

Thank you, all, for your recognition of Far West Ski Association as a vital, vibrant, member of our ski industry. This article honors those men and women who not only have made it possible for THOUSANDS of men and women to not only participate in winter sports but have taken an active part in making those winter sports available and enjoyable to our Far West membership.

But hey! There is someone we SOOOOOOOO missed being with us this year at the convention. We can't even THINK to move forward without our honored sponsor, BIG WHITE SKI RESORT. My ski club has been going to Big White since 2008 (okay, there's a little border thing going on...). If your club (or you) haven't been there—LOOOOSER.

Far West Ski Association, as has many other organizations, are working to move forward with how we choose to honor those who have helped us the most. The presidents of our councils have agreed to re-identify and change the award. Henceforth, the award will be called the "Volunteer of the Year" award and given to the one individual who exemplifies the standards as previously indicated by FWSA.

Bay Area Snowsports Council

Marci Lyzun and Don Shaver

Marci is a member of Inskiers Ski Club, where she has served as president from 2019 to present. She's been the auctioneer for the club benefit, and hos of their holiday potluck for five years. She worked as "Race Ambassador" to encourage race participation and organized post-race get-togethers for Singles League clubs.

Don belongs to, and is president of, Modesto Ski Club. Don's efforts have focused not only on running the club but managing and fundraising for the lodge owned by the club in Truckee. Don has been BAC's trip leader in past years and supported several FWSA trips.

Central Council

Fran Long

Fran is a long-time, active member of SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo, CA. She has served in many position on the SLO Skiers board, as well as on the FWSA board. She believes strongly in giving back to the organizations that give her such pleasure.

Intermountain Ski Council

Lynda Clark and Craig Orsen Olsen

Lynda loves being part of the Bogus Basin Ski Club and is often heard promoting the Club to others on chair lifts, in town, and at work. She has been skiing off and on since 1983. Today, you can find her enjoying the lifelong sport on blue and black runs.

Craig, also a member of Bogus Basin, is the communications director and technical wizard for the club, spending many hours on web site content and a significant web site changeover. Craig participates in many of the club's fundraising efforts and has worked on committees for many club events.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Soo Jeong Lee and Pete Smith

Soo is a member of the Unrecables, where she is a PSIA-certified adaptive instructor. Soo assists the clubs ski school director in dryland and early season snow training for volunteers. She also assists the club's equipment manager. She spent many COVID-restricted hours with on-line meetings, education and chats discussing adaptive snowsports and safe trip logistics.

Pete is a member of Wailers, and has held several offices including President, Vice President, Membership and Trip Director positions. He's a member of the National Ski Patrol and has organized fundraisers for outside organizations like Wounded Warriors and Habitat for Humanity. Pete is the 2019 recipient of the Far West Safety Award.

National Brotherhood of Skiers – Western Region

Sauna Kinsey and Frank W. Robertson Jr.

Sauna is a member of SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena, where she served as the Vice President, Director-at-Large, and Trip Leader. She is currently the Marketing Outreach Chair for NBSWR and a two-time FWSA Outreach Grant Winners.

Frank is a member and current Vice President of the Winter Fox Ski Association. He worked to reinvigorate joint Southern California NBS Ski Club happy hours and has been trip leader for several NBS Urban Winter Fest and NBS Summit and Mini-Summit events, and continues to captain the annual Lake Mead Houseboat trip.

Northwest Ski Club Council

Bill is a member of Mountain High Snowsport Club and is the current Vice President. He is an active PACRAT league racer and has been Trip Leader on several club trips. He also participates in club hiking and white-water rafting events in the summer. Bill is also treasurer of Northwest Ski Club Council.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Eileen Weiner and John Walsh

Eileen, a member of Don Diego Ski Club, is currently the Council Representative for the club, and active on the committee working to rebuild the club. She is also the San Diego Alpine League president, coordinating its merger with ROKKA and ULLR Leagues.

John is a long-time member of North Island Snowdrifters and is currently Race Director for that club. John is the current recipient of the Terry Smith Award.