from the RD.

I also believe we all must actively work with our Ski Area Owners if NSP is going to remain relevant.

The Regional Director serves as one of the 15 regional Board Members for the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol who manage an annual budget of \$300,000 supporting over 13 programs. e.g. Nordic, Mountain Rescue, Alumni, etc.

The Eastern Division is composed of over 8,000 members representing 26 % of NSP membership. We are the largest division in NSP. composed of Men, Women, Skiers, Snowboarders, who are trained to help and assist their fellow skiers and snowboarders in need of assistance.

I am the Eastern Division's Board of Directors liaison to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee oversees the management of the Division's Funds. The finance committee has worked very hard with the various programs to manage our resources well. We have managed not had a regional dues increase for several years, but this will not continue much longer with the increased cost of program support needed. I have brought to the Board's attention several instances needing their engagement to correct the handling of financial issues.

During my tenure as Northern VT RD, we have amended our by-laws to allow for electronic voting, updated the Northern VT Policies and Procedures to reflect the by-law changes and made general housekeeping updates. The last previous update to our P&P was June 2004. These documents may be accessed from this link: <http://www.nspnvt.org/links.html> Also, I have assisted fellow patrollers to amend the Vermont law creating the Emergency Services Wellness Commission to include a member of the National Ski Patrol.

If reelected, I will continue to look for ways the Eastern Division and Northern VT Region can assist patrollers, use our funds wisely, and minimize administrative burdens placed on patrollers. Thank you for your past support.