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Eugene Petersen

Born: 1885 Died: ?

Eugene Petersen enjoyed a long and distinguished record of serving the sport of skiing in a number of capacities.

Eugene Petersen was a member of the Norge Ski Club of Chicago, Illinois, and gave over a half-century of devotion, loyalty, and hard work to promote skiing in the United States.

He has served in various capacities in the National Ski Association, Central U.S. Ski Association, the Central U.S. Ski Officials Association, and the Norge Ski Club.

Mr. Petersen was born in Oslo, Norway, April 12, 1885, and immigrated to the United States in October 1904. After spending several years in snowless Indiana, he moved to Chicago and joined the Norge Ski Club.

He participated in ski jumping competitions in 1915 and 1916 and competed in Chicago, Beloit, and Milwaukee tournaments. By the age of 29, after failing to achieve eminence as a jumper, Petersen became involved in the work programs of the Norge Ski Club. While in Norway, he captured a fifth and a first place prize in the Central Association for youth in Oslo.

Mr. Petersen has one of the longest records of service in the sport of skiing in the United States:

National Ski Association of America	Secretary	4 terms
Central U.S. Ski Association	President	5 terms
Central U.S. Ski Officials Association	Secretary	9 terms
Norge Ski Club	President	2 terms

(Served as secretary of the Norge Ski Club for more than 10 years)

Twice voted his club's most valuable member, Petersen was recognized by the Norwegian Skiing Society and awarded the "Norge Ski Forbunds Birkebeiner Silver Plaque" for excellent work for Norway's Skisport outside the countries borders. He also received the Central U.S. Ski Association president's service medal.

Even at the age of eighty, Petersen remained actively involved in skiing. In the fall of 1964, he attended the annual meeting of the Central U.S. Ski Officials convention at Wausau, Wisconsin.

A historian of some note, Petersen was recognized both in the United States and Norway for his historical writings. After retiring from his job with a book publishing company, he moved back to his native Norway..

Eugene Petersen was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1965.

