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Dear Members of PNSA:

As I look at the various ski area websites around PNSA and see resorts starting to open, I am getting excited for another great competition season.

I am here to report to you that the various competition committees have held their fall meetings, have adopted the final set of rules and procedures for the upcoming year, and are accordingly prepared to embark on another season of competition. As well, the PNSA Officials are readying themselves for the season by attending one of the three great clinics that PNSA is hosting around the Division; Spokane, Seattle, and Portland. Also, all around the Division, coaches and competitors have completed their dryland training and are now getting their gear ready for on-snow training. Plus, Paul Mahre has been working like a mad-man making preparations for the PNSA office to be ready to administer the affairs of the Division for yet another season. I hope you too are chomping at the bit to get on snow. All of these activities are in keeping with PNSA's mission as stated in our Articles of Incorporation:

#### **OBJECT AND PURPOSES**

**Section 1.** To create, develop and maintain the sport of skiing in the territory allocated by the United States Ski Association; to promote skiing among young people; to encourage formation of local ski clubs in all territory allocated to this corporation; and to develop the physical and mental capacities of its members and promote better acquaintanceship and closer association between those engaged in skiing.

**Section 2.** To standardize rules governing ski competition, races, and other ski events.

**Section 3.** To cooperate with affiliated clubs in arranging most effectively and economically for visits of skiers from one club to tournaments of another club and the interchange of skiers between the different divisions of the United States Ski Association and other ski organizations.

**Section 4.** To generally promote the moral, physical and mental advantages and development to be derived from the sport of skiing, without profit to this corporation or the members thereof.

PNSA exists solely for the good of the sport; without regard to whether the skis are fat or skinny, single or double, travelling around gate poles or jumping through the air. And without regard to which club we individually call home. This is our 79<sup>th</sup> year of providing the highest quality training and competition opportunities for our members. Our challenge as leaders of the Division is to assure that we provide a structure so that PNSA can continue to carry out its mission for a long time into the future.

PNSA has enjoyed great success in the past and it is our intent to continue that record. I invite you all to join together with us, the PNSA Board of Directors, the Competition Committees, and PNSEF, to make this the best season ever. Quality training, challenging yet fair competitions, and as much support as we can all provide to our competitors in the quest of their goals; that is what we want to achieve. We can make that a reality with all the hard work and dedication that our members provide every year.

Thanks for all your help again this year, Rob Crick