



Pacific Northwest Ski Association A Division of U.S. Ski & Snowboard

ACC – Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2025 10:00a

Location: Zoom

Justin called the meeting to order at 10:05

Roll Call – Kusakabe

ACC Present:

Nils Eriksson, Cat Harndon, Danasue Kusakabe, Jamie Landwehr, Alan Lauba, Chris Loewy, Katy Loewy, Karen Lundgren, Ted McNamara, Dave Lyon, Uros Pavlovic, Justin Rackley, Roger Root, Laurene Ross, Carson Ruud, Shana Sweitzer, Roger Taggart, Karl Wardrop, Claudia Yamamoto

Not Present:

Rob Cravens, Tim Durkin, John Rust

Guests Present:

Karen Brenner, Bill Brooks, Lindsay Davisson, Steve Maynard, Doru Nica, Seth Tinker, Trevor Tyas

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #1: Approval of the 2025 ACC PNW Convention Minutes (May 31, 2025)

Motion: Karl Wardrop. Second: Chris Loewy. Discussion: None. Motion passed with no opposition.

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #2: Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Karen Lundgren. Second: Katy Loewy. Discussion: None. Motion passed with no opposition.

Opening comments

PNW President – Karl Wardrop

Karl thanked all for attending and is looking forward to bringing anything to the next board meeting from here on November 5th.

PNW Executive Director - Claudia Yamamoto

Claudia thanked everyone for getting the word out about Elite passes. Sales are going well and will continue to sell them through December 10th.

The PNWSEF annual appeal is upcoming. The foundation is hoping to raise enough money to better support coaches' education in the division. Coaches can receive up to 250.00 to help cover costs of L100/L200. PNWSEF is asking that every club help get the word out and put a link to the appeal on their home sites. A challenge was presented by Justin to try and get 100% ACC members contributing to this appeal. The board members do this and it would be nice to consider.

Hopefully office communications are getting to everyone timely. Let Claudia know if there is anything that can be done differently as this is one of the main roles of the office.

Let Claudia know if any changes to the calendar need to be made.

Dates for the 2026 Annual convention will be 5/30-31 – location tbd – ideally SW Washington or Central OR. It was requested to please look for lower cost venues for those who need to travel.

Director of Alpine/ACC Chair Report – Rackley

Justin noted that we are a working committee and reporting committee at times. If there isn't an update, please just let us know.

No report since convention.

U12/YSL Subcommittee Report – Davisson

No report since convention.

U14 Subcommittee Report – Katy Loewy

No report since convention.

Gate size will be discussed later in the motions portion of this meeting.

U16 Subcommittee Report – Uros Pavlovic

No report since convention.

Sean Nurse event will be discussed in New Business later in this meeting.

U18/U21 Subcommittee Report – Jamie Landwehr

Jamie reiterated that there are a lot of moving parts with the calendar. Due to the challenges of school calendars, he reminded us to be heads up next year when regional calendaring happens.

Masters Subcommittee Report – Rob Cravens

Rob was unable to attend so Karl & Justin shared that a national leader position is open for the masters group as the person there has resigned. Jamie is reviewing the calendar and helping to set up 4 races for the season.

Coaches Ed. Subcommittee Report – John Rust / Carson Ruud

Carson shared that this group is working on 3-part speaker series mostly on Zoom (Jan, Feb, Mar), including the U14 speed series again focused for younger coaches + CE credits.

- **To do:** Verify with the SEA team to see if credits can be applied to recorded sessions.

Officials Subcommittee Report – Roger Root

Roger reminded us that ALL alpine officials need to be updated annually. November 4, 6, 11, 13th are dates that are currently setup with more in December to come. Please sign up, they are free and will be

on Zoom. There are also 3 in-person clinics scheduled – Snohomish, PDX, Coeur D’alene. Rob Cravens is also going to offer Chief of Course via zoom Rob Cravens and testing will be handled as needed.

The new ACR is available online. Other training materials will be up soon.

The newly formed AOC TD group has been meeting & setting up calendars and candidate training. Calendar assignments will be finalized next week and sent out to RA’s.

The FIS TD update in Spokane was held last weekend with great representation from PNW.

Old Business (Discussion):

4.1 Development of PNW Performance Objectives - any update? - Taskforce (Sweitzer/Nils co-chairs - Lyon, Landwehr, Uros, Karen, Cat): [PNW Objectives-2023v1](#)

No report since convention.

- **To do:** Let’s put this over the finish line.

4.2 WRJC Jackets - do we need these? - Claudia

Clarification that this is related to just WRJC but U14 & U16 would still have jackets. Should anyone have strong feelings about eliminating the jacket, please reach out to Claudia. It was then suggested that a different layer would be good for this age group and representation of the division.

- **To do:** Identify some of the “cool kids” to help provide ideas on what they might want – hoody or hat or...

4.3 U12 Comp Guide – Davisson

Justin thanked Lindsay for all that she has done leading this sub-committee. Updates to the guide are currently being tabled as we are working to find a replacement for Lindsay.

- **To do:** Find a U12 Sub-committee chair
- **To do:** Review & update the U12 Comp Guide.

4.4 TD Training Project - Root

This team is up and running chaired by Malcom Ash. So far, they have formalized the training for TD candidates. Interviews have been conducted, and the process is currently working well.

New Business / Motions:

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #3: U14 Series Gates – Landwehr [ACC-Motion-U14_SL_GATES.docx](#)

Motion: Jamie Landwehr. Second: Rob Cravens. Motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion:

WR ACC passed a motion that the official height of gates will be 72" for U14 WR Championships. Several agreed that developmentally, the 60" gates are more appropriate, but since 72" will be used at championships, we should stay in sync with our qualifiers.

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #4: Alpine Team Funds – Landwehr [ACC-Motion-PNW Alpine Team Funds.docx](#)

Motion: Jamie Landwehr. Second: Rob Cravens. Motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion:

The division has the funds and wants to use it to help bring representation to the lower-level races.

It was suggested that the wording be changed to clarify the current year team with no carry-over of seasons.

The question came about adding U18+ to Evergreen Cups and it was clarified that the intent is to improve the NW Cup U16 series. This could also be beneficial for races like the Webb Moffett Cup.

- **To do:** Re-evaluate this after the season
- **To do:** Claudia to help message this to the Alpine Team that these funds are available.

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #5: Western Region U16 Head to Head for NPS Burke Selection - Pavlovic <https://pnwdivision.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025-Sean-Nurse-Selection-Proposal-1.pdf>

Motion: Uros Pavlovic. Second: Jamie Landwehr. Motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion:

Question of where this selection happens in relation to WR Championships and US Nationals. We need to be able to explain it to parents.

Question of how the quantity of spots is determined ie: is it the same for AK and PNW with each getting 5/5? Yes, except for IMD, each division gets 5/5.

This unfortunately it doesn't take into account off-season and early season work if it's based on the previous year's results.

West quota for the NPS is thought to be 20/20, but may be reduced.

Edit the proposal to define how we use National points – Single Board with GS first then SL.

To help with travel and overlapping divisional events, can we request discretionary spots? This is separate from the proposal and would be done as today by reaching out to the ROC, which they have already agreed to consider.

Bill Brooks – asked to share information from the health of sport meeting held today

Discussion regarding U12 inspection. Should we push for U12 self-inspection limiting the number of coaches on course? Should this be part of training and not taught on race day?

Cat offered that it is the cultural expectation in the East – U14 tech learning to inspect on their own, u16 on their own, U12 still coach guided, but determined by each team on how they wanted to do this.

Shana asked if they are looking to define this as a rule at the national level? Currently this is just a discussion and a long way from motions & rules.

Clubs should have the flexibility to decide how they want to handle inspections. Maybe add this to the L100 and teach coaches the different ways to inspect. Kids at this age are so different, it would be hard to lose the flexibility.

- **To do:** Get a copy of the minutes to share with ACC.

PNW Comp Calendar Blocks:

6.1 Draft Calendar: [2026 PNW Working Calendar](#)

SPAC cannot host NWCF in the window needed. Another possible host with SG venue is MRST. Waiting to hear from Roger if possible.

DL shared that this went all the way up the chain and the GM really wanted to make this happen, but unfortunately opening back up for this isn't going to work.

Roger offered that Mission Ridge can host Friday – Sunday and if not on Skookum, can use Tumwater.

Since there are 3 Super-G, maybe we consider Mission 2GS/SL.

In the PNW, we often have to shuffle things around, let's try and keep Stevens in mind if anything needs to be moved.

Vote: 13 for, none opposed. Unanimous for the schedule change

Live timing for U14 and younger – Clarifying the wording in the ACR – Live-timing cannot be running real-time for U14 and younger events. It is okay to post results, ref reports, and start orders on live-timing after the completion of a 1st run and 2nd run. Paper scoreboards and timing displays and times

announced are still okay, just not internet based. Nils commented that they did this last year and it was a very beneficial way to go.

May speed camp available (5/7 – 5/10). Nils shared that Laurene used to run a camp and they have decided name this her with her participation. It will be on Coffee which will allow for more reps than the regional speed camp. PNWSEF will help sponsor to keep costs down.

Adjourn

2025 – 2026 ACC Motion #5: Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Karl Wardrop. Second: KarenLundgren. Discussion: none Motion passed with no opposition.
Time adjourned 11:50a

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