

Senior Pattern Association – December Report
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The contest season has wrapped up for both divisions and this is the time of year when thoughts turn to other activities – the holidays, family gatherings, next year’s models, and more. But behind the scene there is still some activity. The point of this report is to let you know about a few topics of potential interest.

By now, most have realized that there hasn’t been an issue of the Newsletter since last summer. Our editor, Duane Wilson, has a lot on his plate and needed a break, not the least of which is home remodeling. I know that we miss the communications provided by the Newsletter and I look forward to its resumption.

We are entering the second year of the two-year pattern cycle, so it is time to get the Pattern Committee organized. We will be using a somewhat revised procedure this time around. Jimmy Russell has agreed to chair the committee and he will be responsible for choosing its members. Several goals include having at least one member from each class and having members from both the East and West divisions. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee should let Jimmy know soon, so that he can get a good start on forming the committee. Jimmy’s contact information can be found in the membership list on the “Members Only” portion of the SPA website. Alternatively, one can send an email to PatCommchair@seniorpattern.com. In addition, he and I have discussed a somewhat accelerated procedure wherein the draft sequences will be available earlier in the contest season than has been the rule previously. That way members can try the sequences and send feedback to the committee before the final recommendations are made. As in the past, the Pattern Committee will submit the proposed sequences to the Board of Directors for approval. It is hoped that this revised procedure will give ample opportunity for members to provide input that will allow the committee to put together a challenging and interesting set of sequences.

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be held after the first of the year at a time to be announced. Let me know if there are items of concern that should be brought before the Board.

As a final note, the draft schedule for next year’s contest season is being worked on now and should be released soon. It looks to be a good year!

Season’s Greetings,

Jeff