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Dear Irv:

SUBJECT: ASRC-MRA

Thanks for your letter of the 14th. The ASRC Board of Directors vote, regarding the need for coordination of operational agreements by the ASRC rather than individual ASRC Groups, is merely restatement of ASRC policy that has been in effect since the ASRC's founding.

ASRC Groups have always been independent in all respects except for the need to follow ASRC policies (the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Training Standards, and Operations Manual), and that the actual conduct of operations is done at the ASRC rather than Group level. Groups are encouraged to facilitate local pre-plans provided they are approved by the ASRC, and are also encouraged to make local cooperative agreements for training, public safety, and educational purposes. The ASRC never "took away the independence of action" of ASRC Groups. They are still independent in all respects except for those areas specifically reserved for the ASRC level of operations.

You will find that ASRC policies (the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Training Standards, and Operations Manual), always available to PSARC, explain this quite clearly.

The decision of PSARC to admit ASRC Groups rather than the ASRC was discussed in great detail before PSARC made a decision. The decision to admit ASRC

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Groups rather than the ASRC was made in full knowledge of the ASRC/Group relationship. Of course, PSARC is welcome to review and change membership policy at any time. However, such a decision would not be retroactive and should have no bearing on the last vote. I have no idea how you can have information that the election was decided by a single vote.

Regarding the PSARC radio license: I would suspect that ASRC Groups that are members of PSARC could sign the contract with approval of the ASRC Board of Directors. Such Board approval should be simple to obtain. The Board of Directors has approved other Group's operational arrangements on a regular basis.

Thank you also for your comments on the proposed MRA Regional Bylaws. I am sure that at the August meeting the representatives of presently-certified MRA teams will review them carefully.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Peter McCabe (PSARC President), Bob Koester
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