

May 23, 2014

To the Board Members and My Fellow Timber Cruisers,

May 8, 2014 was my last day as Chair of the Northern Interior Cruising Committee. The past sixteen years have been the best of my professional career and I am so sorry my time and involvement with the NICC has come to an end. The journey has been extraordinary. I can honestly say I have enjoyed every minute. Even during challenging times I always knew that I was one of the lucky ones. I have been truly blessed and the NICC community will always hold a special place in my heart.

Running the Committee wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our board and staff. Working at a non-profit organization, these individuals are not making the big bucks, they do it simply for the pleasure and opportunity to give back to the profession.

The "pioneer - can do" spirit has been evident during my time with the NICC. Every change has been embraced by the Committee and its members. The philosophy of our Committee has been that change makes us stronger, better. Every change brings opportunity to grow personally and professionally. I have had the privilege to work with seasoned professionals and have seen how they adapt to any situation. I have also experienced the excitement of students and new comers transition into the profession.

I am honored that you have put your trust in me for all these years. I will continue to support the NICC in every way possible.

Let us continue to meet change without fear of the unknown and support the mission of our chosen profession.

Most importantly, my thanks go out to you, the cruisers. Our profession exists because of your dedication, hard work and love for the outdoors!

Thank you to each of you for your support and guidance along the way.

Sincerely,

**Tim Nowe, RFT, ATE
Former Chair Northern Interior Cruising Committee**