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# MOUNTAIN RESCUE COUNCIL

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Gentlemen:

In an effort to clarify the relationship of Mountain Rescue Association to Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc. I asked Paul Williams to meet with you last Spring and he held a meeting with Keith Conover, M.D. and others on a Spring trip to Baltimore.

At the time of your admission to MRA two teams existed and we were of the impression that they were consolidating a single team. We know find that ASRC is composed of four teams and may well grow in size. We are further advised ASRC is the functioning field unit despite the independent existence of the teams. We are further advised that the individual members meet or exceed MRA Standards.

Your structure is unique in United States. Typically the teams are autonomous, function independently within their geographic and political units. The country is divided into regions. For instances, Washington Mountain Rescue Association (WMRA) is comprised of seven teams and meets twice a year prior to MRA meetings. This is a typical regional structure.

Faced with your unique situation in view of our desire to clarify our relationship at the MRA meeting in August at Snoqualmie Pass, it was voted that Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc. be designated as a region on condition that the region members become independent MRA members.

There are several ramifications to this action. First, the geographic boundaries of the region have not been defined. Secondly, in the event of application of a team within the region, we would expect ASRC to designate a testing team to

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determine that they met MRA as well as ASRC Standards. Such teams would be accepted for MRA membership only upon such certification.

Dues to MRA are \$1.00 per member with a minimum of \$25.00. Normally each team pays directly to MRA and MRA accepts without verification the number of members certified to it.

If you wish to continue to collect the dues from the member units, you may do so with a minimum payment of \$25.00 per team. MRA membership cards, of course, are distributed on the basis of the number of dollars paid.

This is only a brief discussion of some of the questions that we are faced with. MRA is establishing a closer relationship with NASAR. Walt Walker of Riverside Unit, who is the new MRA President will attend the September NASAR Meeting in Reno as will the undersigned and several other members. It is my understanding that a number of your members will likewise be attending and we look forward to the opportunity to meet and discuss this matter with you.

Finally, we would like to explore with you the hosting of a MRA Meeting in the Fall of 1987. For planning purposes, you could anticipate approximately 20 people would come from out of town. The meetings are usually hosted in a moderately priced motel. I would suggest one with an ease of access to Dulles Airport.

We look forward to meeting with you in mid September.

Yours very truly,

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