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Dear Art:

SUBJECT: MRA

Here are copies of relevant recent documents relating to the Appalachian Region of the MRA. After the August 3 meeting of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC) Board of Directors, representatives of the currently-certified MRA teams within the ASRC met. Our understandings are:

1. Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) and Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (SMRG) are certified as Regular member teams, and Richmond Search and Rescue Group (RSAR) and Explorer Search and Rescue Post 616 (ESAR) are certified as Affiliate Teams.

2. These ASRC Groups were certified by out-of-region testers in about 1985. Individual Groups, not the ASRC as a whole, tested. (At the time, we thought that ASRC Groups would be members of the Eastern Region.)

3. The general policy, as we understand it, is that team certification is good for 5 years if tested by in-region teams, or 7 years if tested from outside the region. Therefore, these teams should be able to vote in the set-up of our "new" region.

Therefore, the representatives of these teams agreed unanimously to:

1. have BB Oros serve as Secretary of the Region for the present;

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2. have a formal meeting of the MRA Region at about 1330 hours on Saturday, October 5 at Shenandoah National Park HQ, Luray, VA (same place as the next Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference Board of Directors meeting);

3. rename the Region to the Appalachian Region; and

4. ask representatives of the four presently-certified MRA teams in the region to bring comments on the previously-distributed draft Bylaws.

Thanks for your willingness to coordinate this transition of our MRA region. I am unable to continue as Chairman, and cannot accept any other elected position. But, I strongly support the idea of the MRA Appalachian Region, and will do what I can to help.

Sincerely yours,

Keith Conover, M.D.

encl: May 6 letter and attachments; draft Bylaws

cc: Dick Bethers

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