



FAR WEST CONVENTION

ONE MONTH to 85th Annual Convention: The Far West Ski Association Convention is now just ONE MONTH away. In just 4 short weeks, we will be holding our first-ever Idaho-held Convention. The dates are June 7-11, 2017, and will be hosted by *Bogus Basin Ski Club* and *Intermountain Council*.

We encourage all snowsports enthusiasts, trip leaders, and decision makers to attend this annual event, to be conducted at the Boise Centre. Activities open to the public during the event include a Fountain Party on Friday afternoon.... on the newly renovated Grove Plaza, the Silent Auction and Trade Show on Friday evening, (all free to attend), as well as the Saturday Program, and Awards Banquet on Saturday evening at a cost.

Delegates will descend upon the Convention to discuss programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletic scholarships, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach.

The Fountain Party on Friday afternoon will be a community event. *Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area* is celebrating their 75th Anniversary, and have asked us to be a part of their celebration. We will have entertainment, wine and microbrew tasting, and be introduced to some of the local culture. We will be entertained by *The Oinkari Basque Dancers*. Our Keynote Speaker, *Charlie Linville*, a Boise native, became the first military amputee to summit Mountain Everest in 2016. He will be available in a "Meet & Greet" on Friday evening during the Silent Auction, and will be our featured speaker at lunch on Saturday.

The Silent Auction & Trade Show provides attendees the opportunity to bid on ski and travel packages, golf packages and other adventure trips and outings. We are hoping for a large turn out from the local community, and hope to see all of our club and council members on hand for the fun and excitement that Friday evening will bring.

The rest of the weekend is filled with a Travel Expo, as well as three separate Education Sessions and two Public Affairs panels on Saturday morning and afternoon. This busy day will be topped off by our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, which provides Far West Ski Association the opportunity to recognize outstanding club and council members and industry partners. Sunday will wind up with our Annual Meeting and Elections.

If you have not yet registered to attend this year's Convention, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org, and download the registration forms or use Pay Pal to sign up and pay for your activities. Additional information about ALL the programs to be conducted at the **85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention** and registration information is available on the website.

FAR WEST ELECTION

Election of FWSA Officers: Election of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention June 7-11, 2017. 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 – **Steve Coxen** (incumbent)

Treasurer – **Randy Lew** – (incumbent)

Secretary – **Sheri Parshall** (incumbent)

VP Council Services – **Jo Simpson** (incumbent)

VP North American Travel – **Nancy Ellis** (incumbent)

VP Public Affairs –

Trustee #1 – **Tom Bundgard** (incumbent)

Trustee #2 – **Norbert Knapp**
– **Jane Wyckoff** (incumbent)

FWSA Qualifications for Positions as approved by the Board of Directors

PRESIDENT:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board for a minimum of four (4) years.
2. Attended at least three (3) FWSA conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.
3. Attended at least one (1) North American Ski Week within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

TREASURER:

1. Understanding of cost center accounting and GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)
2. Working knowledge of MS Excel and QuickBooks or the current FWSA accounting software.
3. Held the Treasurer position in a FWSA ski club or council or has demonstrated equivalent job experience as an accountant who has done financial preparation and analysis.

TRUSTEE:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Strong business, financial, and leadership skills.
3. Attended at least three (3) FWSA Conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

VP OF NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL AND VP OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

1. Assisted as a volunteer on at least two (2) FWSA trips to run for office of VP of North American Travel or VP of International Travel with one (1) of the FWSA trips being related to the VP Travel office running for.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact Gloria Raminha Nominating Committee Chairman, at: garski2011@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted up to the day and time of elections.