

## USCSA Board of Directors Meeting 2009

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### USCSA Full Board

Albany, NY  
Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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#### Attendees

Mark Sullivan	President
Andy Rangen	Executive Vice President
Kim Bownes	Alpine Coordinator
Amy Lane	Cross-Country Coordinator
Bill Hartman	Snowboard Coordinator
Greg Lyons	Student Athlete
Marie Cartwright	Student Athlete
Justin Globerson	Student Athlete
Betsy Pantazelos	Student Athlete
Bill Hetrick	Conférence Coordinator (Allegheny)
Bolan Bigelow	Conference Coordinator (Eastern)
Robin Dzubay	Conference Coordinator (Midwest)
Jeff Egan	Conference Coordinator ( Mideast)
Branko Zagar	Conference Coordinator ( Northern California)
Ron Bonneau	Conference Coordinator (Northwest)
Patrick Wilcox	Conference Coordinator (Southern California)
Lari Garren	Conference Coordinator ( Southeast)
Yuri Kobziar	Conference Coordinator (New Jersey)
Jerry Wolf	Conference Coordinator (Grand Teton)
Paul Roszypal	Conference Coordinator (Rocky)
Christi Boggs	Executive At Large
Eric Millbrandt	Executive At Large
Jenna Bergin	Treasurer

#### Non-Voting BOD members

Darryl Landstrom	
John Jacob	
Paul Wojick	Immediate Past President
Laura Sullivan	Executive Director

#### Guests:

Kevin Walsh	Co-Conference Coordinator (Mid-East)
Sarah Geiger	Co-Conférence Coordinator (Allegheny)
Terry Leonard	

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Meeting Called to order: Mark Sullivan

**Motion:** Mark Sullivan

Approve agenda as amended

2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Lane  
Discussion

**Unanimous Voice**

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**Motion:** Ron Bonneau

Approval of Minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lari Garren  
Discussion

**Unanimous Voice**

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**Committees**

**Alpine Competition Rules:**

**Kim Bownes**

**1) Motion:** Calculating Berth

Change the method used to calculate the divisor for calculation of berth to the national championships for alpine teams.  
The current formula uses a fixed number, 22, to calculate the number of berths given to each Regional Championships. This proposal would create a formula to recalculate the divisor annually.  
The formula would be a fraction of the total number of Alpine teams but would not let the field size at the National Championships drop below 19 teams.

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Millbrant  
Discussion

**21 Approved**                      **1 opposed**                      **1 abstention**

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**2) Motion:** Develop National Ranking System

Propose the USCSA pursue an athlete ranking system based on performance in USCSA events to be used in calculating a theoretical team rank on division, region or National Basis. Rank would be updated throughout the season much like college basketball

2<sup>nd</sup> Lari Garren  
Discussion

Amy Lane would like to see this applied to all disciplines in the future

**22 Approved**                      **0 opposed**                      **1 abstention**

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**Nordic Competition and Rules:**

Amy Lane,

**No proposals**

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**Technical Committee:**

Eric Millbrandt,

**No proposals**

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**Business and Legal Committee**

**Darryl Landstrom**

**Motion:** Procedural Change to Individual Membership Process and Insurance Payment

Propose individual members are allowed and encouraged to process their membership paperwork on-line (as they do currently) and pay their insurance fee (\$6/participant this past year) on-line with a CC. In doing so, the organization would have an electronic "signature" and the need for a paper copy of the Liability & release Form would be eliminated. Additionally, the approach would eliminate the task of collecting insurance payments from the Conference Coordinators. Provisions for members associated with institutions not capable of participating will be provided, similar to the current system

2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Rangen  
Discussion  
Amend

Ron Bonneau proposes to leave this fee open until we have the dividing number into the fee from our insurance bill.

2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Rangen  
Discussion

**Unanimous Voice**

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**Marketing Committee**

**Bo Bigelow**

**No proposals**

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## **Regional Championship Committee**

### **Bill Hetrick**

#### **1) Motion: Regional Championships**

Recommend that a policy be developed to address the situation when a team that has qualified for their Regional Championships cannot fulfill that commitment. We have had situations when a team does not inform officials until it is too late, and then a replacement cannot be found. This diminishes the quality of the championships, denies another team the opportunity to participate, and results in lost revenue for the event.

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Suggested language:... If a team or a qualifying individual cannot follow through on qualification to attend and compete in Regional Championships, they must inform the Hosting Conference and USCSA by noon on the Tuesday following the final weekend of their Conference's competition for the year. If a team or a qualifying individual does not give such notice, and does not follow through on qualification to attend and compete in Regional Championships, that Team or individual, as the case may be, cannot qualify to go to Regional's the next season. They may compete in their Conference schedule the next season.

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Appeal Process: A team or individual may appeal to the USCSA Executive Board for a reversal of the penalty noted in this policy. Final decision to overturn will be reached by the Executive Committee.

....In the case of appropriate notification that a qualifying team or individual cannot attend Regionals, the Conference will move in order through the next qualifying teams (or individuals), until a replacement is found. Each team or individual so contacted will have 24 hours (from the time of the contact) to respond. The conference will go as deep as necessary to get team or individual participation at Regionals, limited only by the stated deadlines.

#### Discussion

There are two categories of ineligible, intentional and negligence. If it is intentional the committee suggests the entire team will be ineligible. If it is negligent then it should only affect the one particular athlete

#### **No 2nd**

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#### **2) Discussion- Enforcement**

Strengthen our enforcement of eligibility rules with appropriate fines/ punishment

**Will go to committee call in 45 days for review**

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#### **3) Discussion: Conference Coordinators viewing**

Ability for the Conference Coordinator to view all eligibility information pertaining to athletes/Teams in their jurisdiction

Andy Rangen will implement this. He has started the programming and will complete this for the upcoming year

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**Academic Affairs Committee**

**Andy Rangen**

No proposals or specific rules change. Branko Zagar and Jerry Wolf tasked to come up with ideas for the issues affecting their abilities to entice athletes

**No proposals**

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**Student Athlete Committee**

**Amy Lane**

**No proposals**

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**Nominations and Awards Committee**

**Jeff Egan**

**Did not meet**

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**National Championships Committee**

**Mark Sullivan**

**No proposals**

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**FULL BOARD**

**Motion: Amendment of section 4.01d)**

Section 4.01 d) A skier is not eligible to participate in a regional or national championship on any ski & snowboard team unless eligible and available to participate in 2 conference events and Regional qualifying meets leading towards the national championships.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lari Garren

Discussion

**23 Approved**

**0 opposed**

**0 abstention**

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**Motion – By-law revision 7.08**

At the recommendation of our legal counsel, propose to add an additional language to section 7.08 clarifying the procedure to be followed in the event a member is to be suspended. Propose wording will be provided by council for consideration at the BOD meeting

**Mark Sullivan tabled this proposal until we reach exact wording**

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**Motion – Procedural change to Individual Membership process and Insurance payment**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Rangen  
Discussion

Ron Bonneau: Proposes to leave this fee open until we have the dividing number into the fee from our insurance bill and the cost of the operating fee for running it with a credit card.

Mark Sullivan: This will be implemented for this coming fall

Andy Rangen: the electronic system will be ready for September 1, 2009.

**23 Approved**

**0 opposed**

**0 abstention**

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**Motion – Re-examine Insurance aggregate**

Mark, Laura, And myself Paul Roszypal , were caught in sudden contractual dilemma regarding Insurance Coverage for one of our USCSA Conference Series races in Beaver Creek. The Insurance criterion that was outlined by Vail Resorts and Intrawest did not meet the necessary coverage offered by the USCSA Insurance. With great help from USCSA, the race went as scheduled even though it faced being cancelled only 48 hours prior to the event itself. The contract had to be reworded to satisfy both parties.

In these litigious times, I would like to avoid this in the future. There may need to be some adjustments made between how event Insurance is handled out here in Colorado.

**Bill Hetrick tasked with finding a policy that will meet the needs of our organization. If Bill is not successful then Mark Sullivan will be charged with finding additional Insurance**

**No Vote**

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**Motion:** Accept Nominees

1) Vice President of Alpine Competition:

Kim Bownes

(2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Rangen)

**Unanimous Approval**

2) Executive-at-Large: Eric Millbrandt ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Rangen), Christi Boggs (Andy Rangen) and Collin Casper ( Betsy Pantazelos)

**Elected:**

**Eric Millbrandt**

**Christi Boggs**

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**Motion** Budget for 2009-2010, review Mark Sullivan

- Set to save 11%
- Insurance of the BOD – we need to include the \$2600 for Executive Board
- Marketing – have the availability to donate to the teams they are alumni
- Organization for stipend for the US National event
- BOD meeting -budgeted at \$11,000 – unaware that the Executive Director and Student Athletes are now included which makes it an increased - just not taking it from another area
- On-Line registration will come out of office expenses
- Mark anticipates a large percentage drop in teams so we need to adjust to that it is a 3% decline estimate based on the economy.
- Late fees – cannot project
- National Championships – Balance has been the reality –
- IRS fines we will be working to get these down/removed

2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo Bigelow

Discussion

**Unanimous voice**

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**Motion:** Replace Cross Country with “Nordic”

2<sup>nd</sup> Lari Garren

Discussion

Mark would like to not make immediate change to the banners until the end of their life expectancy

**Unanimous Approval**

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**Motion:** Alternate every two years election starting after current term

2<sup>nd</sup> Lari Garen

Discussion

**Motion Tabled**

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**3:50 pm**

**Motion:** To Adjourn- Paul Roszypal

2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Wolf

**Unanimous Approval**