

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 27, 2009**

**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION NOMINATES TRUSTEES  
FOR FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION**



MAMMOTH LAKES, CA: The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) conducted its spring Board of Directors and Board of Trustees meetings April 24th to April 26th, 2009 at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, in Mammoth Lakes, California. The Far West Ski Association, founded in 1930, is a volunteer non-profit organization representing 180 affiliated ski clubs located throughout eleven regional councils in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Association conducts active programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletics, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry, and community outreach.

The Far West Ski Association has nominated four trustees to the board of the Far West Ski Foundation, a California 501 (c) 3 non-profit foundation. The four Trustees; John Watson (Fallbrook, CA), Alan Christian (Walnut Creek, CA), John Reinhardt (Portland, OR), and Dick Shawkey (Arnold, CA) will direct the operations and set the scope and direction of the foundation to fund the FWSA Athletic Scholarship program. The FWSA Athletic Scholarship program donated \$6,000 this past year to deserving junior racers in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington

Far West Ski Association has also reached an agreement with Skiyente Ski Club in Portland, OR to administer the Skiyente Erin Nicole Scholarship which is given to an outstanding female junior racer in the Northwest. In addition, the Northwest Snow Sports Foundation has agreed to fold its scholarship program into the FWSA Athletic Scholarship program.

The Far West Ski Association is appreciative of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and Mammoth Mountain Inn for their sponsorship of the FWSA spring meeting.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is scheduled for June 4-7, 2009 at the Peppermill Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada, hosted by the Sierra Council. For additional information regarding the Far West Ski Association, please visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

*Photos available upon request*