

G08-02 **President' s Report – Paul Wojick**

June 5, 2008

To: Board of Directors, United States Collegiate Ski Association

From: Paul Wojick, President

Re: President’s Annual Report

Life often takes you in unexpected directions. I can definitely tell you that I never expected to serve on this board for so many years, to serve as its President at all, let alone for so many years, or to find these years passing so quickly. We have worked hard to continue moving forward over these years, and I believe that we have been largely successful. I also believe that we are poised to move forward even more strongly in the years to come. We have established a strong and committed leadership group, a commonality of purpose, and a capacity to work together, that will help us meet new challenges as they arise. Thank you all for the support that you have provided, and will continue to provide, to this organization and its student athletes.

We are a healthy organization, though with room to improve, at this point in time. Our financial circumstances remain sound, as the attached financial records indicate. We have invested a substantial amount of money in Championship banners, flags and fencing again this year, as you will notice. I hope you approve of the “look” that these things helped us achieve at Sunday River. We have also invested in a new web site, which is already paying large dividends, and a new phone system. Both of these things will help our Executive Director function more efficiently and effectively. We also continue to move forward with the automation of our regular registration and registration for the National Championship. If all goes according to plan we should be fully automated, including electronic payment, for everything this year.

We have continued to develop relationships with new and existing sponsors. Reliable racing continues to support us with the medals for our Championships as well as substantial discounts on the staging materials that we purchase. Thanks, very much, and yet again, to John Jacobs, who is a true friend of USCSA.

I believe that this organization brings something unique, and of substantial value, to competitive snowsport in the United States. It is for this reason, more than anything else, that I believe this organization will have a bright future. I thank every one of you for the time and effort that you have committed, and that you will continue to commit, to making this work.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICER'S
Treasurer

G08-03 **Treasurer - Robin Dzubay**

Financial 2007/2008				
	Date	Credit	Debit	Total
Dues				
	12/21/2007	999.00		
	12/22/2007	5,625.00		
	2/9/2008	62,996.50		
	4/8/2008	1,280.00		
Ret Check - WMU	3/20/2008	-430.00		
		70,470.50		70,470.50
Executive Director				
Fee for Service			30,765.84	-30,765.84
Insurance				
Policy	12/10/2007		21,735.00	
NSSP Membership	12/10/2007		75.00	
Payments		19,629.00		
			-2,181.00	-2,181.00
Office				
Adobe Systems	7/14/2007		156.45	
UPS	10/1/2007		96.00	

Verizon	10/30/2007		253.50	
Verizon	1/28/2008		403.50	
Staples	1/28/2008		302.19	
Hughesnet.com	1/28/2008		69.99	
UPS	1/28/2008		64.40	
UPS	1/24/2008		35.80	
Hughesnet.com	2/6/2008		69.99	
Hughesnet.com	3/6/2008		69.99	
Hughesnet.com	4/6/2008		69.99	
Wojick - Phone, stamps, etc.	4/24/2008		350.00	
Hughesnet.com	5/6/2008		69.99	
Dovico management program	5/6/2008		156.00	
Bank and Finance Charges			984.28	
			3,152.07	-3,152.07
Championships				
Entry Fees	3/13/2008	129,396.00		
Expenses	3/13/2008		134,547.95	
			-5,151.95	-5,151.95
Capital - Office				
Web-Contractors	1/28/2008		2,000.00	
			2,000.00	-2,000.00
Capital - Championships				
Lanyards	2/25/2008		4,580.25	
Banners/Flags	3/15/2008		3,850.75	
			8,431.00	-8,431.00
Marketing				
Jackets	2/1/2008		1,418.18	-1,418.18
Tax Preparation				
	4/24/2008		500.00	-500.00
US National Championships				
Jason Small - reimb	4/24/2008		792.94	
Entry	3/20/2008		200.00	
Garrett Lashar - reimb	5/21/2008		553.38	
			1,546.32	-1,546.32
USSA Congress				
Sullivan - Air	5/9/2008		694.00	
Bonneau	6/5/2008		248.22	
			942.22	-942.22
Board Meeting (Projected)				
Air - Student Reps	6/2/2008		1,646.49	
Air - Sullivan	6/2/2008		698.00	
Hotel - Est	6/6/2008		7,500.00	
Meeting Packets	6/4/2008		118.53	
Misc - Est			1,036.47	
			11,000.00	-11,000.00
Total				
				3,381.92
Insurance Receivables				
2006/2007			4,252.00	
2007/2008			11,595.00	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes were pleased with new qualification requirements. It did cause a few teams/individuals to not 'qualify', therefore they didn't compete (see the slightly lower 2008 Nationals numbers), however it made the Regionals and Nationals more meaningful for the Nordic athletes. <p>Notes on Colorado:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have decision this year (2009) regarding venue: Snow Mountain Ranch (where we raced in 2007) or Devil's Thumb. - This will be discussed during the Cross Country Committee Meeting. <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Amy Lane V.P. of Cross Country USCSA</p>
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SNOWBOARDING

G08-05	<p><u>Vice President of Snowboarding – Bill Hartman</u></p> <p>The 2008 USCSA Snowboard National Championships was yet again another great year for collegiate snowboarding showing evidence of growth from the organization and promising developments for the future.</p> <p>In past years, the USCSA has seen a steady increase of athletes attending the USCSA National Championships. This was one of the first years in which our participant numbers have begun to level off and show nothing significant in terms of growth or decline. On the other hand, the level of competition has increased considerably. In both the seriousness of the athletes as well as the talent level of the athletes, this past year at nationals was a day and night comparison with previous years. The level of tricks in freestyle events combined with the speed and ability of the racing events showed us a peek at the world class potential we are sitting on. This potential was also shown this year as our athlete hometown list included athletes from overseas countries such as Norway.</p> <p>An unfortunate and inherent downfall of this type of growth is the danger involved when introducing what it takes to enter the upper echelon of ability and competition. In 2008, we had a few more rather serious injuries than past years. These injuries could be classified as more serious and frequent than average in the eyes of non-snowboard snow sport competition, however given what the athletes are performing, injuries are inevitable. In a 2006 report (http://bjism.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/40/3/230) entitled "Injuries among elite snowboarders (FIS Snowboard World Cup)", the injury incidence for elite snowboarders is as follows:</p> <p>Overall – 1 every 796 starts (2008 Nationals ~ 1551 runs) Big Air (Slopestyle) – 1 every 435 starts ~ 1 every 87 competitor days – (2008 Nationals – 93 c.d.'s) HalfPipe – 1 every 526 starts ~ 1 every 88 competitor days – (Not 2008 Event) Snowboard Cross – 1 every 476 starts ~ 1 every 60 competitor days – (2008 Nationals – 114 c.d.'s)</p> <p>*counting injuries resulting in time off for recovery. **27% of injuries resulted in > 21 days off for recovery.</p> <p>Further, I strongly believe that while injuries at the USCSA National Championships did occur, the venue was properly prepared according to the rules to minimize the effects of such injuries and the mountain provided the necessary on-hill medical attention. In future years, I would recommend that at the Ski/Snowboard-Cross events the amount of ski patrol on the course be doubled to avoid delays in the event. I think that over the next few years, we may see a slightly above average amount of injuries at the event due to the fact that athletes capable of performing elite maneuvers are mixed in with athletes that may not be able to but are willing to try and push their personal envelope too far.</p> <p>Looking at the positive side of having our level of competition begin to enter the "elite" arena also has several positives which many of our athletes have come to expect. While the USCSA has made an effort to create an event similar to that of a USSA snowboard event, it was more tailored in a low-key USASA style event instead. However, over the week, I noticed that athletes preferred to see more strict actions of referees and event procedures. This is excellent for our organization as it gives us the opportunity to</p>
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focus attention in upcoming years to make our event world-class and be given the respect and seriousness from the industry that we strive to have. As we succeed moving forward towards this goal, we will be able to see benefits such as corporate cooperation, increased press coverage, wider school base and increased athlete enrollment. All of which will enhance the USCSA mission of providing the premier snow sports competitive experience for collegiate students.

Another excellent result of this past National Championships was to see how the USCSA team works together quickly and efficiently. Over the past years, time has always been an issue in trying to fit all the snowboard events in during the week. After this year, I can confidently say that we can run the event quickly and smoothly. Of particular note were the Boarder and Skier Cross events. While it was one of the largest years given the addition of the skiers to our start order, the day went so quickly that even the mountain staff personally told me that it was the best organized Cross event they had ever seen. Further, I firmly believe that in future years we can consolidate the 2 day event into a single day event making room to feature all 4 snowboard events and doing away with the alternating freestyle event.

This year was absolutely USCSA's best National Championships as it has been over the past few years. Our staff does an immense amount of work each year to make sure that we are always progressing and we are at a point where our benefits are increasing at an equal rate. Taking what we learned from this season and applying it forward with our new strategic goals each year, I look forward to watching the event and USCSA continue to grow and carve its place into snowboarding and freestyle skiing history thanks to the hard work of the people of the USCSA.

ALPINE

<p>G08-06</p>	<p><u>Vice President of Alpine - Kim Bownes</u></p> <p>Report: VP of Alpine Respectfully submitted by: Kim Monika Bownes</p> <p>The 2007-2008 season was extremely successful on the Alpine side of the organization. Included in this report are the total numbers of member alpine teams as well as a total numbers of member alpine athletes. Things across the Nation ran smoothly in terms of issues being brought forth to the board. All issues that did arise were dealt with at the appropriate levels.</p> <p>The National Championship was held at Sunday River Ski area in Maine. The terrain for both the Slalom and GS were top notch, as were the conditions and course crews. The Technical Delegate was Tony Nunnikoven (for his 2nd year with the organization) and as VP of Alpine, I was very pleased with the job he has done. He is professional, knowledgeable, courteous, and is a great fit with the type of event that we want for our student-athletes.</p> <p>The level of competition continues to be very strong within the organization and although everyone can't attend the National championship, it is clear that there are teams left behind in every conference that are also strong – this is good news. We seem to be having less conflict at the Regional Championships and I will attribute this to the Conference Coordinators doing a great job to make the Regional's a special event for everyone involved.</p> <p>We heard less about equipment rules this season, so it could be assumed that everyone has made the transition to comply with the rules. I do know that we need to make sure that all of our venues/hosts are sufficiently supplied with enough fencing and safety items. We absolutely need to make sure that we, as an organization are competing at venues that are "legal" by all standards of our sport (see USSA rule book). It is our duty to put in place the safest measures of our sport for our student-athletes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="332 1850 1330 1946"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="332 1850 727 1881"><u>WOMEN</u></th> <th data-bbox="727 1850 927 1881"></th> <th data-bbox="927 1850 1127 1881"></th> <th data-bbox="1127 1850 1330 1881"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="332 1881 727 1946">Conference</td> <td data-bbox="727 1881 927 1946"># of Alpine Athletes</td> <td data-bbox="927 1881 1127 1946"></td> <td data-bbox="1127 1881 1330 1946"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<u>WOMEN</u>				Conference	# of Alpine Athletes		
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		<u>Men</u>	
		Conference	# of
			Alpine Athletes
Allegheny	121		
Eastern	346	Allegheny	207
Grand Teton	33	Eastern	445
Mideast	202	Grand Teton	39
Midwest	152	Mideast	269
N. California	46	Midwest	238
New Jersey	85	N. California	58
Northwest	64	New Jersey	112
Rocky Mountain	65	Northwest	68
S. California	53	Rocky Mountain	100
Southeast	114	S. California	81
TOTAL	1281	Southeast	174
		TOTAL	1791
		Total number of Alpine Athletes: 3072	
<u>WOMEN</u>		<u>Men</u>	
Conference	# of Schools	Conference	# of Schools
	Alpine		Alpine
Allegheny	9	Allegheny	10
Eastern	37	Eastern	37
Grand Teton	4	Grand Teton	4
Mideast	18	Mideast	19
Midwest	26	Midwest	28
N. California	6	N. California	6
New Jersey	8	New Jersey	8
Northwest	7	Northwest	9
Rocky Mountain	9	Rocky Mountain	9
S. California	7	S. California	7
Southeast	7	Southeast	8
Total	138	Total	145
Total number of Alpine Schools: 283		Total number of Alpine Schools: 283	

USSA

G08-07	<p>USSA Collegiate Committee, Park City, UT – Mark Sullivan</p> <p>Attendees Committee: Chairman – Mark Sullivan Vice Chairman – Daryl Landstrom</p>
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USSA BOD – Bob Dart
NCAA Rules Committee Rep. – Kevin Sweeney (absent)
USCSA Rules Committee Rep. – Ron Bonneau
Parent Rep. – Roger Perricone
EISA Rep. – Peter Dodge (absent)
RMISA Rep. –Richard Rokos (absent)
NCAA Nordic Rep. – TBN
Club Coach – TBN
At Large – George Thomas (absent)

Guest

Walt Evans		Terry DelliQuadri
Terry Delliquadri	Ester Delliquadri	Dave Waller
Brewster McVicker	Laura Sullivan	Jeff Bruggeman
Tim McGuire	Don Page	Maureen Hammond
Curt Hammond	Gina Grassman	Jill Firstbrook
John Jacobs	Paul Crews	Casey Charlson
	Tom Barnes	

Meeting Called to order at 10:00am

Approval of 2007 Minutes: M. Sullivan

Motion to approve the 2007 Collegiate Working Group 2007 meeting.

Motion 1: approve the 2007 Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - B. Dart/R. Perricone, approved

Major Event Scheduling: Walt Evans

Page 133 of the USSA Congress booklet and USSA web site under governance, Nor-Am schedule is posted.

NCAA Championships, Sunday River, Maine

- Giant Slalom, March 11th, 2009
- Slalom March 13th, 2009

USCSA Nationals, Winter Park, Co

- March 3-8th, 2009

J2 Nationals, Aspen Co

- March 8-14th, 2009

WWUG Report: Walt Evans

USSA and USOC have decided not to participate in the 2009 Winter World University Games in China this year. Walt will update after FIS Congress in Cape Town, South Africa.

New Business –Mark Sullivan

Explore the creation of a task force to explore methods to expand the interaction between collegiate ski programs and USSA. The group discussed existing problems and possible solutions. The task force is charged with developing several possible action items for consideration in the future. Draft concepts will be submitted to the Executive Committee for the fall meeting for discussion. The task force will be

	<p>two other sub-groups were formed to explore the more specific areas. They are:</p> <p>Internal Development: Walt Evans, Mark Sullivan, Darryl Landstrom, Jeff Pier, Evan Weiss</p> <p>Marketing/Education: John Jacobs, Paul Crewser, Ron Bonneau</p> <p>Purpose of this initiative is to promote growth, retention of current USSA athletes and to bring more awareness to the ski community regarding the opportunities that are available at the college level.</p> <p><u>Adjourn: Sullivan</u></p> <p>Motion #6: To Adjourn (12:04pm)</p> <p>M/S/C –Bonneau/Landstrom, approved</p>
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CONFERENCE COORDINATOR REPORTS

G08-08	<p>Written Reports provided by the following Conference Coordinators: (Please see reports attached at end of minutes)</p> <p>Allegheny Conference - Bill Hetrick (Written report provided)</p> <p>Eastern Conference – Mark Sullivan /Bo Bigelo (Written report provided)</p> <p>Grand Teton Conference - Jerry Wolf (Written report provided)</p> <p>Mideast Conference - Jeff Egan -</p> <p>Midwest Conference - Robin Dzubay (Written report provided)</p> <p>Northern California Conference – Branko Zagar</p> <p>Northwest Conference - Ron Bonneau (Written report provided)</p> <p>Rocky Mountain Conference – Paul Rozsypal</p> <p>Southern California Conference - Collin Casper (Written report provided)</p> <p>New Jersey Conference – Yuri Kobziar</p> <p>Southeast Conference - Lari Garren</p>
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CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

G08-09	<p>Winter Park – 2009</p> <p>Sunday River - 2010</p>
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ELECTIONS

G08-10	<p>President – Mark Sullivan</p> <p>Vice President – Andy Rangen</p> <p>Treasurer – Jenna Bergin</p> <p>Executive at Large – Christi Boggs</p> <p>Executive at Large – Eric Millbrandt</p> <p>Vice President Nordic – Amy Lane</p>
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PRESENTATIONS

G08-11	<p>USCSA Executive Director Presentation By Laura Sullivan</p> <p>USCSA Marketing Presentation By Collin Casper</p> <p>Allocation of Berths for USCSA Nationals By Eric Millbrandt</p>
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ITEMS OF THE FULL BOARD

Attendees: Paul Wojick (President & St. Olaf), Mark Sullivan (Exec. VP & Eastern Conf.), Robin Dzubay (Treasurer & Midwest Conf.), Kim Bownes(VP Alpine & Plymouth State University), Amy Lane (VP Cross-Country), Bill Hartman (VP Snowboard), Andy Rangen (Executive at Large & University Minn-Duluth), Jim Pietrovito (Executive at Large & WPI), Jeff Egan (Mideast Conf. & Syracuse), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Lari Garren (southeastern Conference), Paul Rozsypal (Rocky Mtn. Conf.), Collin Casper (Southern California Conf.& UCSD), Mike Dubzay (Midwest Conf), Jesse Lindemer (Alpine Student Rep. & University Minn-Duluth),), Betsy Pantazelos (Alpine Student Rep. & Boston University), Sarah Hirsch (Cross Country Student Rep. & Cornell), Matthew Delaney (Cross Country Student Rep.) Justin Globerson (Snowboard Student Rep) Cara Hope (Student Rep. Snowboard), Branko Zagar (Northern Ca. Conference Coordinator & Sierra Nevada College), Bo Bigelow (ECSC Conference Coordinator Rep), Bill Toof (Academic Advisors), Yuri Kobziar (New Jersey Conference Coordinator), Laura Sullivan (USCSA Executive Director)

Non-Board Attendees:

Erin Welch (Midwest, UMD), Harry Ricker (Eastern Conf, UMaine Farmington, Reynolds Division), Kevin Walsh (Alfred University), Jeremy McMurty (Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference), Katie Rangen (Midwest Conf), Sarah Gieger (Allegheny Conf.)

FB-08-01	Amy Lane – Brought forward by the Cross Country Committee (Proposal by Christi Boggs)
	Motion:
	To change Current wording in Section 4, 1.02
	Proposed wording:
	Even years Classical 1.5k Sprint Freestyle 8.5k, interval start Classical 15k, mass start Relay 3x5k, Classical, Freestyle, Freestyle, mass start
	Odd years Freestyle 1.5k Sprint Classical 8.5k, interval start Freestyle 15k, mass start Relay 3x5k, Classical, Classical, Freestyle, mass start
	Currently the racing schedule for Cross Country events consists of the 1.5km sprint on Tuesday, the 15km mass star ton Wednesday, a day off, then the 8.5km skate race on Friday and the relay on Saturday. The reason behind this choice of scheduling was to allow a day of rest after having the longest, 15km, race. This made perfect sense when there were only three races. Since this time Cross Country has added the extremely popular and exciting sprint race to the week of racing. Last season it was decided to add a classic sprint to the format. All of this was a wonderful addition to the slate of races but it has caused three problems. The first problem has to do with doing the same technique for both the sprint and the 15km. The feedback we got from our athletes was that it was incredibly difficult to do the same technique for the two hardest races of the week, two days in a row. Many of them were sore after the sprint races on Tuesday and it made trying to do the 15km on Wednesday unnecessarily painful. The second problem has to do with waxing. When the athletes are doing the same technique two days in a row it is necessary to wait until all the races are complete before rewaxing the skis for the next race. This is especially problematic for classic races when klister is used. It is extremely difficult for teams with coaches as the

	<p>coaches spend hours rewaxing skis late into the night. However, it is an undue hardship for those teams without coaches since the athletes spend a great deal of potential recovery time waxing late into the night. We believe this creates an unfair playing field since some athletes are sleeping and some are on their feet waxing. The final problem has to do with the races themselves. The best skiers do the 1.5km sprint race 3 times in one day, this was a positive change from previous formats and we do not want to change this. While this only adds up to 4.5km they are doing each round at maximal effort, making this race day one of the hardest of the week. In addition to the extreme effort required for the sprint there is also the issue that it takes much longer to complete than other races and therefore goes later in the day. This last year was an exception and resulted in only 13 hours between the final round of the sprint and the 15km but even on other years there is much less than 24 hours between the races. The other extremely hard race during the 4 days of racing is the 15km mass start. A race of 15km results in significant expenditure of energy and requires athletes to be rested, hydrated and has their glycogen stores at maximum. Placing the two most strenuous races back to back takes a significant toll on the athletes. Our proposal is to switch the 8.5km race and the 15km race. This would help alleviate all three of the problems. By switching the two races the sprint and the 8.5km race would be different techniques, resulting in different muscle use and the ability to wax all skis prior to the finals of the sprint which would allow for better time for recovery between races. The athletes would also not need as much recovery because they would be doing a shorter, less stressful race in the 8.5km individual start. It would also allow the 15km to fall after the day off so the athletes are more rested. This may place some strain on the relay but we feel that by the end of 4 days of racing no one is really rested and recovered so it shouldn't have a significant impact.</p> <p>2nd Sarah Hirsch Discussion</p> <p>Unanimous voice 0 opposed 0 abstention</p>
FB-08-02	<p>Bill Hartman –Brought forward by Snowboard Committee</p> <p>Motion: In past years, the National Championships included GS, Boarder/Skier-X and an annual alternation of Slopestyle and Halfpipe. With the success of recent years, I believe it is possible to include all 4 events during the National Championships instead of just 3. I propose that we change from our current event scheme to all 4 events during The National Championships week. Further success of this would also be assisted by the previous proposal for electronic scoring in Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Boarder/Skier-X</p> <p>2nd Jim Pietrovito Discussion Mark Sullivan: Propose an amendment to adjust this to the fact that if we cannot have the complete 4 events from the venues then we would need to adjust Have slopestyle for every year</p> <p>Committee recommends/approves amendment</p> <p>15 Approved 6 opposed 3 abstentions</p>
FB-08-03	<p>Bill Hartman –Brought forward by Snowboard Committee</p> <p>Motion The USCSA rulebook doesn't specify directly a ruling if inverted tricks are allowed. As a result, the default ruling is that inverted tricks are allowed by rule. However, the USCSA has stated its position was against inverts. I propose that inverted tricks be allowed when the resort does not have strict policy against them. In the case they are not allowed, all athletes must be notified in the registration packet so they may prepare a routine which does not involve inverts well before the competition starts.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Tabled – will reinvestigate this to see if it is a feasible option</p>

FB-08-04

Bill Toof –Brought forward by Academic Affairs Committee
(Proposals from Bill Hetrick and Paul Rozypal)

Motion:

We currently determine an individual to be ineligible if they are not duly approved on an official Eligibility Form received from a school’s Registrar’s Office. This ineligibility can continue throughout the year if the competitor is assigned a “restricted license” (which we do regularly), meaning the athlete can compete throughout the season in Conference races, but cannot compete in Regionals or Nationals.

Thus, we are allowing a competitor to compete for his/her team throughout the regular season, and contribute to that team’s qualifying for Regionals. However, we do not disqualify the team for allowing such participation throughout the season. It would seem logical that if a team allows an ineligible athlete to compete throughout the conference season, then not only is that athlete ineligible to advance to Regionals, but the team is also ineligible. (Bill Hetrick)

Proposed amendments to the USCSA team and individual eligibility rules (Paul Rozypal)

Amendment 1:

3.01e

A competitor **must** appear on the Regular **or Restricted** License List at the time of race registration to be allowed to participate in a USCSA ~~meet event~~. **as a member of a scoring team, or as an individual eligible for USCSA scoring purposes. Competitors who do not appear on the Regular or Restricted License List may compete at an event as a guest competitor at the event organizers discretion.**

Purpose of amendment:

An athlete with a restricted license is allowed to participate at the conference and regional level, but not at nationals according to current practice although this violates 3.01e. Guest teams (CU, DU, MSU) do not have a regular license, but is allowed to compete as guest teams and competitors who’s eligibility is still “pending” may compete as guests, but cannot compete on a team.

4.01b

A skier is eligible for the USCSA ~~regional and~~ national championships if he/she has a **Regular Competitors License, and for the USCSA regional championship if he/she has a Regular or Restricted Competitors License. The skier must also have** been a member of the institution’s intercollegiate ski & snowboard team during the majority of its most recent season, which includes a majority of these intercollegiate season practices, and a majority of required conference race events.

Purpose of the amendment:

An athlete may participate at a regional championship with a restricted license, but not at the national championship.

Amendment 2 and 3:

4.01d A skier is not eligible to participate in a regional or national championship on any ski & snowboard team unless eligible to participate in all qualifying meets leading towards the national championships.

4.01g Any athlete holding a Restricted Competitors License is not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Championship event.

Rules 4.01d and 4.01g should be removed

Purpose of amendments:

4.01 An athlete may become eligible during the season, and as long as the athlete competes at the majority of the conference events, the athlete may participate at the regional and national championships. With its current wording, if an athlete is not eligible to compete at the first conference event, he or she cannot participate at regional or national championships. The rule should be removed to accommodate transfer students, and to make the rule book consistent with current practice and rule 5.02, where an athlete may get the eligibility paperwork processed during the season and still be eligible for post season events.

4.01g This case is covered in rules 3.01e and 4.01b, and is therefore redundant. In addition, current practice is to allow a team with a restricted license to participate at regionals.

Amendment 4:

4.02a

If a college does not have a women's team, a woman may compete on a men's team and shall be eligible for championship events. Where there is a women's team and a men's team, a woman may qualify for a regional or national championship only through participation on the women's team.

4.02a Should be removed

Purpose of amendment:

At a USSA sanctioned event, a woman cannot race in a men's event. Therefore, the rule cannot be used to include a woman on a men's team, and this makes it impossible to score a team of four men and a woman.

Amendment 5:

5.03 Ski & Snowboard Team Eligibility Forms

a)

The Ski & Snowboard Team Eligibility Form, listing all ski & snowboard team members, requested License Type, and requested items of information concerning academic eligibility is required for validation of institution (college) registration and athletic eligibility for all individuals wishing to participate on a college ski & snowboard team competing under the auspices of the USCSA. Certification of the athlete's eligibility on this form is from September to September. This form will be available from the USCSA national office or from each conference headquarters. It is the responsibility of each team to secure this form, supply accurate and complete information where requested, submit it to the proper authorities for additional information, verification and signature, and file one copy with the USCSA national office no later than the **Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day** of each year. *Additions to team forms are permissible prior to the completion of the mid point race of a teams qualifying season.* Added competitors may not compete **on a scoring team or be included in scoring for individual qualifying to regional championships** without a completed eligibility form and a USCSA Competition License. **An athlete may compete as a guest in the event at the discretion of the event organizer before USCSA eligibility is established, but cannot be included in the scoring for regional qualifications retroactively once eligibility is established.**

Purpose of amendment:

Athletes are allowed to register on a team after the Tuesday before thanksgiving deadline as long as the team is registered in time. USCSA nationals office is not always able to process eligibility before the start of the race season, and where there are questions to an athletes eligibility, it often takes some time to sort out paperwork. The result is that individuals may be "pending" thru large parts of the season, and when they become eligible, team and individual scoring must be adjusted to reflect the changes in eligibility.

In the past season, Fort Lewis College was allowed to participate at the western regional championship by the USCSA national office despite not finishing their eligibility paperwork until Friday before the last meet in the rocky mountain conference, in violation of the current wording of 4.03a.

The proposed amendment allows an athlete to compete as a "guest" while eligibility is sorted out, but the athlete cannot compete on a team, or compete for individual qualification to the regional championships until he or she is eligible. This eliminates the need to go back and change the scoring of all previous races once an athlete becomes eligible during the season.

Discussion

Bill Toof

O.I. Participation

Restricted license options are not available to members of regular license teams. Individual restricted license is available only to athletes competing as individuals.

Under no circumstances should a racer participate in team scoring towards Regional/National Championships without a regular license and proof of eligibility.

Individuals may compete as guests without USCSA membership, but need to hold a USSA competitors license or equivalent proof of insurance and assumption of risk.

	<p>Motion: The USCSA consistently reacts to our existing environment when it comes to communication, but we lack a long-term strategy for pro-active communication to build organization awareness across both our primary constituency and secondary partners in the industry. We need to improve our communication with conference coordinators, team captains, and coaches. We need to have a clear, simple stream of communication to insure that information is being sent to all coordinators efficiently. We need to market the successes of what the executive board accomplishes during the off season and relate this information on to the coordinators, coaches and captains. Furthermore, we need to address the fact that many of our teams don't find any value in being a part of the USCSA. What does the national office do for you? This proposal requests that the full-board endorse the creation of a communications plan that will be crafted by the Marketing Director and ratified by the Executive Board. Once this plan is created, it will thus become the procedure manual for proper communication between the members of the board; it will guide coordinators on how to communicate with their conference/teams, and will provide appropriate strategic channels of communication with information being disseminated to the outside world on behalf of the USCSA.</p> <p>Internal Communications: (Primary) Coaches/Captains Exec Board Communication Full-Board Communication Current Athletes Office of Executive Director Parents Alumni Volunteers</p> <p>External Communications: (Secondary) University Officials High School Coaches/Counselors Industry Sponsors Non-Industry Sponsors Television Networks Industry Magazines USSA USASA</p> <p>Aspects of Communication Plan Include: Proper Methods of Communication/Appropriate vs. Inappropriate Discussions Posting of Results/Scoring Procedures Website/Forum Communications Online Communities (Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn) Press Release/Newsletters/</p> <p>2nd Jim Pietrovito</p> <p>Discussion Ron B. is there a cost? Collin - yes</p> <p>Collin withdraw the proposal 2nd Jim Pietrovito</p>
FB-08-07	<p>Kim Bownes – Proposal brought forward by Alpine Committee/Business and Legal (Proposal by Mark Sullivan)</p> <p>Motion: Proposal: USSA membership for athletes not already members, qualified for the alpine events of the US Collegiate Skiing & Snowboarding National Championships TM, will be paid for by the USCSA. The added cost associated with this proposal will be obtained through an USCSA Alpine Team dues increase of approximately \$1 per athlete.</p> <p>Reason: The USCSA Alpine National Championships are a scored USSA event. To remain a scored event requires some USCSA athletes to obtain an undesired additional USSA membership to be eligible to compete. The USCSA is still discussing an arrangement to grant membership in USSA to all USCSA</p>

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ALPINE COMPETITION AND RULES

Attendees: Kim Bownes (Chairperson), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Mark Sullivan (Eastern Conf.), Jerry Wolf (Grand Teton Conf.), Jeff Egan (Mideast Conf.), Robin Dzubay (Midwest Conf.), Paul Roszypal (Rocky Mt. Conf.), Bo Bigelow (Eastern Representative), Betsy Pantazelos (Female Alpine Student Rep), Jesse Lindemere (Male Alpine Student Rep) Ron Bonneau (Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference), Branko Zagar (Northern Ca. Conference Coordinator & Sierra Nevada College),

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APL-08-01	<p>Proposal #10 – Bill Hetrick</p> <p>Rulebook Section 3.1.0.1 Protests Concerning Alpine Events: Amount needs to be changed to current USSA amount,</p> <p>There was some question re this Nationals this year because our Rulebook States \$25 and we required \$100 All Committee members agreed that our protest fee should be consistent with the USSA fee which is \$50 (\$100 for equipment protests).</p> <p>Unanimous voice 0 opposed 0 abstention</p>
ALP-08-02	<p>Branko Zagar</p> <p>Motion: To award the National Title for overall winner combined for boys and girls in Alpine Skiing. We could use the follow point system: 1st Place -- one point 2nd Place -- two points 3rd Place -- three points, etc. And than combine the points for girls and boys and the team with the lowest points total is the USCSA AlpineOverall winner. If we have a tie the team with more first places wins. If we still have a tie that the team with more second places and than third ... wins.</p> <p>2nd Jim Pietrovito</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>4 Approved 5 opposed 0 abstention</p>

ALPINE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ALP-08	<p>Alpine Competition and Rules Committee: Meeting Minutes Submitted by Kim Bownes Minutes of the Alpine Rules Committee: Proposal #10 Discussion:</p> <p>Bill Hetrick wrote this proposal because there was some confusion at Nationals last year about the amount of money needed for a protest. Our Technical Delegate stated that the protest fee would be \$100, but people thought it was going to be either \$25 or \$50. Jerry Wolf discussed that it would be appropriate and in-line with the rest of our rules to be the same as what is stated in rule 644.04 in the USSA Competition Guide. All Committee members agreed that our protest fee should be consistent with the USSA fee which is \$50 (\$100 for equipment protests).</p> <p>The recommendation of the Alpine Rules Committee is to change our rule book to say “Reference the USSA Competition Rules.”</p>
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CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION AND RULES

Attendees: Amy Lane (Chairperson, Eastern Conf.), Matthew Delaney (Male Cross Country Student Rep), Sarah Hirsh (Female Cross Country Student Rep), Christi Boggs (Rocky Mt. Coordinator) Ron Bonneau (Northwest Coordinator)
Non Committee attendees:, Robin Dzubay (Coordinator, Midwest), Jim Pietrovito (Member at Large)

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XC-08-01	<p>Proposal #16 Christi Boggs Motion: To change CC schedule at Nationals</p> <p>Proposed wording:</p> <p>(Section 4, 1.02) Even years Classical 1.5k Sprint Freestyle 8.5k, interval start Classical 15k, mass start Relay 3x5k, Classical, Freestyle, Freestyle, mass start</p> <p>Odd years Freestyle 1.5k Sprint Classical 8.5k, interval start Freestyle 15k, mass start Relay 3x5k, Classical, Classical, Freestyle, mass start</p> <p>(Section 7, 4.01) - [there is additional language under this section pertaining to alpine which won't change, but the Nordic information will change as follows] 4.01 Even Year Format Day prior to other events: Men's and Women's 1.5k Classical Sprint</p> <p>Day one: Women's and Men's 8.5k freestyle, 30 second interval start</p> <p>Day three: Women's and Men's 15k classical, mass start</p> <p>Day four: Women's and Men's 3x5k relay (classical, freestyle, freestyle), mass start</p> <p>4.02 Odd Year Format Day prior to other events: Men's and Women's 1.5k Freestyle Sprint</p> <p>Day one: Women's and Men's 8.5k classical, 30 second interval start</p> <p>Day three: Women's and Men's 15k freestyle, mass start</p> <p>Day four: Women's and Men's 3x5k relay (classical, classical, freestyle), mass start</p> <p>2nd (Sarah Hirsch) Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approved Unanimously 0 opposed 0 Abstentions</p>
XC-08-02	Proposal #18 Collin Casper

Nationals.

Matt - Don't want to lose quality people due to missing Regionals.

Amy –Do you want to allow someone to come who hasn't participated all year.

Christi – Is the berth allocation fair?

Amy – Procedure seems to be good for now, we will continue to check in on this item over the next few years.

Night Sprint – how did the athletes feel about this?

- Matt – it was fun, would be great if the lighting is good. Lighting is important. It's fun.
- Some venues don't have lighting and Nordic is sometimes far away.
- Should we do it at the alpine venue? Not sure alpine hills can do a good job of grooming. Would compress time between qualification and finals. Classical races would be extremely challenging.
- The exposure is wonderful!
- If we do a night sprint push back the next day's race by an hour.

2009 Venue – Alpine will be at Winter Park, the close options are Devil's Thumb or Snow Mountain Ranch

- Both are above elevation cap
- Devil's Thumb is close
- Igor (previously of Snow Mountain Ranch) has moved to Devil's Thumb.

General consensus is to go to Devil's Thumb

4-Way Scoring

- Harry - Change the scoring to accommodate for 4-way athletes, change events to allow for these teams.
- Harry – will consider writing a proposal for next year's BOD meeting
- Discussed changing scoring events to sprint and relay

Nationals Event

- In all races (especially sprint), discussed allowing clearly slower athletes to start with non-scorers.

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SNOWBOARD COMPETITION AND RULES

Attendees:: Bill Hartman (Chairperson, VP Snowboard), Collin Casper (SCSSC Con. Coordinator), Cara Hope (Snowboard Student Rep.) Ron Bonneau (Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference) Lari Garren (Southeast Conference Coordinator) Justin Globerson (Snowboard Student Rep)
Non Committee attendees::

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SB-08-01	<p>Proposal #22 Bill Hartman</p> <p>Motion The USCSA rulebook doesn't specify directly a ruling if inverted tricks are allowed. As a result, the default ruling is that inverted tricks are allowed by rule. However, the USCSA has stated its position was against inverts. I propose that inverted tricks be allowed when the resort does not have strict policy against them. In case they are not allowed, all athletes must be notified in the registration packet so they may prepare a routine which does not involve inverts well before the competition starts</p> <p>Move Vote Form SB Committee to Discussion to Full Board</p> <p>Unanimous Approval Opposed Abstain</p>
SB-08-03	<p>Proposal #28 Yuri Kobziar</p> <p>Motion In addition to alpine competition, add slope style events like: half pipe; rail jam; big air, ski & boarder cross etc. How do would the addition of these events affect out insurance? What specific events do we sanction? How do these events get scored? What safety equipment is mandatory? Helmets with ear flaps?</p> <p>Move SB Committee Discussion. Do not bring to full board</p>
SB-08 -04	<p>Proposal # 21 Bill Hartman</p> <p>Motion: Propose funds be allocated to allow the USCSA to purchase equipment which will allow the National Championships Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Boarder/Skier-X to be scored electronically. There is a great deal of time and source of error in tabulations that would be eliminated by scoring all events through electronic means</p> <p>Move Vote Form SB Committee to Discussion to Full Board</p> <p>Unanimous Approval Opposed Abstain</p>
SB-08 -03	<p>Proposal #17 Cara Hope</p> <p>I would like to propose the USCSA offers all four snowboard/freestyle events. The Nationals schedule allows for enough days to offer slopestyle, halfpipe, boarder-x/skier-x, and Snowboard Giant Slalom events.</p> <p>A tentative schedule for the snowboard and freestyle ski events could look like this; Monday: Halfpipe and Skier/Board-X Training Tuesday: Skier/Boarder-X Time Trials Halfpipe Training</p>

	<p>Wednesday: Halfpipe Comp & Slopestyle Training Thursday: Slopestyle Comp Friday: Skier/Boarder - X Comp & GS Training Sat: SB GS comp</p> <p>I would like to see this implemented for the 2009 Nationals at WinterPark as long as contracts with WinterPark allow it.</p>
SB-08 -04	<p>Proposal # 20 Bill Hartman</p> <p>Motion: Propose funds be allocated to allow the USCSA to purchase equipment which will allow the National Championships Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Boarder/Skier-X to be scored electronically. There is a great deal of time and source of error in tabulations that would be eliminated by scoring all events through electronic means</p> <p>Move Vote Form SB Committee to Discussion to Full Board</p> <p>Unanimous Approval Opposed Abstain</p>

SNOWBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SB-08	<p>Snowboard Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attending: Bill Hartman (VP Snowboarding), Lari Garren (southeastern Conference), Collin Casper (Southern California Conf.& UCSD), Justin Globerson (Snowboard Student Rep) Cara Hope (Student Rep. Snowboard), Ron Bonneau, Idaho,(Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference), Jeremy McMurty (Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference), Yuri Kobziar (New Jersey Conference Coordinator)</p> <p>National Championship Event – Expand to 4 Events:</p> <p>Lari Garen- Discussion about Freestyle vs Speed Events. Right now two distinct athletes who compete in GS/BX or SLP/HP. Feel that there is a disadvantage for the team who focuses on Speed or focuses on Freestyle events. Wants to see a split and have two Snowboard Disciplines. Concerned for a disadvantage for those teams that focus on one or the other.</p> <p>Justin- Feel that having all events for one trophy makes a more well-rounded athlete. Imperative to have all 4 events – b/c they are Olympic events (GS, SBX, HP)</p> <p>Collin- Not yet at critical mass</p> <p>Lari- Thinks that we could offer 3 nationals dues packages – a speed, a freestyle or both Sees a disadvantage when the HP events.</p> <p>Bill- Option of not having to pay is a bad idea. Should really be an-all-4 event ticket. Also concerned for visibility for sponsors – the more, the merrier. Not fully convinced that SBX is a speed event. Not timed. Lots of freestyle elements. Mix of both elements – seen as the overall pinnacle event for the sport. Gives GS guys an advantage with turns, but gives freestyle an advantage for jumps.</p> <p>Justin- Times are for Time Trials – so partial speed event.</p> <p>Yuri- Not alpine that is growing. It's the freestyle and snowboarding equipment. They foresee that there will be growth. Sees cost issues with the creation of parks at the local mountains.</p> <p>Bill-</p>
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Demand is here for it now. We have to consider setting it in place now to ensure that it is there for the future. Right now we should look to get this in place sooner than later. Unsure about the Winterpark potential. Will come as an added cost. Must be built to accommodate all levels of competition.

Justin-

Concerned about attendance at Winterpark b/c no Slopestyle Event.

Summary:

Combined Proposals 20 & 17.

Word of Proposal 20 with the addition of: Implementation potential to be investigated for the 2009 and 2010 championships, and to have it be officially a requirement as of the 2011 bid, which is still outstanding.

Schedule concerns – week of training affords more potential to get hurt in training if we wait until the end to do things like SLP. So having GS at the end has been a good idea.

Schedule to be worked out

Inverts Education-

Bill-

Rather than completely close the door, we need to just have a statement that says ‘yes’ or ‘no.’

Too much confusion on athletes. I want to make it clear to athletes so they know the stance, regardless of a “Yes” or “no.”

Yuri-

Athletes are not allowed in their conference. Not fair to then allow it at nationals if it is not offered at the conference level.

Jerry McMurty-

Will know in advance b/c it will be established in the bid.

Proposal Summary

We propose that in the registration packet for Nationals, the USCSA stance on Inverted Aerial Maneuvers is disclosed in advance.

Educational Insight:

Discussion on Voting Techniques for Slopestyle

Can have athletes vote for themselves in a Jam format – 45 minutes, etc. Easier for the mountain to handle the closure of the park.

Do the judging yourself.

Get USASA judges.

Equipment Needs

Helmets Mandatory

Leashes are a debatable idea. Debate about the validity of having this in the USCSA rule book as a requirement. Would hate to have a disgruntled parent use that as an excuse to disqualify an athlete. Poses some risk of danger to the GS competitors for the alpine. If we default to the USSA rule book, it does go to the Mountain’s Policy.

Topic Regional Attendance and National Qualifications:

Midwest does a “by individual” qualification.

Far West does a mandatory regional championship.

What is the clarity of this qualification.

Qualify as a team? Qualify as an individual.

What is the minimum requirement?

Additional Discussion on Terrain Parks

Mountains are reducing the number of terrain parks in the Midwest b/c they lack official terrain park makers. Boyne Resorts has adopted this as corporate policy and is seen at the local level in Michigan.

FIX TITLE ON “NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS”

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BUSINESS AND LEGAL

Voting Committee Jeff Egan (Chairperson, Mideast Conf. & Syracuse Univ.), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Paul Wojick (President & St. Olaf College), Ron Bonneau (College of Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference) proxy for Andy Rangen (Midwest& Member at Large),: Bill Hartman (Chairperson, VP Snowboard), Mark Sullivan (Executive VP, ECSC Coordinator)

Non-Committee attendees: Kim Bownes (VP Alpine), Betsy Pantazelos (Alpine Student Representative & BU)

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BUSINESS AND LEGAL MEETING MINUTES

BL-08	<p>Business & Legal Committee Minutes (Minutes by Collin Casper) Paul Wojick, Ron Bonneau, Andy Rangen, Bill Hartman, Jeff Egan, Bill Hetrick, Amy Lane, Mark Sullivan, Collin Casper, Kim Bownes</p> <p>Proposals on Employee Salary Increases</p> <p>Issue One – Checks to Laura Sullivan instead of a company. Would make sense to be made out to a “Company Name” instead of Laura Sullivan.</p> <p>USCSA did not do their fiduciary activity properly. But Laura Sullivan has done what she needs to do on her end as it is required by law as a contract employee.</p> <p>Must make sure we continue to treat the Executive Director as a contract employee.</p> <p>Proposal on Awards: Issue – Quality and Cost on Awards</p> <p>Kim Bownes – “Can’t have a 2nd place so huge with a 3rd place as a Peanut Dish.” Awards are embarrassing when in trophy cases in comparison to the other awards. Be aware of what they are going to be and where they are going.</p> <p>Laura Sullivan – She agrees, needs to place boundaries on the purchase process.</p> <p>Paul Wojick – Real issue here is we spend about \$2500 for the awards that we do. This could/should be financed out of the regular season budget, and would have to be if we were going to do something more substantial.</p> <p>Mark Sullivan – In 2002, we spent \$7500 on professional awards. These were not acceptable.</p> <p>Jeff Egan – About Oneida Limited – They don’t make the stuff any more and the product is now cheap when compared to the years in the past. They don’t have the inventory that they used to have and not sure if we can get what we want any more. One thing would like to say on this is to see something that is distinguishing to USCSA. Something UNIQUE. Should also consider doing this at a regional event, too, for uniformity. Back when we had sponsors from FORD, we all had plaques, they were the same, but they were nothing spectacular, but uniform. Financial situation changed and we could no longer do this, but now we are seeing a more stable time.</p> <p>We have lost sight of Regionals as importance and we need to work to bring back the prestige of this event. Feels that we could resolve this by being uniform.</p> <p>Amy Lane – Student Athlete liked the plates better in terms of uniqueness and for display. Still feels that there is room for improvement.</p>
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Ron B- Does Agree with the fact that there should be something substantial. Agrees with Kim. Doesn't want to copy with NCAA, but likes to see the series of national championship trophies that are consistent from the USCSA year after year. Let's pick something that we can live with for a while. A plate of the sort that we have been presenting is fine as long as they are uniform. Cost is an issue, but we keep skipping past the SPONSORSHIP potential.

Jeff Egan – Sponsors will not last that long.

Mark Sullivan – ALL of the plates are unique because they are seconds. This is a problem, but it is what it has been in the past. We have developed a unique award and we can do this with plaques. A guy started making these things, but we never went on and finished them.

Ron/Jerry Wolf – Dark wood, UCI does this through the Industrial Arts department. Laser inlayed. They have 3 different sizes. This is by far cheaper than anything else they have put together.

Intent of the Awards committee to work with the President and the Executive Director to create an award that works to fit the needs of these requests.

Paul Wojick – Where are we financing?

Ron Bonneau – Wants to finance from National Championship Budget.

Collin Casper – We need to make sure that it is branded in line with the Marketing aspects of the USCSA.

Oversight Committee & Executive Director Performance Evaluation

Collin Casper – Discussion of proposal

Paul Wojick – Committee would allow feedback in a hopefully non-threatening way. This committee would be available for others to address if they have concerns about the Executive Director.

Jeff Egan - Do I understand correctly, Is this to establish a feedback look from members as to see how well the national office is performing. Would like to recommend that the Committee is created by the past presidents. We all have been through it and we all know what it's about. We would be the best choice to evaluate.

Paul Wojick – Situation right now is that it should be at least the immediate past president. This would create a process that would allow a buffer between the executive director and the president.

Jeff Egan – Thinks that there is some experience that he and Bill Hetrick would bring that are better than others, which could also be invaluable. Should include past presidents active on the board.

Paul Wojick – Would also think that this should be a permanent standing committee.

Ron Bonneau – Agrees

Jeff Egan – Agrees. Officers will change as presidents change.

Develop a Program Development Budget

Collin Casper – Reviewed Proposal

Bill Hartman – Didn't know existed, wanted to

Jeff Egan – looked for clarification on how the money was spent. Will it be used to compensate time?

Collin Casper – Answered question.. Not time, but for things like hill space.

Paul Wojick – Hard to deny money from one conference when giving to other conferences. Already suspicion about what the exec board does with those who are not on the exec board. Fearful about the particulars of implementation. Would be very difficult to determine how to award this money. Feels would have to abstain, since he wont' be in the middle of this. Would have to be the executive board who could issue the amount.

Bill Hartman – Likes it if it were for just tangibles. Concerned about where the money is applied to non-physical assets.

Ron Bonneau – How much could we award? Why not have 11 conferences all ask for this money at the same time? If we had cash sponsors, then this could be used.

Mark Sullivan – Road Experience. Allocate \$300 a year. Revolving Loan Fund. This can be a pretty smart long-term management program to grow money. Only for hard-good assets. Financial support from National Body should come from only

Paul Wojick – Would you accept a “Capital Fund” that a conference can use and access with basic stipulation where they would use a revolving loan fund.

Ron Bonneau – Create a seed account that we can agree to put in “X” amount as we move forward.

Paul Wojick – Recommend that a more complete proposal is brought to the executive board that has the details about the capital fund process.

Ron Bonneau – The seed fund is created to accommodate the bylaw that exists currently.

Jeff Egan – Would like to table the proposal.

Proposal Online Registration

Andy Rangen – concerned that we won’t actually gain anything from our members online. Concerned with the relatively short time to gather information, have it online and be accurate.

Mark Sullivan – Bigger than just online registration for nationals.. We need to consider a profit center for the organization. While our objective is to simplify the process. Would it not be great to have a centralized system that took into consideration to develop a program that would work across the nation. We can provide a service that is worthwhile.

Collin Casper -

Paul Wojick – We need to focus on nationals improvement, first. It takes so much time and effort on the front end. Puts everything else behind, by at least a day.

Mark Sullivan – We need to hire the woman at Lake Placid.

Andy Rangen – There are a lot of difficulties that come across with the fact that some of this will be ‘online’ and some will be ‘offline’

Collin Casper – Laura is a figurehead and her time management could be improved.

Paul Wojick – She either needs to split her duties, or we need to improve the process.

Mark S – There is some concern about names, payment and accuracy. When we see credit cards increase in the volume of use, we might want to offer a service to help with this.

Paul Wojick – Concerned with the cash collection and we should consider an automated process.

Collin Casper – Not all credit processing services post the same day or the next day.

Mark Sullivan/Andy Rangen – The Lake Placid person and service posts at the end of the registration process when it closes. Tri-State uses this concept and uses a system that Andy created.

Andy Rangen – It is important for us to consider the development more than just running into something. It would be good to see what types of information we can gather in advance.

Paul Wojick – Suggests we urge the board to vote to approve this process.

Mark – Table this topic or create a task force, which could include Andy, Laura and Eric.

Proposal Scoring Equipment for Snowboard

Bill Hartman – Reiterated the proposal.
Total Cost \$5400. 4 Summit Units and 1 base unit. \$1200 x 4, \$600 x 1.

Ron Bonneau – It seems that if we have the money, we should give the tools to Snowboard to make it a legitimate competition.

Mark Sullivan – I think that we should consider rental of the equipment. It would be good to consider the technology before we jump into it blindly.

Ron Bonneau – Is it more than just a 2-day competition.

Andy Rangen – What is the use of this for the Midwest Conference. If you need it, it should be requested of the coordinator

Mark Sullivan – Concerned with it sitting idle for the rest of the year.

USSA Membership for Non-USSA Members

Mark Sullivan – this is an effort to buy us more time to allow the relationship to evolve. I don't feel that it is fair that they are paying for our opportunity to create the relationship. Told them that we won't be a sanctioned event at USCSA Nationals, and then they decided to offer the \$25 membership. We need to provide something to those who are being expected to incur without the upside benefit.

Paul – There are roughly \$2500 in costs, or 100 members roughly to cover this amount.

Mark – Right now we are seeing that it would be roughly \$1 per athlete increases. It would be put in the alpine fee per team at registration.

Jeff Egan – Where do you see our relationship with USSA down the road?

Mark Sullivan – We will either see that we are fully USSA members or we will not be members at all. Best proposal now is that we buy our insurance policy through the USSA. This would then give us a “U” membership and services of the USSA.

Jeff Egan – How many insurances will we have? If Nationals is a scored event, how would it impact the scoring of the athletes. How would this affect the events in the conference?

Mark Sullivan – We will still need a secondary Board Member insurance if we end up with USSA. This would help us to reduce the costs to all members in the long run. Conferences that are scored, there is not changed.

Jeff Egan – Half of them want to ski in college, some want to just be college racers and some would buy it on their own. How is this done for those who don't score events. Now they get the USSA membership. We have a huge majority of conferences that don't score USSA events. Want to be careful about the stealth event here to sell us out to USSA. If I bring a team and all of my conference, the \$25 fee is just fine. Would like to see this fee continue until more of the relationship is worked out with USSA. Leave the \$25 fee in and have them continue to pay the fee.

Andy Rangen – Our region and conference pays this for our athletes, so it would just save the conference some money.

Paul Wojick – Are we comfortable having no action here.

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Academic affairs Rules Committee Bill Toof (Chairperson), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Mark Sullivan (Eastern Conf. & WPI) Andy Rangen (Midwest Conf)
Non Committee attendees: Jeff Egan (MidEast Conf)

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEETING MINTUES

AA-08	<p>Academic Affairs Committee Minutes Attendees: Bill Toof (Chairperson), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Mark Sullivan (Executive VP, Eastern Conf. & WPI) Andy Rangen (Executive at large, Midwest Conf)</p> <p>Non Committee attendees: Bill Hartman (VP Snowboarding), Kim Bownes (VP Alpine), Jerry Wolf (Rocky Mt. Conference), Paul Wojick (President) Jim Pietrovito (Executive at Large & WPI), Jeff Egan (Mideast Conf. & Syracuse), Sarah Gieger (Allegheny Conf.), Lari Garren (southeastern Conference), Paul Rozsypal (Rocky Mtn. Conf.),Kevin Walsh (Alfred University)Branko Zagar (Northern Ca. Conference Coordinator & Sierra Nevada College), Bo Bigelow (ECSC Conference Coordinator Rep), Jeremy McMurty (Idaho, Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference), Katie Rangen (Midwest Conf), Yuri Kobziar (New Jersey Conference Coordinator), Harry Ricker (Eastern Conf, UMaine Farmington, Reynolds Division), Terry Delliquadri (USSA), Darryl Landstrom (USSA), Erin Welch (Midwest, UMD)</p> <p>proposal #8 Discussion regarding proposal #8 regarding restricted licenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill Toof – Rule may need to be cleaned up to clarify how it should be used and how the racer ineligibility is handled. ▪ Athletes with restricted licenses have opportunity to become eligible. ▪ Cleaning up the rule to indicate that the restricted license is not to be used to qualify for regionals even. ▪ Bill H and Bill T will re-draft the wording to eliminate the ability of a restricted license competitor from scoring to qualify for Regionals. <p>Committee is in agreement with re-writing and “cleaning up” that rule. Toof – Not everyone was aware that rule change in 2001 that effectively put back a concept of age limit. Not a chronological age limit, but essentially it limits eligibility. It has to do with what you do after a point in time. Coach’s perception of NCAA rules are competition rules, but they are researched for and voted on by University and College Presidents. The rule is not for the semi-pro that comes back to compete, but for the kids that come out of High School. Kim – Is the 2 year exception rule is just a rule for skiing? Toof – Yes. Kim – Is it possible that because there is already an exception for skiing, that skiing is different enough to not have these constraints. Toof – Is there merit to changing it? Your clock starts when your graduating class (that you started in 9th grade with) graduates from High School. Clarification of the rule regarding scenarios and potential ways the rule was or will be enforced. Example of a rule that was enforced in the past from Jeff Eagan and how we referenced the age limit rules in the past. Discussion regarding extending the 2 years to more than that, or else not penalize the athlete that pays their own way. Recommendation of OI that we will have, based on removing compensation of other athletes from this.</p>
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**USCSA
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 6, 2008**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Paul Wojick (Chairperson), Kim Bownes (Alpine Coordinator), Amy Lane (Cross Country Coordinator), Bill Hartman (Snowboard Coordinator), Jesse Lindemer (Alpine Student Rep. & University Minn-Duluth), Betsy Pantazelos (Alpine Student Rep. & Boston University), Sarah Hirsch (Cross Country Student Rep. & Cornell), Matthew Delaney (Cross Country Student Rep.) Cara Hope (Student Rep. Snowboard), Laura Sullivan (Executive Director), Mark Sullivan (VP USCSA. ECSC chair) (All Ex-Officio members)

GENERAL	The Committee submitted meeting minutes to the Board. See below.
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NCC-08 -01	<p>Bill Hetrick – Allegheny Coordinator</p> <p>Motion: At the 2007 Board Meeting, approval was given for the combining of the Empire Division and the Adirondack Division of the Mideast Conference into a new region, to be designated as Region 6. At that time the new region was assigned three (3) berths to the National Championships. The Mid-Atlantic Region (Region 5), where the Empire Division had been assigned, was reduced from four (4) berths to two (2) berths at the time of this restructuring. We believe that this number of berths (two) does not adequately accommodate the three conferences of Allegheny, New Jersey and Southeastern. We are requesting that the allocation for Mid-Atlantic be returned to three (3) berths, which is the number of berths that Mid-Atlantic had prior to the Empire Division being assigned to Region 5 (over 10 years ago). At that time the berths were increased to four (4) to accommodate the additional teams from Empire. Now that Empire is no longer in Mid-Atlantic, we are requesting that Mid-Atlantic be returned to its original allocation of three (3) berths.</p>
NCC -08-02	<p>Kim Bownes, V.P. of Alpine</p> <p>Proposal - Also in Business and Legal ????</p> <p>Motion: We began to research some new options for awards a couple of years ago, but we have not, in my opinion, come up with the best possible award for our National Championship. I think the large plates were worthy this year, but they are difficult to read especially when they are placed behind glass at our institutions. I believe that the awards at Nationals need to be something very special. I understand that this is a budget issue, but we need to really look at what we are spending and how we can channel monies into this. I propose that we spend time researching options and I would be happy to lead this.</p>
NCC-08-03	<p>Kim Bownes, V.P. of Alpine</p> <p>Elimination of athlete Social</p> <p>Motion I believe that it is time to reconsider how the funds are spent at the National Championships. The athlete social has been an event that is difficult to run. I believe that the money would be better served to go to more gifts for the student-athletes (I will comment that the gift bags were fantastic this year) and I think it would be money better spent to do more for them individually. I have paid close attention to each athlete social and there is really very little “mingling” that happens, which I believe was one of the purposes of it. The space is often too small or the event is not “exciting” enough for the majority of the student-athletes. I’m not positive what the solution is, but I would like to propose an examination of eliminating this event and replacing it with other “treats” for the kids.</p>

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NCC-08	
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**USCSA
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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STUDENT ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

STD-08	Jesse Lindemer (Alpine Student Rep. & University Minn-Duluth), Betsy Pantazelos (Alpine Student Rep. & Boston University), Sarah Hirsch (Cross Country Student Rep. & Cornell), Matthew Delaney (Cross Country Student Rep.) Cara Hope (Student Rep. Snowboard), Justin Globerson, (Student Rep. Snowboard), Collin Casper (SCCSC Conference Coordinator Rep), Amy Lane (VP Cross-Country) Jim Pietrovito (Executive at Large & WPI)
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GENERAL	The Committee submitted meeting minutes to the Board. See below.
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STUDENT ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

STD-08	<p>Student Athlete Representative Committee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2008</p>
	<p>In attendance: Cara Hope, Sarah Hirsch, Matt Delaney, Jim Pietrovito, Jesse Lindemer, Amy Lane, Justin Globerson, Betsy Pantazelos, Collin Casper</p> <p>Newsletter Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed what it is and how it started for benefit of new members ▪ Discussed how it functions—dissemination of information for league but also for developing image throughout industry and universities ▪ Discussed tapping into each individual’s connections for interviews ▪ Reinforced the importance of timeliness and contributing in any way possible. <p>Discussed the benefit of possible sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academy snowboards <p>Action Item: Needing to instate permanency of Student Athlete Committee</p> <p>Action Item: Spread Awareness of Student Athlete Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announce the current student athletes at the banquet as it reaches some cross-section rather than no one. <p>Discussed using Ning.com to set up a social networking center for athletes that is USCSA specific.</p> <p>Discussed social banquet event and the possible activities for it (in place of Bingo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ice Skating ▪ Fireworks were awesome ▪ Bouncy bounce obstacle course <p>Discussed Awards Banquet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Casino night after banquet? Everyone dressed up but then they go home. Perhaps an event for those remaining at the venue after the formal event. ▪ Space constraints were an issue this past year? Auditorium style seating. Hockey rinks, gymnasiums. <p>Action Item: Schedule the Skiercross on a Tuesday so that more athletes (skiers) can potentially participate in the qualification stages of that event.</p> <p>Action Item: Provide athletes with a map of the slopestyle event features involved in the actual event at registration so that they have the opportunity to inspect the terrain.</p>

	<p>Action Item: Monitor those entering the final banquet—hotel guests were in attendance. Return to a physical ticket system that are then checked at the door.</p> <p>Action Item: Awards—things that fit in display cases. Something more uniform.</p> <p>Action Item: Have a film made of the event with special interest sections to then use on youtube to promote. This could be done by a film student or a more professional group.</p> <p>Action Item: Have a direct communication—mountain radio—at all events so that each venue can communicate with ski patrol.</p>
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Conference Reports

GRAND TETON

2008 Grand Teton Conference Report

Year-end conference operational summary and outline for the board of directors meeting of the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association.

Teams/Schools

Brigham Young University
Idaho State University
Montana State University
Rocky Mountain College
University of Montana
Utah State University
Utah Valley State College
Weber State University
Westminster College

Conference Organization

The Conference has a Conference Coordinator. He oversees all functions of the Conference.

Race Schedule 2008

Jan. 19-20	Snowbasin, UT	GS, GS	Weber State University
Jan. 26-27	Red Lodge, MT	SL, SL	Rocky Mountain College
Feb. 2-3	Silver Mountain, ID	GS, GS	Grand Teton / Northwest
Feb. 9-10	Snow King, Jackson, WY	SL, SL	University of Montana
Feb. 20-23	Brundage, ID	GS, SL	Regionals
March 4-9	Sunday River, ME	GS, SL	Nationals

The Conference operated according to USCSA rules. Scoring was as outlined in the USCSA manual scoring procedure. USSA scoring was also used for USSA licensed athletes. Individuals who won berths for Regional Championships are scored by World Cup Points.

All events were fully sanctioned by licensed USSA alpine officials. The Intermountain and Northern Divisions, of USSA, assign the Technical Delegate at each venue.

All events were well organized and ran well without any major problems. Silver Mountain, ID was cancelled do to road closers and too much snow. Problems with too little snow last year, then too much this year, I'm sure next year will be just right.

Financial

The Conference sets an operational budget in the spring and operates from that budget. Funds for the budget come from team dues.

Conference Meetings

The Conference holds a spring meeting in April and a fall meeting in September. A representative from each team: (preferably the coach) and / or the team advisors are required to be at the meeting. Organizational and operational agenda items are discussed, voted upon, and place into action. Race Schedule for the following season is tentatively set at the spring meeting and finalized at the fall meeting. Due to long distances, conference meetings over the phone sometimes replaces meeting in person.

Tentative Race Schedule 2009

Jan. 17-18	Snowbasin, UT	GS, GS	Weber State University
Jan. 24-25	Red Lodge, MT	SL, SL	Rocky Mountain College
Jan. 31- 2/1	Park City, UT	GS, GS	Westminster College
Feb. 7-8	Snow King, Jackson, WY	SL, SL	University of Montana
Feb. 19-22	TBA	GS, SL	Regionals
March 2-7	Winter Park, CO	GS, SL	Nationals

USSA Registered Events

All 2008 races were registered with USSA, and operated according to USSA rules.

Conference and Team Fundraising

There are no fund raising activities at the Conference level. Individual teams do, however, have their own fund raising activities and those monies are used for their own team operation.

Nordic

There are no Nordic events held in the Conference at the present time.

Snowboarding

There are no Snowboarding events held in the Conference at the present time.

Summary

The Conference had a very successful and rewarding year. Progress in Conference Operation and in competition was significant and looks promising. The conference will continue to make strides in bettering all phases of operation.

Jerry Wolf, Grand Teton Conference Coordinator, respectfully submits this year-end report.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
COLLEGIATE SKI & SNOWBOARD CONFERENCE**



**Southern California
Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Conference
Spring 2008
*Report to the Board of Directors***

SCCSC Membership Statistics:

- 12 Alpine Teams (6 male/6 female)
- 13 Snowboard Teams (7 male/6 female)
- 375+ Athletes (66% Snowboard, 34% Skier)
- 32 Alpine Events (38 scheduled, 6 cancelled due to weather issues)
- 24 Snowboard Events (28 scheduled, 4 cancelled due to weather issues)
- 1000+ Racer Starts In 2007-2008; however overall participation increased by 14%

Conference Organization:

The SCCSC now has an executive staff of a President, Marketing Director, Snowboard Marketing Director, Treasurer, Information Systems Manager, and Public Relations Manager. They collectively oversee all facets of the organization. All SCCSC member teams are run solely by student athletes and thus experience officer turnover quite regularly. The SCCSC has refined its software tracking system to monitor racer entries, bib allocation, and seed for upcoming races online. Online seeding has been a huge success this past season and allows for ease of race seeding virtually anywhere in the world. We have taken this software and further developed automatic scoring at the click of a button for GS and Slalom Competitions, with plans to further develop BoarderCross, Halfpipe and Slopestyle processing.

Race Schedule 2007-2008:

Six race weekends were scheduled to include a variety of events, including Alpine GS Alpine Slalom, Snowboard GS, BoarderCross, Slopestyle and SkierCross. All Freestyle events were held concurrently with the snowboard events. Some races were cancelled due to weather, lack of snow, and other conflicts. The SCCSC again had no severe injuries to report this season. Overall the conference operated in accordance with USCSA rules and ran without any severe problems during the race season.

The SCCSC also hosted a combined Northern and Southern California competition event for the freestyle skiers and snowboarders, meeting their schedule demands for a BoarderCross competition.

Philanthropy – Boarding For Breast Cancer (B4BC):

This season was the fourth season that the SCCSC held a fundraising event to support Boarding For Breast Cancer. The SCCSC hosted an on-mountain fundraiser during the spring break race weekend of the season where proceeds from race entry fees for each participating racers and Alumni went to the grassroots breast cancer foundation. This organization was started by professional snowboarders who were touched by a close companion who was diagnosed with and passed away from complications arising from breast cancer. B4BC is a youth-focused education and awareness foundation; their mission is to increase awareness about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and the value of a healthy lifestyle. Our racers raised \$1600 in one day to support Boarding For Breast Cancer.

2007 Far Western Regional Championship Results

Men's Results

1. Sierra Nevada College
 2. Sierra College
 3. UC Berkeley
 4. UC Davis
 5. Stanford
- Individual: Charles Graves (UCLA)

Women's Results

1. Sierra Nevada College
 2. Stanford
 3. UC Davis
 4. UC Berkeley
 5. UC Santa Barbara
- Individual: Kelly Conroy (SC)

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www.sccsc.com



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Financial Situation:

The SCCSC sets an operational budget in the spring and operates from the budget guidelines in accordance with SCCSC policy and California non-profit corporation policies. Revenue stems primarily from member team dues; however, additional revenues are generated through guest racer fees, and alumni competition. Dues are calculated based on two criteria, an individual membership cost and a per-racer cost for race entry fees. Fundraising and sponsorship are sought out by our marketing team and are currently underway for the 2008-2009 season to provide discounted product to our athletes. Team fundraising does occur and all monies are used internally for their own team operation at their discretion.

SCCSC Planned Budget Income Statement 2007-2008			
Revenue	Planned*	Expense	Planned*
Cash (06-07 Surplus)	\$6,123	Administrative	\$8,790
USCSA Dues	\$6,000	Banquet/Trophies	\$11,008
SCCSC Registration Fees	\$41,500	Race Bibs	\$3,275
SCCSC Slot Fees	\$22,400	Insurance	\$1,730
Banquet	\$8,250	Lodging, Food & Travel	\$14,637
Other	\$3,400	Mammoth Race Costs	\$31,600
Total Revenue	\$87,673	Nationals	\$3,360
		Regionals	\$6,680
Grand Total	\$73	USCSA	\$6,520
		Total	\$87,600

*Planned Figures, not actualized as of 5/20/08.
 **Final Budget due to IRS December 15, 2008.

SCCSC Banquet & Team Awards:

After 10 consecutive years of banquets held on a luxury yacht in Los Angeles, the students requested a change in venue. This year the SCCSC hosted what many previously believed to be merely a dream, a banquet in Las Vegas. The actual event was a 3-day, 2-night success held at the Caesar's Palace Casino. With a ticket price of only \$145 per person, athletes received 2 nights of lodging and access to the banquet with a buffet dinner, dancing, and most importantly, the awards ceremony to honor the top athletes of the season. The top individual athletes were awarded trophies for each discipline for each sex and were awarded combined trophies. While the banquet costs have risen over the years, the Las Vegas event total cost of \$26,000 was offset by ticket prices and combined lodging, thus reducing overall SCCSC banquet expenses by \$2,725 in a year-over-year comparison.

Season Result Highlights:			
	Combined Ski Team	Combined Snowboard Team	Overall Combined
First Place	UCSB	UCLA	UCLA
Second Place	UCLA	SDSU	UCSB
Third Place	UCSD	CSULB	UCSD

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Moving Forward:

The SCCSC membership voted in the new SCCSC President, Cara Hope, at their Spring Assembly. She will start in this capacity when the 2008-2009 fiscal year begins on August 1, 2008. Current conference coordinator, Collin Casper, will hold the title of "Immediate Past President" of the SCCSC and will act in an advisory role during her first term.

We are anticipating more colleges to join in our conference. We are undertaking an aggressive approach to bring the following schools into the USCSA: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine. We are currently projecting our membership to grow to 400 members during this upcoming season. The race schedule for next season will include 6 weekends of competition with 65 race events and multiple training opportunities for the student racers.

The SCCSC worked closely with the NCCSC and with the USCSA to build a Northern California Conference for Snowboarding and Freestyle Skiing. This endeavor has proved to be a success and we have now established the necessary infrastructure to support all snowboarding and freestyle events.

We are excited by the continued support for Freestyle and Snowboard skiing by the national office. Athletes in California feel that their voice has been heard, and they want to see all of the conferences participate in these competitions as well. They look forward to seeing many new faces at the 31st Annual USCSA National Championship.

Furthermore, Snowboarding and Freestyle skiing continue to provide some of the greatest growth potential for the USCSA. These disciplines provide an avenue for competition to a segment of the market that has been historically neglected and under-served. As a conference, the SCCSC looks forward to meeting those demands and exceeding the expectations of the student-athletes. As a national organization, I ask each of you to make these offerings a reality for the student-athletes within your conference.

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NW COLLEGIATE SKI AND SNOWBOARD CONFERENCE

NW COLLEGIATE SKI AND SNOWBOARD CONFERENCE

SPRING REPORT

2008

The Northwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference had another successful year with 10 teams participating in alpine and snowboard events. The NWCSC hosted four alpine qualifying events and the USCSA Western Region Championship. The NWCSC owns or rents all of the equipment to support its events while the athletes provide all of the on-hill maintenance and gate judging. New purchases for 2008 included snowboard GS panels, laptop computer, and silk screen alpine GS panels with sponsor name (MWR Company).

Action items from the end of the year meeting in McCall:

1. A request for dues reimbursement from Washington State University was declined for such an action would only serve to benefit the institution and not the conference.
2. The NWCSC was to have representation at the Oregon High School State Championships at Mt Hood Meadows with information and brochures available to those athletes and/or parents who may have questions about collegiate ski racing opportunities.

Mt Spokane, WA, Mt Hood Ski Bowl, OR, McCall, ID (make up race for Silver Mt), and Bogus Basin, ID provided race arenas for the NWCSC for the 2008 race season. The NWCSC was represented at the USCSA National Championships in two disciplines (alpine and snowboard) and realized varied levels of success.

Data for the 2008 season:

Alpine:	<u>Gender/</u> <u>Event</u>	<u># Participants</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
NWCSC	WGS	42	81.43
(Average)	MGS	37	63.63
	WSL	35	86.13
	MSL	41	79.16
Regionals	WGS	59	68.08
McCall, ID	MGS	76	53.90
	WSL	59	51.05
	MSL	76	39.52
Nationals	WGS	106	51.16
Sunday River, ME	MGS	113	40.34
	WSL	104	51.28
	MSL	113	34.93

Lara Mann, College of Idaho, and Dewey Moss, College of Idaho, were the alpine overall point leaders for the 2008 NWCSC season.

Four schools represented the NWCSC in alpine at the National Championship: University of Idaho, University of Puget Sound, College of Idaho and University of British Columbia.

		<u>UBC</u>	<u>CI</u>	<u>UPS</u>	<u>UI</u>
Overall finish	W	9	11	15	13
	M	DNS	12	DNS	DNS
All American	M/W	2	4		

Cross Country: The NWCSC did not actively participate in PNSA events. The NWCSC hopes to identify schools that have athletes looking for an opportunity to participate via our conference advisor program.

Snowboard: The NWCSC participated in several USASA events in the NW with the Idaho Winter Games and at Tamarack Resort, ID as well as the USCSA National Championship at Sunday River, ME.

The cooperative relationship with USASA continues to provide access to events and event planning. The NWCSC hopes to further develop the relationship with USASA by broadening the opportunities for NWCSC athletes to be able to participate in multiple series events sponsored by USASA.

Three NWCSC schools represented the NW at the USCSA Nationals at Sunday River, ME were College of Idaho, Whitman College and University of Idaho.

		<u>CI</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>UI</u>
Overall	W	7	9	1
	M	11	6	8
Giant Slalom	W	6	11	1
	M	11	6	9
Boardercross	W	7	7	2
	M	NA	NA	NA
Slopestyle	W	6	7	1
	M	8	7	9
All American	M/W	2	5	8

Academics: The NWCSC was also well represented in the classroom

Academic All Americans

College of Idaho	5	
Univ of British Columbia	TBA	
Univ of Idaho		TBA
Univ of Puget Sound		TBA
Whitman College	2	

New Business for 2008:

- ❖ Purchase reader board for timing finish arena
- ❖ Work towards establishing
 - General information distribution network
 - Live timing for conference events
- ❖ Continue with NWCSC team advisors program to assist new and existing programs with
 - Representation at college fairs and university events
 - USCSA/NWCSC/USSA paperwork
 - Advise teams on club development methods for new program and for continuity from year to year
 - Support inter-team relationships and communication (e.g. co-team training, transportation, shared equipment, etc)
- ❖ Continue to encourage and develop a working relationship with USASA and NWCSC clubs for enhanced snowboard opportunities and events
- ❖ Proposed alpine race calendar for 2009

○ January 17-18	2GS	Qualifier #1	TBA
○ January 24-25	2SL	Qualifier #2	Willamette Pass, OR
○ January 31-1	2GS	Qualifier #3	Silver Mountain, ID
○ February 14-15	2SL	Qualifier #4	Bogus Basin, ID
○ February 19-21	GS/SL	Regionals	Steamboat Springs, CO
○ March 2-7	GS/SL	Nationals	Winter Park, CO
- ❖ Fall NWCSC meeting, October 4, 2008, Tacoma, WA, Univ of Puget Sound campus

Respectively Submitted:

Ron Bonneau

5/16/08

MIDWEST COLLEGIATE SKI CONFERENCE

Midwest Collegiate Ski Conference

2008 USCSA Board Meeting

Midwest Summary

Overall, the Season went well. Our Michigan Coordinator, Skip Ravell resigned this year due to job conflicts and Bill Hartman will be taking over this position. Alpine membership has declined, some due to a few schools put on probation by their institutions, over the past few seasons. It is difficult to bring teams back when this occurs. The Chicago Division has the lowest membership, but we have been able keep it in existence by combining some Chicago & Lake Superior Division races.

The major issue that we feel may affect our teams and numbers is team insurance. Some ski areas in the Midwest are requiring teams to have secondary insurance to practice. If the school will not cover the team under the institution's insurance, the teams would be responsible for those costs out of pocket and we may lose teams (since the large majority are club teams).

Snowboarding numbers have continued to increase. The Michigan Division has been running separate snowboard events and the Lake Superior Division has been running separate races when the hill space is available. Freestyle skiing has been limited and we had some competitors participate in exhibition events at our Regional Championships.

Midwest Division & Race Info

The Midwest is divided into 4 Divisions; Ohio, Chicago, Lake Superior, and Michigan. All of the Coordinators in the Midwest are not team affiliated and run all races. Races are not hosted by teams. Teams are designated into divisions by the Regional Office. Teams must participate in a majority of regular season races in their designated Division to participate in the Divisional post season race. To qualify for the MCSA Regional event, teams must qualify through their designated Divisional Race, meeting all team and individual requirements. Teams may participate in other Divisions regular season events, as long as the requirements are met in their own Division. Most races are totally run by the MCSA Division Coordinators and volunteer staff. The MI Division Alpine is run through the ski area. Key officials are USSA officials. Our races are open to b-team racers which helps cover both Regional expenses (office, medals, trophies, bibs, gates, the Regional event....) & Divisional races (Motel, gas.....).

Regional Race

Due to Lake Michigan, the MCSA Regional race is held at Marquette, MI. This makes the longest drive 12 hours in good weather. In the past when the Regional race was rotated, some team had to travel 20+ hours and many teams declined to participate. For the 3rd year we have been able to host separate Snowboard events, thanks to Bill Hartman. During the regional event, we have a banquet with is covered by the team dues & we have our spring meeting at this time to ensure good representation. We are happy to say that teams have told us our regional event is a good representation of what to expect at Nationals.

Breakdown of MCSA Regional fees:

\$60 All other racers X \$50 Per Race (\$10 for the 2 day races). To cover individual race costs, hill fees... structure MCSA has been able to be self sufficient & upgrade equipment.

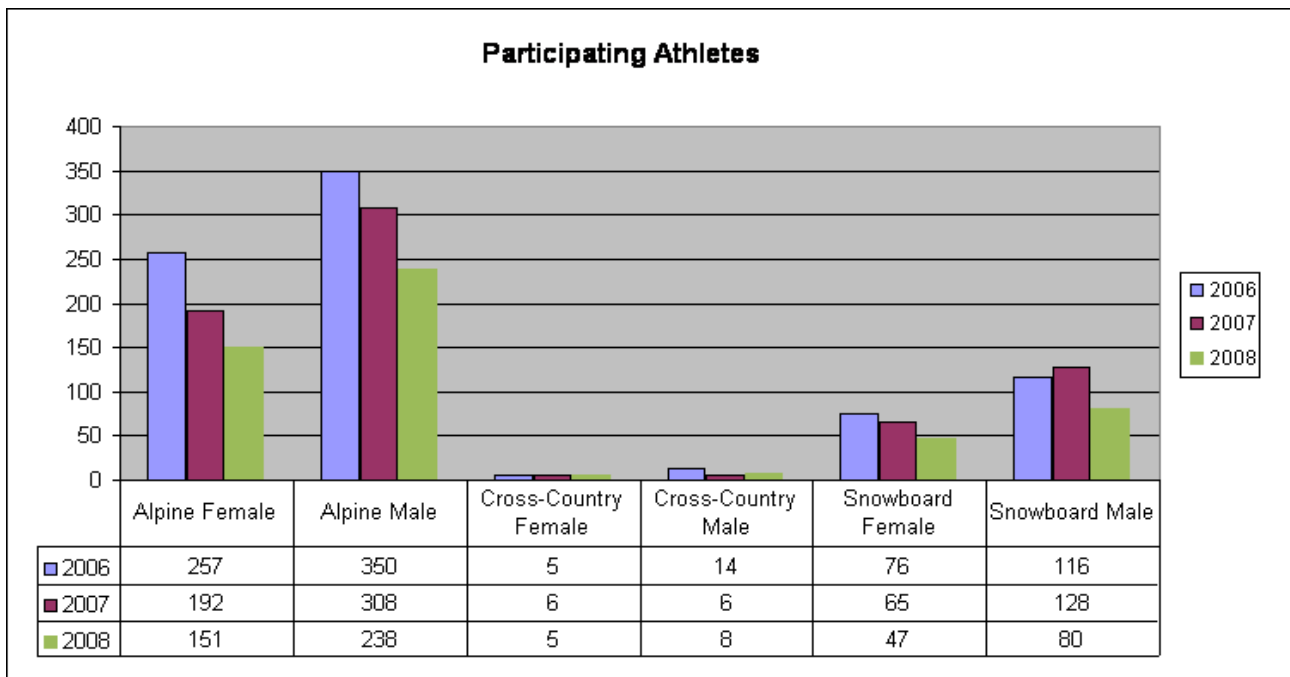
Team Dues - First 20 racers X
Entry Fees - \$5.00 per racer per day
With this fee

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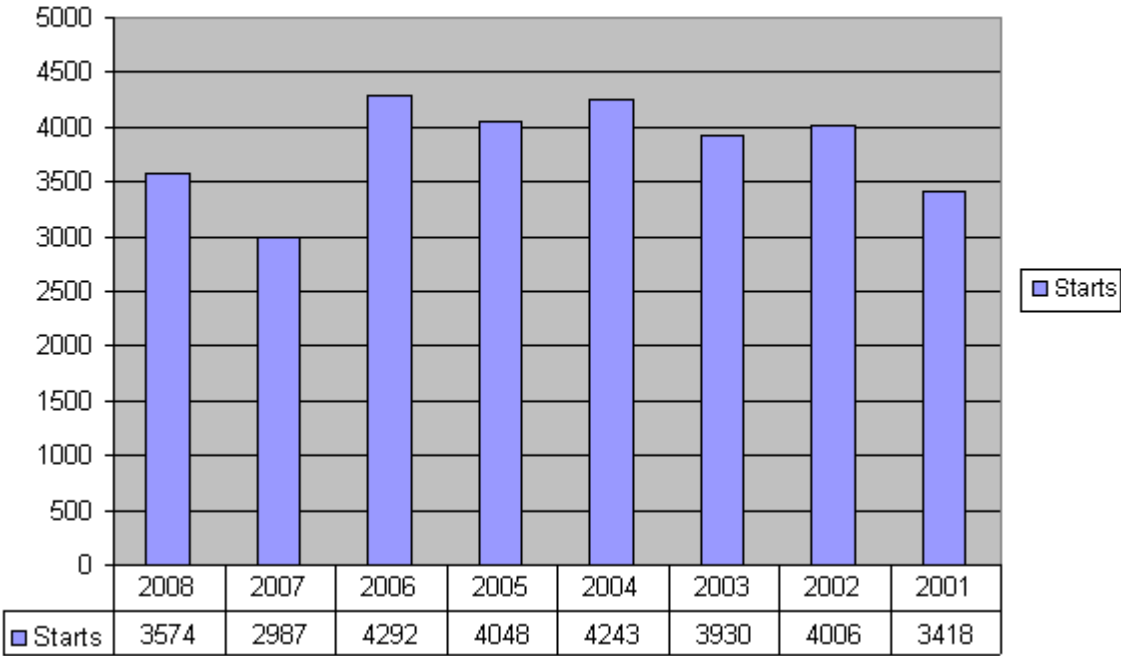
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- Luke Dean
- Jane Franz

2006	Starts	Inst.	Alp Teams	XC Teams	SB Teams	Freestyle
257 Alpine Female	2008	3574	33	54	2	34
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	350	Alpine Male	2007	2987	37	58	2	37
	5	Cross-Country Female	2006	4292	35	57	2	37
	14	Cross-Country Male	2005	4048				
	76	Snowboard Female	2004	4243				
	116	Snowboard Male	2003	3930				
			2002	4006				
2007			2001	3418				
	192	Alpine Female						
	308	Alpine Male						
	6	Cross-Country Female						
	6	Cross-Country Male						
	65	Snowboard Female						
	128	Snowboard Male						
2008	151	Alpine Female						
	238	Alpine Male						
	5	Cross-Country Female						
	8	Cross-Country Male						
	47	Snowboard Female						
	80	Snowboard Male						



Race Starts



ALLEGHENY COLLEGIATE SKI CONFERENCE REPORT

USCSA Board Meeting

June, 2008

The 2008 racing season in the mid-Atlantic area presented major weather challenges. We did not experience any true winter weather until late in January, and then that did not last. This resulted in the cancellation of our first weekend and our final weekend. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule the final weekend to a week later in February, but numbers fell off because of the schedule change. Still, the year was reasonably successful for the Conference, with stable numbers, overall. Generally, our teams continue to experience good support from their school administration, which is critical to sustaining our operation and developing growth.

The ACSC scheduled 10 separate races on five weekends, running from mid-January through mid-February, but, as noted, conducted only eight of those races. Because of the fall-off in numbers the final weekend, our average number of racers per race day fell to 159.6 from the record high of 176 in 2007. Nonetheless, we did set a new high for a single weekend of 192. We believe that membership will remain stable in 2008-09.

ACSC includes the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. It is our goal to conduct our races at venues that are geographically distributed in a manner that results in equitable travel demands for all schools involved. This year we scheduled our race weekends at the following locations:

January 12-13 – Seven Springs, PA (CANCELLED); January 19-20 – Denton Hill, PA; January 26-27 – Elk Mt., PA; February 2-3 - Wisp Resort, MD; February 9-10 - Tussey Mt., PA (Conference Finals – CANCELLED); February 16-17 - Denton Hill, PA (Conference Finals - RESCHEDULED from February 9-10).

The Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference added a new team in 2008, Penn College of Technology, which is a branch of Penn State. This gave us a total of ten teams. Unfortunately we lost two schools this year: University of Maryland and U.S. Naval Academy.

The following teams competed in ACSC this season:

Bucknell University (PA), Carnegie Mellon University (PA), Davis & Elkins College (WV), Penn College of Technology, Penn State University, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University (PA), West Chester University (PA), West Virginia University, and West Virginia Wesleyan College. A grand total of 314 racers were enrolled on these teams for the season, which included 197 men and 117 women (in 2007 it was 212 men and 140 women, for a grand total of 352 members).

The 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships were held at Blue Mt. PA, hosted by the New Jersey Conference. Participating were the Allegheny Conference, the NJ Conference, and the Southeastern Conference. The Mid-Atlantic Regionals are hosted on a rotating basis. The Southeastern Conference will host in 2009.

ACSC Conference races are run under USSA/USCSA rules and regulations, with USSA qualified officials in key positions. We have several USSA qualified course setters on staff who share the setting each weekend with qualified mountain staff. We provide all officials for each race. We utilize our own timing equipment at all of our races. We maintain a website.

ACSC is administered through the Conference Office in State College, PA. We have a Board of Directors made up of a representative from each of the participating schools. We hold two Board Meetings per year. We operate on an annual budget of just over \$29,000 (not including the “pass through” lift fee monies each weekend), with annual revenue coming from institutional registration fees, individual athlete administrative fees, and daily race fees. The ACSC is in solid financial condition. We have a set of Bylaws, and a Conference Competition Guide, both accessible on our web site at (www.raceacsc.com).

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Our ongoing goal is to consistently run a business-like and professional operation in support of the National USCSA organization. We have received strong support and service from the National office, which is very much appreciated. Our top priorities are to look after the interest of each individual student athlete, conduct quality events, and maintain solid relations with the sponsoring schools and our host ski areas.

As a closing note, I would like to announce that I will be retiring as ACSC Coordinator following the USCSA Board Meeting in 2010. During this past season I recommended to the ACSC Board a replacement in the person of Sarah Geiger. Our Board has approved the immediate appointment of Sarah as the designated Coordinator. She will be attending this USCSA Board Meeting and upcoming meetings, both ACSC and USCSA. She will begin to assume

certain coordinator functions as we enter next season. The transition should be seamless. Following are some particulars regarding Sarah:

- Penn State Ski Team 2000-2004.
- Secretary of Penn State Ski Team from fall 2002 through the spring of 2004.
- A coach of the Penn State Ski Team in 2006.
- Graduated from Penn State in May, 2004 (B.S. in Animal Sciences) and December, 2006 (Masters in Biotechnology).
- Currently employed at GlaxoSmithKline in King of Prussia, PA. Position: Associate Scientist in the Safety Pharmacology group.
- Currently an Alpine Official in USSA.

If there are questions or comments regarding the ACSC operation, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
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ACSC Coordinator



Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference
Report to the
USCSA Board of Directors
Bloomington, MN
June 5, 2008

The Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference enjoyed another successful season. The conference is home to 7 Divisions, four alpine (Thompson, McBaine, Reynolds & MacConnell), two Nordic (East/Mid-East & Maine) and the snowboard divisions. The program range from NCAA Division I teams to self funded individual athletes. The conference experienced positive growth in all disciplines in both members and schools/teams. We had over 55 days of competition within the Conference cumulating in the USCSA Eastern Region Championships in mid February at Waterville Valley.

The conference again sponsored a Prospective Student College Fair to showcase our programs to high school students. The event is now gaining momentum with near 100% participation of conference teams and even the College of Idaho joined us this year! The ECSC will hold a coaches clinic taught by Finn Gunderson next winter. (This year had to be canceled due to a scheduling conflict.) Two divisions conducted officials training, one in house for referees and the other in conjunction with USSA officials clinics. Attendance at outside clinics is subsidized by one of the divisions.

The Yearly Team Budget survey has grown from an informal information gathering to a very detailed statically analysis of team budget information. This information has been used by many teams to increase their budgets from their schools.

Inter-division competition was again encouraged. The most popular event for mixed competition is an early season event hosted by the Reynolds Division. Attendance benefits a number of NCAA schools that are required to satisfy a NCAA minimum number of competition day with other NCAA programs.

Membership Summary

	<u>Alpine</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Snowboard</u>
Members	791(2.7%↑)	165(60.8%↑)	13
Schools	37(2.7%↑)	13(0%)	1

Respectfully Submitted by,

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