

THE INSTRUCTORS EDGE

Winter 2016
VOLUME 40
NUMBER 2



The Professional Ski Instructors of America
The American Association of Snowboard Instructors
Intermountain

Children's Corner

By Mark Nakada, Children's Manager

Aloha! I hope you're having a great season. Children's Program updates:

Because Fall Conference was not held this year, the National Children's Task Force (NCTF) has held several conference calls to assess the current state of the Children's Specialist (CS) Program. With CS events now in place across all divisions, the NCTF has commenced work on an updated Children's Technical Manual, and is evaluating the addition of a CS3 curriculum to the program.

The NCTF revised the CS National Standards, so the standard's sections and language now align with the CS Rubric. The national board of directors approved the revised standards in 2015; the latest version is available at www.psia-i.org/disciplines/children/.

The NCTF has had numerous member inquiries regarding CS credential reciprocity with other snowsports federations/associations. Unfortunately, at this time, no international children's credentialing agreements are in place, and as a result, you must join PSIA/AASI to receive a CS certificate.



Snowbird instructor Anni Funk celebrates a crystal clear day with her students above the fog in the Salt Lake Valley.

If you're looking for more information about the CS Program, please download the "CS Program – IMD Guide" syllabus from our Website. The syllabus outlines the requirements and course curriculum for Intermountain's CS events.

With the new snow, we'd like to help you increase your knowledge about a critical part of the Snowsports business – Kids! Add to your Bag O' Tricks by participating in one of our remaining events. We're happy to accommodate school-requested 'pop-up' events, too. Please

contact the Office for more details.

Thanks for your continued support.
See you on the slopes! ■

Edge Deadlines

The deadline for the Spring/Summer Edge is June 20 for publication July 15. Articles submitted for consideration should be in digital format.

On The EDGE

President	2	Communication Report	3
Notes from the office		New reinstatement policies.	
Spring Clinic	4	Nordic	6
Sun Valley		Notes.	

President's Message

By Rich McLaughlin, PSIA-I/AASI-I President

Hello Everyone!

It's been an exciting beginning to the 2015/2016 season. Hopefully you all have had a successful holiday season and are going into the rest of the year with a good outlook. I would like to talk to some things that have happened since my last letter.

In late November Phil Miller our office events coordinator and Web master, left to seek other opportunities. His departure left a hole in our office structure that was quickly filled with the help of both Kathy and Vicki. We then soon hired Tyler Barnes and Kim Nakamura to head up tech support and the web site. The new structure now allows all the staff to input events. We then hired Cathy Milne as an office assistant to help with phones and emails. Our office is in good hands!

Since it is the middle of the season we all have the chance to further our education by taking clinics. There are many things to choose from on the schedule right now, from indoor lectures to on snow events. We also have Spring Clinic coming up at the end of the Season. This year it is being held at Sun Valley. Should be lots of fun for everyone! Keep in mind the two-week deadline to sign up (This is VERY important this year). Some of the clinics are exam based meant to get you ready for the exams. Make sure that you ask lots of questions, learn as much as you can, and understand the information that the clinic leaders are giving you. It's time to branch out and become the instructor you were meant to be!

Speaking to exams, I have to say it again, two-week deadline! Make sure you sign up on time. It will allow your discipline manager to staff the exams properly. I have spoken about exams before, it's no surprise that exams are hard, but that does not mean that they cannot be fun or even informative. Get involved in the exam don't sit back and be passive. Go with all the knowledge you can, ask questions if you don't understand, and own the skills and information. Pick a friend to go through the process with you and don't be afraid to critique each other! Passing, I have to say is Awesome! However, failure is NOT the end of the world. I have failed! I was trying to teach SB LV 3 switch mogul riding! My methods were all wrong and I panicked. Looking back it was quite laughable. This failure led to my passing the next time. Have fun with your exams and challenge yourself. That is how you grow as an instructor.

As Clinic leaders and Examiners I hope you are finding the new wages and per diems helpful along with the new fuel/miles chart. The Board was outstanding in getting this passed for you. We want you to prosper and enjoy your work with us.

continued on page 3

The Instructors EDGE

The Instructors EDGE, official publication of the Professional Ski Instructors of America Intermountain Division and the American Association of Snowboard Instructors Intermountain Division, is scheduled to be published three times a year at a nonmember subscription rate of \$15.

Opinions presented in the EDGE are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily represent the opinions or policies of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, Intermountain or the American Association of Snowboard Instructors, Intermountain. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged. Contact the editor.

Editorial/Advertising Office

Rodger Renstrom, Editor
770 Pinewood Dr, Sandy, UT
(v) 801 566-9727
(e) editor@agegroupsports.com

PSIA-I Division, AASI-I Division Office

Vicki Mills, Kathy Sudweeks
7105 Highland Dr., Suite 201
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
(v) 801 942-2066, (f) 801 942-7837
(e) admin@psia-i.org

PSIA-I, AASI-I Officers and Chairs

President: Rich McLaughlin
Administrative V. P.: Mike Thurgood
Communications V.P.: Evan Ricks
PSIA Board Representative: Kent Lundell
Logistics Manager: Corby Egan
Certification Manager: Dustin Cooper
Education Manager:

Stephen Helfenbein
Snowboard Manager: Open
Nordic Manager: Ann Schorling
Adaptive Managers: Johnny Landward,
Jason Malczyk
Children's Manager: Mark Nakada
Ski School Management Committee:
Maggie Loring

Current Board Members

2013-2016: Dave Butler, Anita Oliveri,
Nathan Emerson, Chris
Katzenberger, Mike Thurgood
2014-2017: Carl Boyer, Nancy Kronthaler,
Evan Ricks, Joe Waggoner,
Mary Flinn Ware
2015-2018: Andy Baker, Mark Battaglia,
Kent Lundell, Jillian Martin,
Rich McLaughlin

Log in to psia-i.org or aasi-i.org for event updates.



Communication Report

By Evan Ricks, PSIA-I/AASI-I Communications V.P.

Intermountain division recognizes members who strive to maintain current professional standards, and certification is not a right, but a hard won privilege. Upon becoming a member, you are informed of the minimal requirements to remain a certified professional in good standing. This requirement defines and authenticates the members' ongoing commitment to excellence and our commitment to professionalism and our National Standards, as well included in our Policies and Procedures.

In the past, a member has been allowed to pay an education penalty fee and not attend the clinics required to attain the credits. With this implementation **Intermountain will no longer accept the \$60.00 Education Penalty fee as substitution for actual continuing education credits.**

In order for membership to get current and remain current with educational requirements, the following option is available:

- ◆ Education delinquent members will have until the end of the 2016-2017 season for Amnesty, to put their credits (and certification) in order.
- ◆ **After May 2017** loss of certification will begin.
- ◆ Attendance and success in the assessment process will remain the single option to return to level of certification.

After May 2017, Failure to gather 12 hours of education credit in a given 2 year period will result in member assessment of \$160.00 education delinquent fee first year, and second year delinquent a \$320.00 assessment to **remain current**. If member does not pay delinquent fees when due, or attend 12 hours of education, certification is null and void. Member may pay dues and become a registered member. No delinquent education penalty allowed further from this point, recertification would be required.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. ■

PRESIDENT continued from 2

I am looking forward to the National Board meeting in Colorado. Kent Lundell, Joe Waggoner, and I will be in attendance. The Board decided to send both Joe and I to the meeting to be able to talk to issues that I have not previously been privy to, also, to introduce me to the other divisional presidents for a smooth transition from Joe to myself. I am sure many things will be discussed and Kent and I will be able to report back to the Board.

I want to thank my Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the division. I also wish you all an Awesome Winter! ■

RUN for the Board

Volunteering can be rewarding and satisfying. Please consider and encourage others to run for the PSIA/AASI Intermountain Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to serve other members and the division. Requirements for the board include personal attendance to three meetings per year. These are tentatively scheduled for June, November & January. We also ask board members to familiarize yourself with the Intermountain Policy & Procedures, and the By-laws, and write an article for at least one of the three issues of the Edge newsletter.

Every board member has obligations to be involved in events like Education College, general membership meetings, and Spring Clinic. Nominations/applications are due in the division office by Monday, February 15, 2016. Any certified member (L1, 2 or 3) in good standing who is either employed by a snowsport school within a region whose seat is up for election in this cycle, or who wishes to run for an At-Large seat, is eligible to run. Please submit a passport photo, a letter of interest and intent, with five (5) signatures from PSIA/AASI Intermountain members in good standing. Online elections will be conducted in March 2016.

The 2016 opening board positions are:

Region III

Representing Snowbasin, Powder Mountain, Wolf Creek, Ogden Nordic.

Region IV

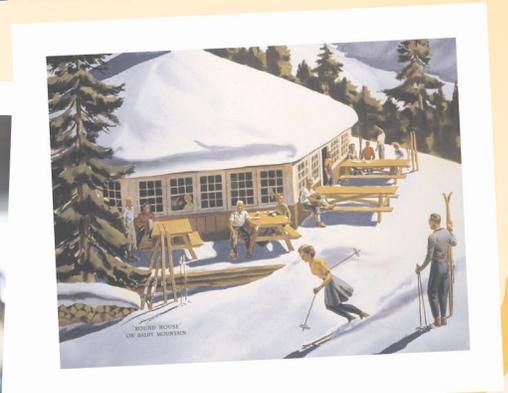
Representing Eagle Point, Brian Head.

Member-At-Large Seats

Three (3) seats representing all members.

We hope that you choose to run. ■

Start planning now for...



Friday: Ski & Ride all day. Friday evening: No Host Reception

Saturday: Ski & Ride all day. Silent auction (6-7pm) & Awards Banquet (7-9pm). After-party 9pm - ?

Sunday: Ski & Ride all day. Head home with memories of a good time had by all!

Symposium 2016

April 8-10 @ Sun Valley, Idaho

End of the Season Party with 350+ of your closest friends!

Yahoo!!! Another season wrapped up and what a time its been, now you are ready to celebrate with the rest of the division in saying, thats a wrap. Were ready to put the icing on the cake with this end of the season bash that has been a Northwest tradition for almost 50 years!

This two day event (three if you participate in the for fun clinic offered Friday) showcases Northwest, Intermountain and Northern Intermountain clinicians, in a myriad of topic choices, ranging from everything under the sun, pun intended.

This Spring we are headed to Sun Valley, Idaho. The fabled Sun Valley Lodge accommodations have just undergone a massive remodel, so it should be a fresh, new experience if staying there.

Lodging rates are already available on the website. Rates starting from \$119/night for April 6-11, 2016. Book your loding early as it will likely fill quickly due to this multi-division event and other events happening in Sun Valley this same weekend.

Speical lift ticket rates will be \$48/day for PSIA-AASI members and their family or guests. Get all the details on the website.



For more information check out
www.psia-i.org



INTERMOUNTAIN NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN NORTHWEST

Spring Celebration @ Sun Valley Event Application

OFFICE USE ONLY:



Please consider using the quick and easy online registration option available from the psia-i.org events calendar!

Participant Information

update my records with this info

NOTE: choose discipline for this event only (NOT your certifications)

Alpine Snowboard Telemark Adaptive Nordic

Name	Member #			
Email Address	Snowsports School	Your certification Level(s) - i.e. A3, SB3, etc		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	
Primary Contact Tel #	Secondary Contact Tel #			

Fee and Event Details

CHOOSE CLINIC TOPICS ON NEXT PAGE

- FREE FRIDAY** **\$FREE**
Members can slide with clinicians on Friday. If you wish to attend you must be registered for Symposium Sat or Sun Clinic.
- TWO-DAY INSTRUCTOR PACKAGE \$200**
Includes Registration Fee, 2 Clinic Days and Souvenir. (Banquet not included)
- ONE-DAY INSTRUCTOR PACKAGE \$100**
Includes Registration Fee, 1 Clinic Day and Souvenir. (Banquet not included)
- FAMILY CLINIC \$70 PER PERSON PER DAY**
Sat. or Sun. Must be able to navigate easy blue terrain. Does NOT include Lift Ticker or Banquet.

Family Member Name Alpine Snowboard

Family Member Name Alpine Snowboard

Family Member Name Alpine Snowboard

Banquet and Souvenirs

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET \$55 x _____

- Roasted Free-Range Chicken, wild mushroom ragu, spinach and thyme risotto
- Vegetarian Spinach & Shitake Mushroom Risotto

All entrees come with house baked rolls, classic Caesar salad with house made dressing and parmesan and garlic crostini, Double Chocolate Mousse Torte and regular and decaf coffee.

Please indicate dinner option above by no later than April 1, 2016.

ADDITIONAL SOUVENIRS \$15 x _____

One souvenir is included in your registration. Additional souvenirs may be purchased at the event, but are limited to stock on-hand.

TO AVOID A LATE FEE, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 1, 2016. If space is available, you will be assessed a \$25 late fee. If you are injured and are unable to attend the event, we will deduct a \$25 administration fee from your refund. REFUNDS REQUIRE A NOTE FROM YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDER.

Totals

EVENT FEES

Total Event Fees, Banquet Fees, and additional Souvenirs:

EVENT FEES \$ _____
 BANQUET \$ _____
 FAMILY CLINIC \$ _____
 ADDTL SOUVENIRS \$ _____
 LATE FEE \$25 (after APRIL 1, 2016)
 TOTAL \$ _____

LIFT TICKETS \$48/person @ Ticket Window
 All lift tickets for participants and family are \$48 per person. Just mention you are with the PSIA-AASI Event.

How to Pay?

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPTION

Go to your Division website and look for the link to signup on-line for this event

SEND BY MAIL - PAY BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

Mail completed application to the office

SEND BY FAX - PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Fax completed application to the office

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL:

Intermountain: (801) 942-2066 or admin@psia-i.org

Northern Intermountain: office@psia-ni.org

Northwest: (206) 244-8541 or info@psia-nw.org

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (you must sign this release before attending this event):

Recognizing that skiing/boarding can be a hazardous sport, I hereby RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE PSIA-I, PSIA-NI, PSIA-NW, PNSIA-EF, ASEA, the host area and their agents and employees and contractors from liability for any and all injuries of whatever nature arising during or in connection with the conduct of the event for which this application is made. Applicant hereby relinquishes and assigns to PSIA-I, PSIA-NI, PSIA-NW and PNSIA-EF all rights to the use of Applicant's name and likeness or pictorial representation in photographs, motion pictures or other representations concerning Applicant's participation in said Event.

sign here

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Credit Card Payments

PLEASE READ LATE FEE AND CANCELLATION POLICY ABOVE IN PAYMENT DETAILS BOX.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CREDIT CARD TYPE Visa MC AMEX DIS

3 or 4 Digit
CVC Code

EXP. DATE
(MM/YY)

X

YOUR SIGNATURE

Return this page with your preferred clinic topics along with your event registration form!



NAME _____

FRIDAY – Yes, I will be attending this great day on Friday the 8th of April, my choice for where is below.

- On Trail
- On and Off Trail

This day is FREE with your registration for Saturday and/or Sunday (tickets not included).

Saturday, April 9th - Clinic Topics

*Select your Saturday topics from the list below
(Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice)*

Adaptive Clinic Topic for Saturday

Mainstreaming Tactics

Alpine Clinic Topics for Saturday

- Drillin' for Skillin'
- _____
- Getting Your Groove Back
- Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- How to be Offensive
- It's All About That Bump
- Kids? Who Need 'Em?
- Legend – WaitForIt – Ary
- Playing the Fundamental Game
- Seeing IS Believing
- Senior Tact
- Shake and Bake
- Teaching *With* a Focus
- The Rat-Pack
- Tip It to Rip It

Snowboard Clinic Topics for Saturday

- Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- The Rat-Pack
- Trench It Out

Telemark Clinic Topics for Saturday

- Freeheel Fest
- The Rat-Pack

Nordic Clinic Topics for Saturday

- Working Through the Cross Country Manual

Family Clinic Saturday

- Sharing the Love (13 and up)

Sunday, April 10th - Clinic Topics

*Select your Sunday topics from the list below
(Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice)*

Alpine Clinic Topics for Sunday

- Drillin' for Skillin'
- Freestyle
- Getting Your Groove Back
- Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- How to be Offensive
- It's All About That Bump
- Kids? Who Needs 'Em?
- Legend – WaitForIt – Ary
- Playing the Fundamental Game
- Seeing IS Believing
- Senior Tact
- Shake and Bake
- Teaching *With* a Focus
- The Rat-Pack
- Tip It to Rip It

Snowboard Clinic Topics for Sunday

- Freestyle
- The Rat-Pack
- Trench It Out

Telemark Clinic Topics for Sunday

- Seeing IS Believing
- Tip It to Rip It

Telemark Clinic Topics for Sunday

- Skate Skiing Exploration and Teaching

Family Clinic Sunday

- Sharing the Love (13 and up)

CLINIC TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS

Below are the topic descriptions by discipline. Be sure to turn in your completed application with your topic choices for each day.

ADAPTIVE

Mainstreaming Tactics – Explore managing students with challenges in an on-snow class situation. What are red flags that may indicate there is an issue and how to develop methodologies to handle challenges within this dynamic group setting. Saturday only.

ALPINE

Drillin' for Skillin' – Come drill down on how the various use of drills effectively develops movement patterns. You'll spend time applying the drills and their tactical application in varying terrain and conditions to better enhance your edging, rotary, and pressure movements with balance all around.

Freestyle – Come and explore the park, learn what a park rat is, how you would approach various features, what they are called, etc. Don't be intimidated by the topic, this is the time to try it on for size. The group(s) may be a mix of skiers and snowboarders, depending on sign-ups. Sunday only.

Getting Your Groove Back – Big season, lots of snow; with it a lot of lessons taught. After all the hours, weeks and months of it being about the client, are you ready to dust off some cobwebs, have it be all about you and work on getting your groove back? Travel around the hill having fun with a tip snuck in here and there. The grooves your skis leave on the snow will be deep as you bring it all together, making some of your best turns of the season.

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – It's always fun to ski with the girls and not worry about slowing down to wait for the boys to catch up. Come work on your personal skill development while enjoying the pacing and camaraderie found when skiing with this women's only group.

How to be Offensive – Bring the mountain to its knees; don't be the passenger be the driver. Take command of your skiing, be it from wedge turns to that 'sick' line through the bumps or the trees. Don't keep saying 'move down the hill', learn and feel what it's all about.

It's All About That Bump – For skiers who have limited experience with the bumps or are accomplished and wish to play in what Sun Valley has to offer, this clinic will be fun. You'll work on various tactics and techniques on making "that bump" work for you, not against you. Appropriate group splits will be made when going out in the morning as well terrain choices.

Kids? Who Needs 'Em? – We all do! Add to your knowledge bank while exploring, learning and sharing experiences about how to play with a kids point of view.

Legend WaitForIt Ary – Legendary. You never need to wait around to ski with these legendary guys and gals. Looking for a great day of reminiscing, learning a thing or two about our past and enjoying the camaraderie this clinic always creates? Better not wait to sign-up – Sun Valley is steeped in stuff only legends are made of.

Playing the Fundamental Game – Have you heard the reference, the five fundamentals? Wanting to learn more about them and their relationship with the skills and putting it all together? Then this fun session is for you – the fundamentals will be reviewed and explained in a simple fashion while you ski through them all over Sun Valley.

Seeing IS Believing – In this movement analysis clinic you will learn to differentiate between cause and effect by developing your eye to unveil the cause. Guided by a seasoned veteran of the craft, you and your group will practice the keys to accurate and objective analysis, while having fun and taking in the sights Sun Valley brings.

Senior Tact – It's always about tact and tactics with all of our clients and maybe even more so with the senior. This clinic will look at building relationships, strategies and tactics for working with the senior; such as low impact alternatives better allowing the senior to ski a wider variety of terrain with less fatigue. Isn't that what we all want – more gain, less pain?

Shake and Bake – It's all about the blending of the skills. This clinic will work to improve your skiing performance and understanding of the application of the skills concepts, efficient movements and the blending therein.

Teaching With a Focus – Focused teaching is where you want to be and your client needs you to be. This clinic will help the participant identify and describe, with precision and accuracy using the Teaching Cycle, skill blends and movement patterns in skiers of all ages and abilities in varied skiing tasks, snow conditions and terrain options.

The Rat-Pack – Come explore Baldy, take in the view and all the terrain she has to offer on a mountain tour de jour. Learn tactics and technique to ski a variety of terrain in the mountain environment while rat-packing around, in control of course.

Tip It to Rip It – Just sayin', what else would you want to do at Sun Valley with more than 3,400' vertical and all that great corduroy? (thank you Kevin the groomer) This clinic will explore the art and excitement of carving in a safe and rip roaring fun atmosphere. Ski clean, efficient, turns, tip to tail while exploring the hill and leaving trenches all over.

SNOWBOARD

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – It's fun to ride with the girls and not always worry about embarrassing the boys because you outride them. Come work on your personal skill development while enjoying the pacing and camaraderie found when riding with this girl's only group. Saturday only.

Freestyle – Come find out what the park is all about or push your skills to the next level. Groups will be split based on ability and comfort levels. Group(s) may be a mix of skiers and snowboarders, depending on sign ups. Sunday only.

The Rat-Pack – Come explore Baldy, take in the view and all the terrain she has to offer on a mountain tour de jour. Learn tactics and technique to ride a variety of terrain in the mountain environment while rat-packing around, in control of course.

Trench it Out – Get your corduroy carving legs ready and come rip it up. This clinic will explore the art of carving in a safe and fun atmosphere, while digging trenches the skiers will trip over. Learn to ride clean, efficient turns while exploring the conditions of the day.

TELEMARK

Freeheel Fest – Take the latest movement patterns from the national level and work to develop your skills to maximize your efficiency. Expect an all mountain clinic with the objective of maximizing your versatility with modern equipment in the conditions of the day. Saturday only.

Seeing IS Believing – This clinic will cover cause and effect and help you in your movement analysis skills to find the root cause of what you are seeing in your student's skiing. Sunday only.

The Rat-Pack – In this clinic, you will ski lots and gain confidence, practice, and coaching in a variety of conditions and tactics. Saturday only.

Tip It to Rip It – This clinic will focus on telemark techniques and movements, playing on groomers and getting our skis to bend and edges to hook up with telemark specific tactics – oh and leaving some big trenches. Sunday only.

NORDIC

Skate Skiing Exploration and Teaching – This clinic will deal with common inefficiencies and provide opportunities for improved effectiveness in all skate moves. Sunday only.

Working Through the Cross Country Technical Manual – Highlights, models and progressions will be the focus of this clinic which will dive into the new manual. The focus will be on Skate technique in the morning and Classic in the afternoon. Saturday only.



The Instructors EDGE

A publication of:
PSIA Intermountain Division,
AASI Intermountain Division
7105 Highland Dr., Suite 201
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121



Nordic Notes

By Ann Schorling, PSIA-I Nordic Manager

Happy winter everyone. Here are some changes in the Nordic disciplines. Because in the last ten years we have had challenges sufficiently filling our assessments, this year we are deliberately sponsoring more cross-divisional assessments to bring in more participants to fill those events. For the winter of 2015/16

those events will be combined with Northern Rocky Mountain, and held at the following locations and dates:

Telemark 2/3 Assessment Prep Clinic: February 26, Grand Targhee

Telemark 2/3 Assessment: February 27, 28, Grand Targhee

We hope that the central location of these events will enable interested participants to travel from a wider array of locations to take the assessments.

In addition, the Nordic Education staffs have revised our process for becoming a Trainer/Examiner. We will no longer have an official selection assessment, but rather an application process. Stay tuned to the PSIA-i website for more information coming soon, or send me an email to ask for earlier specifics. ■

Auction Donations

It's time to get items together for the auction to be held at the Spring Clinic in Sun Valley. If you have any items to donate for this purpose or have businesses willing to participate with us, please collect the items and get them to your PSIA-I board member. The auction is to support the scholarship program to help members offset the cost of certification clinics. ■

Children's Manuals

Looking to add to your library? We have children's manuals and handbooks available. Visit the psia-i.org store or contact the office for details.