

ASRC BOD 13 July 2002

Hosted by BRMRG, on the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Meeting called to order at 10:20am. Attendance sheet reviewed and proxies counted. Initially, 12 votes registered.

Motion Allow Kevin Cropper, M/SAR member, to serve as proxy for Peter McCabe's vote, as Peter is in the hospital.

Discussion State Corporation Commission has no policy for medical relief, and some discussion of how representatives are elected and replaced.

Vote Motion fails.

Motion Approve the minutes from the last meeting (April 2002). One correction is made, that Suzen Collins had done the on-line version of registration for re-approval, so her status was extended to this (13 July 2002) meeting.

Vote Minutes approved.

Review of Missions No Ops Officer, so no review until next meeting.

Review of Goals Survey (in order of importance as shown by the votes received)

Insurance – VFIS (w/ NASAR) is \$1000 a year for SMRG. Provides full coverage time, with no lost wages. But views the ASRC as 9 groups (thus, \$9000 a year). Should we investigate fidelity insurance for the board and the officers? Discussion of what fidelity is. Only five groups have responded with respect to their own insurance. The origins of the insurance search was workman's compensation. But now looking at other aspects. There is no bonding on the board.

Suggestion that Peter Pennington approach VFIS about covering officers. But forcing coverage for groups is not suggested. Is liability insurance for important than workman's comp? Individual groups encouraged to obtain their own insurance. For the conference, Peter Pennington will investigate coverage for ASRC officers.

Streamline/update callout/response procedures – ASRC callout procedures chart presented. Discussion of level of callout (AR or AO). Discussion of AR/ACA designation. Group team responds, after notifying ASRC. Required to respond in non-ASRC uniform on group callout. Find the AO and make it an ASRC callout (uniforms etc). Before next meeting, come up with better language for bottom line of chart (uniform switch). Develop "guidelines" on how to respond when another team is on site. Keith Conover and Bob Kester will draft procedures/guidelines.

ASRC FTM/FTL training – Is it worth it? Presentation by Bob Allam on issues, including liability and instructors. Mentioned that the state takes two people to run the program, one person doing it part time would have a hard time planning it. Need a local group to run the logistics; it is done that way with WFR; for instance, work with state parks. Eventually, groups will *have* to work together and have a training. Suggestion made to have a "Train the Trainer" training. Discussion will be on the ASRC training listserv (asrc-training@yahoogroups.com?) or contact Bob Allam. Keith

Conover offered to help with the Trainer Training. Questions arose on other states approval of instructors and the equivalency of testing.

Workman's comp – Our MOU said that we have our own coverage. Question is raised about why the VADEM fought the coverage in the Limerick case. On the lobbying issue, small amounts of lobbying are allowed, unless stated in the Charter that we will “do no lobbying”. Also, ‘technical advice’ is not lobbying. Another alternative would be to form an “ASRC PAC”.

Action Item Peter Pennington to investigate what we can do with respect to lobbying and compensation.

Relationships with RAs – Randy Frank stated that he would like to attend meetings with the RAs to listen/speak as an ASRC voice. He'll act as the pointman for questions, etc.

Update Manuals – Overhaul versus coordination. Peter Pennington and Keith Conover will work on it. Need an editorial board to review that they are right. Need to announce changes ahead of time (Accelerated Writing Process) so people can approve changes en masse. A suggestion was made to post Acrobat versions of Word XP documents with balloons online. Hold meetings to change particular manuals – let folks know a deadline for revisions. Scheduled order of work: Training, Ops, Admin.

Regionalization – tabled.

Growing the conference / new groups – The essence of the discussion was to get our act together before tackling this longer term goal. If teams approach us, okay, but don't do any soliciting.

Equipment funds – ASRC has little or no equipment, and no equipment officer to check gear. Current lack of interest in this goal suggests leaving the situation that way.

Motion Approve M/SAR's alternate representative, Kevin Cropper, as the second vote for M/SAR.

Voting Motion passed.

Motion Bob Kester and Keith Conover to attempt a bylaw revision by the next meeting on the corporation rules and how representatives, proxies and alternates are selected.

Voting Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The cashier's check issue reported on at the last meeting is still being worked on. A new officer at the bank has been assigned to clear it up.

All groups have paid their dues; let the treasurer know if you do not get a receipt soon.

Motion Reimburse BRMRG for Dispatching Expenses.

Voting Motion passed.

The issue with the IRS first reported at the last meeting has been handled by submitting a letter explaining that it does not apply to us. If that didn't handle it, we'll hear back.

MetroCall has declared bankruptcy, but their latest bill and their website indicate that service will continue uninterrupted.

License to Beg – exemption of charitable group allows up to \$5000 a year, whereas a civic/volunteer group (fire/rescue) has no limit. Filing as civic.

The check Stef donated for a video appearance was never received nor cashed. Randy Frank will approach the video people regarding reissue of the check.

A financial “review” should be conducted to coincide with the change in treasurer. If we collect the records, an independent review should be conducted.

Medical Report

We are short on the paperwork from some groups, who are trying to get new medical officers; they will resolve it by next meeting.

Medical OMD for Q&A – need variances for getting EMT-Paramedic.

Would like to hear from Group Medical Officers (GMOs) – sign on to the listserv, asrc-medical@yahoogroups.com(?) Would also like to see more medical training on training weekends.

Discussion about HIPA (Health Information Patient Act) – don’t worry about it. All search information is released to police, so public data; don’t worry about information released by emails.

Pennsylvania is revising their EMS Act – wilderness EMT will be a part of PA EMS.

When we are operating in other states, we operate under that state’s rules. WEMSI (whimsey) has MOU with ASRC for medical oversight in PA; copies of MOU are on the ASRC or WEMSI website.

Training Report

Training certification status numbers. Informed people who dropped last time on recert.

Motion Recertify Gary Fang as IS.

Vote Motion passed.

Motion Recertify Suzen Collins as IS.

Vote Motion passed.

AO training materials are needed; AMRG told by ASRC to get some AOs, but ASRC can not find / will not send the papers. Any AO can lead the training, so Keith or Don could lead them. IS or IC qualified.

There is a vacancy for the conference ADC.

AMRG is doing an AO class and will let folks know when. Will ask Camille.

Operations Report

Peter McCabe update – back in hospital, another surgery, family asks people to donate blood, as Peter used a fair bit.

In the interim, a Deputy Ops Officer would be helpful to keep track of searches, etc.

Pepper Broad is nominated.

Vice Chair

Contact the vice chair if interested in a job offer as a Federal Disaster Medical recovery position.

The List sisters search has recently had new developments. If anyone has *any* notes from the search, any other information, please email Randy. Trying to obtain closure. Should we investigate ID cards for base? No, some work is being done internally. By next meeting, hopefully we will have a functional chat room on our website. FEMA meeting, should we investigate offering services? We should at least be a part of any discussion.

New Business

Motion IC-1 for Mark Eggeman.

Vote Motion passes.

Discussion that IC1 is higher than ACA, requires 10 missions as IC2.

Motion Approve April Cropper as the M/SAR Group Training Officer.

Vote Motion passes.

Suggestion to form an exploratory committee on ASRC ownership of medical gear. Stef explained that ASRC bought gear to make BRMRG qualify for the state requirements in 2000. It was about \$200. Then does the ASRC own it or not?

Action Item Treasurer report on ownership of assets.

Action Item Who owns the equipment? ASRC or BRMRG?

Motion Pepper Broad as Deputy Ops Officer.

Vote Motion passes.

A review of action items is requested.

Comment that Heather Hulihan and Pip passed the dog test in PA; certifying only Dog & Handler, not the team. Eventually, we need to think on dog standards for the ASRC and how to apply to all the states. Make this part of review of training standards. Make a list of the hoops, but not evaluators, as it is not easy to get them.

Meeting adjourned around 12:45pm.