

Simon Thomas



EMARI Reginal Director Candidate

Greetings, my name is Simon Thomas and I have a strong desire to combine my 35 years of continued service to the National Ski Patrol and two decades of leadership in the Boy Scouts of America, with my education, ongoing community service, and extensive business skills to serve as the EMARI Region Director. In doing so, my goal is to guide and support our Assistant Region Directors, Patrol Directors and Program Supervisors to grow our Region's programs, elevate patrollers' abilities, and attract younger members that will become the Patrol and EMARI leaders of the future.

In my opinion, EMARI is one of the finest regions in the nation with some of the best patrollers. Thru energizing our patrollers to seeking out training programs outside of their comfort zone, we have been able to achieve high patrolling standards as well as top leaders. This is evident by the positions held by our patrollers in EMARI, Eastern Division, National Office and ski patrols outside our region. We need to keep this level of excellence moving forward.

During my tenure as Blue Hills Ski Patrol Director, I initiated programs to attract young men and women of all skill levels and retain them, reduced the average age from 55 to 45 with an average of 19 years of patrolling, and implemented a synergistic "Scouting to NSP" program that helped both organizations and grew our YAP program. Thru this type of cross pollination, and the continued use of off mountain events, we will be able to help the next generation of patrols bring our region to an even higher standard. My goal is to find a way to do all of this while keeping it fun for all involved.

Thank you for the time that you give to your area and NSP. I am looking forward to your support and becoming the next EMARI Region Director. My resume follows.

Thank you, Simon

National Ski Patrol Service

1986 – Present	Blue Hills Ski Patrol
1988	NSP Senior
1989 – 1995	S&T Instructor
1991	Instructor Development
1991 – Present	OEC Instructor
1992 – 1998	BHSP First Aid Advisor, IOR Annual OEC refreshers and 4 OEC courses
1996	Yellow Merit Start
1999 – 2015	Patrol Director Blue Hills Ski Area including IOR for 4 OEC courses
1999 – 2015	EMARI Executive Committee
2006	National Appointment: 10478
2010 – Present	OET Instructor
2015	Distinguished Service: 1430
2016 – 2021	EMARI Assistant Region Director
2020 – 2021	Chair EMARI Bylaws Committee
2021 – Present	EMARI Alternate Region Director

Boy Scouts of America 1996 - Present

Leader Pack 49 St. Catherine of Siena Parish 1996 - 2006

Instrumental in growing the pack membership from 43 Cub Scouts to 83. Grew fundraising from an annual of \$2,000.00 to \$18,000.00 allowing to fund all advancement, awards and activities completely. Dues were held and used only to cover the National and Council fees.

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| 1996 – 2003 | Den Leader for 6 to 10 cub scouts starting with Tigers (1st grade), Wolf (2nd grade), Bear (3rd grade), WEBELOS (4th and 5th grade). Rotated thru this leadership cycle 3 times as the den leader for my three sons. Training included Akela (Cub leader training), Youth Protection and Webelos Outdoor Leader Skills. |
| 2003 – 2006 | Cubmaster – Managed the monthly Pack Meeting attended by all Cub scouts and their families, training of all leaders, and the annual Pack camping weekend. Training included Pack Committee Member and Cubmaster training. |
| 2006 | Cubmaster of the Year Award, Old Colony Council. |

Assistant Scoutmaster/Scoutmaster Troop 49 St. Catherine of Siena Parish 2000 - Present

Responsible for assisting the troop leadership to provide training in leadership, team building, outdoor skills and building a foundation for the scouts to make good ethical decisions throughout their lifetime. Responsible for health and safety of the scouts during all activities. Mentored 24 scouts to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest achievement.

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| 2000 | Scoutmaster Specific training and Outdoor Leader Skills. |
| 2001 | Troop Committee training. |
| 2001 – Present | Merit Badge Counselor, lead instructor for Merit Badge courses in First-Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Snow Sports and Cooking. |
| 2002 | District Award of Merit, Seven Rivers District, Old Colony Council. |
| 2005 | National Scout Jamboree staff for Bike-Athlon. |
| 2007 | Woodbadge Course NE-I-248 - Highest level of BSA Scout Leader training. |
| 2009 | Troop Guide, Woodbadge Course NE-I-261 - Patrol guide for a team of 6 Woodbadge trainees for six 14 hour days. |
| 2009 | Emergency Preparedness Weekend – Ran a weekend long event for 600 scouts with 80 staffers manning 20 first-aid training stations for all scout ages to help fulfill all first-aid rank advancement requirements along with First-Aid and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. Stations ranged from first-aid to night search and rescue to low angle rescue, weather emergencies and helicopter landing zone management. |
| 2010 | Senior Patrol Leader, Woodbadge Course NE-I-268 – Lead instructor for the entire course consisting of 8 patrols with each patrol having 6 participants for six 14 hour days |
| 2010 | National Scout Jamboree – Lead Merit Badge Councilor for the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Trained over 500 scouts thru dry land requirements. |
| 2012 & 2016 | BSA Sea Base Bahamas and Florida, crew advisor, 9 days with 12 person crews. |
| 2017 | National Scout Jamboree – Assistant Scoutmaster Old Colony Council Troop T1119. Medical Lead for the Old Colony Council Contingent consisting of nine (9) troops for a total of 288 Scouts and 36 adult leaders. |
| 2018 | Silver Beaver Award – For exceptional character and providing distinguished service within Old Colony Council and the community. This is the highest National BSA award that can be given at the council level. |
| 2018 – 2020 | Scoutmaster, Troop 49 St. Catherine of Siena Parish. |

Education

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA - Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Economics, 1978

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA - Masters, Economics, 1981

Business Experience

A. S. Thomas, Inc. 1981 - Present

A. S. Thomas, Inc. is a privately held family business providing engineering, research and development of advanced manufacturing technologies.

Software Engineer 1981 - 1990

Software engineer in the development of the A. S. Thomas, Inc. NUFORM CAD/CAM software.

Instructor for the NUFORM CAD/CAM and Expert Systems 1983 - 2002

Expert Systems Project Manager 1984 - Present

Project manager for the development of knowledge-based group technology engineering and manufacturing systems for the design and manufacturing of complex parts and sculptured surface. These systems are in use at corporations in the medical, aerospace, aircraft engine, steam and gas turbine power generation industries.

Inventor/Product Manager ASTRRA oneTouch Changeover System 2008 - Present

The ASTRRA oneTouch changeover system is the first fully automated wireless communication system for machine changeovers and conveyor rail adjustment mechanisms. Designed for ease of installation, simple retrofit and low wiring overhead, ASTRRA provides the end-user with unprecedented flexibility, speed, repeatability and accuracy in all changeover adjustments.