

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

2018 CONVENTION ISSUE

TWO WEEKS & Counting - Far West's 86th Annual Convention: The Far West Ski Association invites all snowsports enthusiasts to attend its' 86th Annual Convention, to be held at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, June 7-10, 2018, in beautiful Reno, Nevada.

Your four-day weekend will keep you busy with all that is planned, including: discussions on programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletic scholarships, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach. The event will be hosted by the *Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League and Council*.

The Silent Auction & Trade Show gives attendees the opportunity to bid on ski and travel packages. This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend, so we are hoping for a large turnout. A Welcome Party will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a hosted drink, by Far West Ski Association. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit *Achieve Tahoe*, a customized Adaptive Ski & Snowboard instruction for all abilities. They lead the way in adaptive sports and recreation, making skiing and snowboarding programs available for children and adults with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities.

On Saturday, you can attend the Travel Expo to meet with ski resorts, tour operators, and other snowsports representatives to plan future trips for your club and/or council. We'll have the Snowsports Leadership Academy, Public Affairs Panels, and a session by Bob Ellis on *The Future of Recreational Racing*".

The Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions will feature topics related to making your non-profit passion a successful reality, succession planning, and maximizing travel opportunities for members with special needs. The Public Affairs Panel will consist of special celebrity guests and representatives from the U.S. Forest Service discussing current issues relating to public land development, ski history, ski safety and snowsport legislation.

Special guests this year will be: Dave Ludwig, Founder of Hope on the Slopes; Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist; Wayne Wong, Member of the U.S. and Canadian Ski Hall of Fame; Curtis Fong, Ski Journalist and member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame; Candace Cable, Flag Bearer, 2002 Opening Ceremonies of Team U.S.A. Winter Paralympic Games, Bill Clark, Curator of the Western America Ski Sport Hall of Fame, and Lila Lapajna, U.S. Olympic Ski Team and FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipient.

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

Election of FWSA Officers: Election of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention June 7-10, 2018. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the following functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms:

President – Gloria Raminha

Secretary – Sheri Parshall (incumbent)

Treasurer – Randy Lew (incumbent)

VP of Communications – no declared candidate

VP of International Travel – Debbie Stewart (incumbent)

VP of Marketing – Debbi Kor (incumbent)

VP of Membership – Michael Bouton

Trustee Position – Fran Long (incumbent), Linda Westlund, Norbert Knapp

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com. Steve will not be a candidate for any FWSA officer or board position in 2018. **For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee and VP of International Travel, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com.**

All candidates must be members in good standing of clubs affiliated with FWSA or a direct member of FWSA. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA By-Laws, Job Descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Click on the “About” tab, then click on the “Governance” tab.

For information or advice on running for any FWSA office contact any member of the FWSA Nominating Committee:

- Steve Coxen, Nominations Committee Chair – sacoxen2000@gmail.com
- Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council President – arleigh.meiners@cox.net
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair – todd@itsmailed.com

If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. Check us out of www.fwsa.org/convention for further information.