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Dear PNSA Members,

Even though we have got this season off to a bit of a slow start in terms of snow pack, there is no lack of things to be done for PNSA and no lack of enthusiasm on behalf of your Staff, Board of Directors or the various Competition Committees.

We want to welcome Paul Mahre to the PNSA Staff as Executive Director. Paul has a tremendous background in the sport of Alpine Skiing and is doing a great job of getting up to speed and taking care of business. As many of you know, we have changed the location of the PNSA Office. A little bit further away, now in Usk, Washington, but still the same great service!

PNSA has enjoyed tremendous success over the past 78 years and this year is going to be no exception. Our Clubs are strong, even in light of some very troubling financial times. Our Volunteers are excited to get things going, our Ski Area Operators are a committed partner and continue to support our efforts and our racers and parents are eager to get this season underway!

Let's remember that we are all the stewards or keepers of the sports of alpine, freestyle and nordic skiing and snowboarding in the Pacific Northwest. We have the responsibility not only to represent the National Governing Body as a critical path conduit, we also have a fiduciary duty to develop great skiers at every level, GOOD KIDS who will go on to carry forward the values that we impart as a part of this organization for the generations to come.

Let's continue to work together for the betterment of our great sports. Let's support each other's individual and collective efforts, let's have Clubs helping Clubs, coaches helping coaches, athletes helping athletes and parents helping parents. As the challenges around us increase, so must we increase our commitments to keep PNSA strong into the future. We have a great bunch of teams in this division and when we come together as one, we can do some pretty amazing things.

Thanks again to the Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation for all of their support of our PNSA Athletes. This season, PNSEF is helping through their various grant programs to keep PNSA athletes strong and competing at every level, and we very much appreciate that partnership.

Join me in committing to another great season with PNSA!

Curtis Shuck,
PNSA President