ASRC Conference Training Officer Report

6/2 – 6/3 2012 – ASRC Board of Directors Meeting

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ASRC v7.1 Training Standards Update

The Conference Training Officer has submitted a minor update to the Training Standards to the Board of Directors to review. These are labeled version v7.1 and are intended to supersede the version approved in January of this year. This version is largely intended to correct spelling, typographical and formatting issues. Many thanks to Keith Conover for his detailed proofreading. The only two substantive changes:

1) Adding ICS-700 to the CQ requirements. In the 7.0 version there was a typographical error that inadvertently ICS-700 out. The notes at the beginning of the document correctly stated that ICS-700 was being moved to the CQ level, but the document itself did not include ICS-700 at all (it was removed from the FTM level, but not properly added to the CQ level.

2) Adding additional recognized classes for the Search Manager certifications to be more inclusive of the classes being offered throughout the ASRC response area.

About NIMS Standards and the v7.1 Training Standards

The main driving focus behind the update to the training standards was to ensure they met NIMS compliance standards and to remove any specific requirements for classes that are not widely available across the ASRC's entire operating area. This particularly impacted the CQ, FTM, FTL, and IS/SM4 levels since they are covered and defined in the NIMS standards. Many of our other ASRC certifications exceed or are more detailed than NIMS defined positions (which is a fine and good thing). The CTO *strongly* discourages modifying the requirements for the IS/SM4 level. Specifically, several officers/Board members have proposed increasing the educational requirements at this level. The currently requirements (ICS-300 and a 40 hours class equivalent to MSO/MLPI) are based on NIMS requirements. If additional education hours are required at this level the ASRC will return to the old state where members meeting the recognized NIMS national standard for a search manager would still only be considered at most an FTL by the ASRC. IS/SM4 requirements should remain at the NIMS required level. The higher level SM3, SM2, and SM1 are the appropriate place for additional requirement exceeding the NIMS national standards.

SM Promotions:

- At the February 2012 ASRC Board meeting, Andrew Hower and Chris Ruch (the CTO) were bot approved at the SM3 level, to go into effect in July of this year. The Board approved the Chris Ruch's certification with the stipulation that his application undergo an external review to avoid a conflict of interest. The ASRC Chair, Evan Koepke, asked William Dixon to undertake this task. After completing his review, Mr. Dixon reported back to Mr. Koepke that the candidate meets all of the requirements for SM4 and SM3. The email documenting this is attached.

IS/IC/MS Recertifications

A number of IS/IC members were up for renewal in on 1 January 2012. All members up for renewal were contacted in October 2011 and re-contacted in February 2012. To date, two members have submitted compete recertification packets. Based on these submissions, it is recommended that the Board take the following actions:

- Dawn Smith, IS/SM4 – Has submitted a checklist showing that she meets the recertification requirements along with the required documentation all supporting material has been received. Dawn meets the recertification requirements for IS/SM4 under both the only Training Standards and the new V7 standards. It is recommended that the Board grant recertification at the IS/SM4. If further appears that Dawn may meet the requirements for SM3 and the CTO has recommended that she consider applying for a promotion to the hire grade.

- Andrew Dorsett, IC/SM-III – Has submitted a recertification checklist, but there are still outstanding questions from the CTO about the completeness of the checklist and supporting documentation. It is recommended that an extension to the next Board meeting be granted in order to allow the outstanding questions to be addressed.

- Robert Koester, IC-I -- Has submitted his mission response and training activities for the recertification period and appears to have met the requirements for recertification. However, there is follow-up work needed to confirm and get attestations for these responses. It is recommended that an extension to the next Board meeting be granted in order to allow the outstanding questions to be addressed.

The other IS/ICs with certification expiration dates of 1 January 2012 have not submitted recertification packets. Extensions were granted at the last Board meeting, however, having reached the 6 months mark past the certification expiration date, the CTO cannot recommend further extensions at this time. The general practice is to demote by one grade level for each year. The outstanding certifications include:

- Rita Krenz, IS -- Has stated her intent to recertify, but has not submitted a recertification checklist yet.

- Pepper Broad, IS -- Has stated his intent to recertify, but has not submitted a recertification checklist yet and has requested a 6 month extension in December 2011.

- Dan Patterson, IS – Has not replied to the recertification reminder sent in October and February.

- Robin Donnelly, IS – Does not plan to submit recertification packet.

There are two other IC-ll who's certifications expired on 1 January 2010, Tom Lovejoy and Steven Weiss. The Board has not taken an definitive action on these certification. The CTO recommends decertification to the FTL level at this time.