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I have been privileged to have served as the NVT Regional Director since April 2010. I have held many regional positions over the years since joining NSP in 1987. It has been a very rewarding position to serve as RD after the many years of representing the region in other capacities such as Assistant Regional Director, Regional OEC Advisor and Regional Awards Advisor. I look forward to the opportunity to serve another term as your Regional Director and I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make the Northern Vermont Region one of the best regions in our Division. I will continue to look for ways to better serve our membership, work to enhance the image of National Ski Patrol, communicate openly and tell everyone who will listen, how special our members are, the work they do, and how very proud we all are to be a part of this organization.

This past year has been a very educational period for me. As much as I thought I knew about our organization nationally, within the Division and most certainly with our Region, I discovered there is a lot more to this job than one realizes. As a longtime emergency medical volunteer, I find being a ski patroller the most rewarding with the comradery and commitment to ski patrolling is unequalled. I proudly serve in this capacity to carry forth our work among our 9 NVT patrols and among the Eastern Division's 220 patrols as a member of the Eastern Division board.

This past year besides attending Division meetings in Albany in the spring and fall of 2010, along with attending the Winter Board meeting at Sugarloaf, ME, I also had an opportunity to help out at the Regional OEC course final evaluation, and helped out at the Senior EMM clinics and final evaluation. I also had the opportunity to attend most of the 2010 NVT patrol refreshers. It provided an opportunity to see other patrols present their refresher topics and meet many of the members of those patrols. I look forward to visiting the patrols again this coming season and meeting more of you in my travels.

Working closely with the many staff within our region has proved to be very rewarding. There is a wealth of knowledge and commitment that has made NVT one of the best regions in our Division. This past year we have seen the establishment of a Regional treasurer, the continued offering of a Regional OEC course, a larger staff of Instructor/Trainers and an increase in OEC instructors across our region. We have a very active and often updated Web page, new and energetic blood in our Regional OEC Advisor, a new Northern Section Chief, and other new advisors to help carry forward our many educational programs. This year NVT was also awarded the Eastern Division's Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol award which went to the Jay Peak Ski Patrol.

As a Board member within the Eastern Division, I also am the Division Committee Chairperson for the Long Range Planning Committee. I have been tasked by John

Shipman, our Division Director to work with my committee and the Finance Committee to develop information on how the Division is spending the dues of our members for our various educational and skill building programs. In these tight economic times, it is important to ensure we are getting the most for our dollars from the dues collected from our members. I look forward to working on that project in the coming months.

I believe that the crux of the National Ski Patrol System is the local patrols and the patrollers that serve them. I believe those of us who hold positions in the upper levels of our region, whether elected or appointed, should feel that their task is to serve the needs of the local patrols and patrollers. I will carry forth that belief as your Director.

I embrace the need for ongoing collaboration with my patrol colleagues and will do all that I can to support their continued need for moving forward in these challenging times of operating a patrol with the financial constraints and varying resources. I will be your voice at the Division level and will work hard to carry forth your concerns and provide support where ever I can. I will always be willing to take the time to communicate with you about the issues, concerns, or decisions that get made regionally or at the Division.

I continue to look forward to the opportunity to carry forth in these efforts as Regional Director and represent the NVT Region at Division level. I appreciate your support in helping the Region staff and I support you in your patrolling efforts. Please feel free to contact me about any issue or concern you have.