

Dan Volman joined the CSP in 1987 and quickly became a valued member of the (then) Oshawa Ski Club (now Brimacombe) patrol. Over the years he put in countless hours of volunteer time on snow and worked as the assistant patrol leader in charge of the social portfolio organizing such activities as ski lesson programs for patrollers and family day barbeques, among other things. He served as a shift leader for more than 20 years. Dan also worked as a paid patroller at the resort for a number of years in addition to his volunteer duties.

At the zone level, Dan served as the zone swap set/takedown manager for many years until the event was no longer held. He also spent a number of years as the jacket coordinator ensuring that all patrollers were able to lease uniforms for the season including recycling used uniforms into the hands of first-year patrollers to help defray that cost of joining. He also served as alternate zone secretary when needed.

It was within the education department that Dan made his greatest contribution to the zone, serving as an instructor and instructor-trainer in both first aid and on-snow roles. He also served as the CPR coordinator and a member of the CPR team for many years. In 2015 Dan stepped into the role of the zone's VP Education and worked to implement means to enhance the training and development of instructors and to provide flexibility and availability of the zone's first aid training courses.

In the Fall of 2016 Dan was tasked with rolling out the changes in evaluation methods directed by the national level. This he did with his usual enthusiastic and professional manner, including managing the pushback from various quarters to the wholesale change in focus from years past.

Dan has also been involved with projects at the national level. In 2007 he volunteered for two weeks at the Canada Winter Games held in Whitehorse, and survived the record low temperatures. For his work he received the Yukon Zone President's Appreciation Award.

In 2009 Kawartha Zone hosted the national annual conference and from the time that it was awarded, Dan was a key member of the organizing committee. He took on the task of organizing the logistics for the conference, planning and executing a package of events for alumni members, and coordinated all of the social activities for attendees. This was the last CSP conference organized by a zone and Kawartha Zone made it an event to remember.

Off-season (that is off-snow season) Dan is an avid cyclist and puts in many kilometres on his bike each year. He was an active member of the 365 events patrol from its inception with his bicycle as his chosen means of transport.

Dan is also a keen photographer and lent his abilities to various events as the official photographer, first with film and later with digital technology. Even after retiring from the patrol he has come back to reprise that role at field day.

Dan has received many awards from the CSP over the years including at the zone, division and national level. He is the proud recipient of National Appreciation Award No. 1423 (2007) and CSP No. 840 (2010). In 2016 Dan was awarded Kawartha Zone Life Member No. 13 and in 2017 he was the zone's Executive of the Year. In 2018 Dan retired from the CSP with 31 years of active service.