ASRC Conference Training Officer Report

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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. No action was taken on this at the last Board meeting. The update is being resubmitted for Board consideration. 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.

Further, it is requested that Board grant the CTO authorization to make typographical, format, grammar and other non-substantive changes to the training standards document in order to speed the process of publication and implementation.

Implementation of the v7.1 Training Standards

Training standards implementation are currently behind schedule. This is largely due to delays on the CTOs part, though the lack of Board action at the last meeting in approving the updated document had a slight contribution, as previously approved standards were not really in a publishable form.

At this point, the new training standards are in effect as of July 1, per the previously approved implementation plan. However, communication and coordination with the teams and the Group Training Officers has not happened to properly ensure the roll out. To address this and to get the implementation back on track, the CTO will be doing the following over the course of the next month:

- Contacting each GTO individually to determine the current state of each team's training and certification program make sure there are aware of the new training standards and certification process, answer any questions about the new training standards.

- Establish a regular group meeting of the GTOs to coordinate their activities and create a forum to support each other and share information.

- Create a communication plan related to the new standards to help explain the changes to the membership and how individuals will be impacted.

- Individually contact all IS/IC/SM members and to ensure that they are aware of how the changes impact them. This will include issuing new certifications documentation to each of them (with new title and the appropriate recertification date).

- Generate a proposal for issuing certification documentation to all members, as outlined in the new training standards.

Beyond the new training standards

After the immediate issue of the implementation of the new training standards is addressed, the following are the priorities for the CTO:

- Working with the GTOs to create a new, standard testing materials and a training program.

- Create position books to help track training and certification activities.

- Drive updates to the Ops and Admin Manuals to reflect the changes made to the training standards.

SM Promotions:

There have been no new applications for SM promotions during this time.

IS/IC/MS Recertifications

At the last meeting, the Board extended the certifications for Andrew Dorsett (SM-III) and Robert Koester (SM-I) at the recommendation of the CTO. There has been no further action since that time due to in action on the part of the CTO and because of the short time frame between the now and the last meeting. As a result, it is recommended that an additional extension be granted for these two members to the next Board meeting.