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ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING AND JOINT TRAINING SESSION

On **19 JUNE 83**, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference will hold its annual business meeting. To make mailing simpler, we are including the meeting announcement, an agenda, and several reports and proposals in this newsletter, and sending a copy of it all to everyone on the Conference Roster. After the meeting, we will all head to Old Rag Mountain in Shenandoah National Park for an afternoon of semi-technical evacuation training. We will plan to have a group dinner nearby after the training session. Although only Certified Members may vote at the meeting, all are invited to come and voice their opinions.

This newsletter is a little late (sorry) due to some computer problems and so that we might include news of the ASRC Membership Meeting in it.

NEW SURVIVAL MODULE

A new and completely revised edition of Module 1 (Survival and Wilderness Travel) of the Basic Training Course is available. Contact the Stores Officer (Rich Saunders) to get your copy, or pick it up at the May Basic Training Session.

COMPUTERIZED ROSTER

Keith Conover has written a program which allows members to easily review and update their files on his Osborne 1 computer. He plans to bring the computer to most business meetings and Basic Training Sessions. Come to the meeting and play with the computer! On the serious side, the computer will greatly reduce the tedium of preparing callout rosters. SMRG members will find enclosed a new Callout Roster; please check your entries.

* MEETINGS: Most SMRG activities are held at Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Headquarters (PATC HQ), 1719 N St. NW, Wash- *
* ington DC (near Dupont Circle Metro station). Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, and training *
* meetings the third Tuesday. *
* NEWCOMERS are welcome at Group activities; those marked with a (*) are particularly appropriate for those new to the *
* Group. *
* NEWSLETTERS are published at the beginning of each month and sent to each SMRG member. Certain SAR organizations, *
* responsible agencies, and individuals receive courtesy copies (noted by a G, R, or C on the mailing label). Potential *
* members may receive three free copies upon request (noted by a "3" on the mailing label); the date of the last free *
* newsletter is also noted on the mailing label. Yearly subscriptions are \$5.00, payable by check made out to Harold *
* Driscoll, and sent to the Group address. *
* SELF-STUDY TRAINING COURSE: The Group is developing a modular self-study Basic Member Training Course; some training *
* sessions may have as prerequisite the completion of a particular module. Those wishing to purchase a set of course *
* materials may contact the Group Treasurer, Harold Driscoll, at any Group meeting; the cost is \$25. *
* FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about SMRG in general, contact the Group Chairman, Cady Soukup, at (301) 493-9623 (H); for *
* information regarding membership in the Group, write to the Group at the above address, come to one of the business *
* meetings, or contact the Group Training Officer, Keith Conover, at (703) 522-2844. *

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS

The following people were recently certified as Auxiliary Members:

Gloria Briggs	Ann Bryant
Andrea Diss	Arthur Dodds
William George	Michael Gluck
John Hoover	Steve Macrison
Kevin Parkes	Cheryl Smith
Carolyn Taylor	

Another Auxiliary Training Session is tentatively planned for July or August. Those outdoorspeople who are interested in serving with the Group, but whose time is limited, are welcome to attend one of these sessions.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR ASRC

The ASRC made overtures towards joining the (national) Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) many years ago, and about two or three years ago Paul Williams of the MRA conducted a certification test of the ASRC.

The MRA has 40 or 50 member mountain rescue teams, all west of the Mississippi River, and serves as a national voice and coordinating agency for these teams. To be a "MRA-Certified Team" is a matter of at least moderate prestige in the west, where many responsible agencies recognize MRA certification as an indication of a high level of competence. Until recently, all MRA teams were in the west, though at one time the Appalachian Mountain Club (New Hampshire) showed some interest in joining.

At last year's ASRC Membership Meeting, one of the scheduled topics of discussion was the status of the ASRC's membership application with the MRA. Tom Vines, the project officer, was not present, and no member present was aware of the ASRC's status with MRA. Therefore, the Membership voted to have Ray Cole take over as MRA liason. Ray was to talk to Tom and obtain past files on the project, then to follow up with MRA and make a report to the ASRC Membership. Ray was unable to get any information from Tom, who is no longer active with the ASRC; but, after some difficulty in finding a current address for the MRA, Ray contacted them, and has received a letter stating that the ASRC is, indeed, a member in good standing of the MRA, and has been so for the past two years. Evidently their letters had not been getting to the appropriate people in the ASRC, but this has now been resolved. The ASRC is now the only certified MRA team east of the Rockies.

ASRC BOARD MEETING

The ASRC Board of Directors recently held a phone meeting, at which it approved the proposed revisions of the ASRC Articles of Incorporation; now the revisions will go to the Membership for a vote at the next Annual Membership Meeting. At the Board Meeting, Harold Driscoll was elected as new ASRC Secretary; he replaces Keith Conover.

RADIO HARNESES

Gene Harrison recently got some special radio harnesses from California Mountain Company (a couple of people from Los Padres Search and Rescue Team who started a rescue equipment company). These harnesses are designed to hold a radio in a comfortable and accessible place on the chest during technical rescues. Gene will bring one to the next few meetings for people to play with.

TRAINING FOR SIERRA CLUB TRIP LEADERS

SMRG has recently received requests from both Baltimore and Washington groups of the Sierra Club for assistance in providing wilderness-oriented first aid training for their trip leaders. This represents one of our most important missions (public outdoor safety education); it also represents a potential major drain on our limited resources, if we consider the great number of organizations which could benefit from such training.

Current Training Committee plans are to offer a special one-day seminar on wilderness first aid, open to trip leaders of the Sierra Club, PATC, local caving clubs, and other outdoor organizations on a reservation basis. The prerequisites would be Standard First Aid and CPR, and a set of readings would be sent out about a month ahead of time. A small charge would be assessed.

INSURANCE

In the process of affiliating with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, SMRG has had to contend with one major difficulty: persuading PATC's insurance carrier that SMRG will not increase the liability of the PATC for being sued. At first, the insurer was worried about the ropework activities of the Group, but later decided that would not be a problem. Currently, they are worried about medical liability; that is, if one of our patients sues us and the PATC because, he alleges, due to our sloppy care, he is no longer able to play the violin (or whatever).

SMRG's belief is that the liability of SMRG for medical tort claims (and therefore that of the PATC if we are affiliated) is vanishingly small. The reasons are as follows:

- 1) **STANDARD OF CARE** We follow the same training guidelines (EMT and First Responder training) as do all Emergency Medical Services agencies, plus we add much specialized training; thus, our standard of training is equivalent to that of other EMS agencies.
- 2) **NUMBER OF PATIENTS** Only a small proportion of patients ever sue, and with our patient load (let's postulate a "worst case" of 20 a year) the chances are slim of our having one of these patients who are so inclined.
- 3) **GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS** Virginia and Maryland (and many other states) have enacted statutes to protect from suits any person who stops to give emergency assistance without charge and in good faith. In Virginia, the Good Samaritan Law is exceptionally strong. Here is an excerpt:

Any person (legally, "person" includes corporations or organizations) who, in good faith, renders emergency care or assistance, without compensation, to any injured person at the scene of an accident, fire, or any life-threatening emergency, or en route therefrom to any hospital, medical clinic, or doctor's office, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such assistance.

Any emergency medical . . . technician . . . shall not be liable . . . including but in no way limited to acts or omissions which involve violations of State Department of Health regulations or any other State regulations in the rendering of such emergency care or assistance.

Indeed, if we give wilderness first aid and rescue training to PATC trip leaders, we may actually decrease their liability for suits for negligence. We hope that this insurance question will rapidly be settled, and we look forward to establishing a formal relationship with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club in the near future.

SPECIAL

ASRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

INSERT

CONTENTS:

- * MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
- * PATCH COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROPOSALS
- * PROPOSED RESTATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
- * PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS
- * WRIT OF PROXY FOR MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Please, if you cannot make it to the meeting, sign the proxy and turn it over to someone you trust, so we will have a quorum at the meeting. If necessary, sign it and send it to:

Harold Driscoll, ASRC Secretary

5421 31st St. NW

Washington, DC 20015

Thanks.

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Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ASRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: 19 JUNE 83

TIME: Board of Directors Meeting: 0930-0945
Membership Meeting: 0945

PLACE: South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall,
University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, Virginia

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Membership Meeting
2. Conference Board of Directors report
 - 2.1 Chairman's report (includes report of acts of the Board since the last Membership Meeting)
 - 2.2 Treasurer's report
 - 2.3 Secretary's report: Membership and Quorum
3. Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees
 - 3.1 Operations Committee - Gary Mechtel
 - 3.1.1 Communications Subcommittee - Garth Kirkpatrick
 - 3.2 Finance Committee - E. Henry St. Clair
 - 3.3 Training Committee - Chip Queitzsch
 - 3.4 VA SAR Council Liason - Mark Pence
 - 3.5 VA DEES Liason - Gary Mechtel
4. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees and Projects
 - 4.1 Tax Exempt Status - Keith Conover
 - 4.2 Mountain Rescue Association Membership - Ray Cole
 - 4.3 MOTRAC Project - Gene Harrison
 - 4.4 ASRC Patch and Uniform Committee - Mary Beth Bolduc (see attached Report)
 - 4.5 SAROP Revision Project - Keith Conover
 - 4.6 Operations Manual Project - Keith Conover
 - 4.7 Wilderness EMS Standards Project - SMRG
 - 4.8 ASRC Mountain Rescue Manual Project - BRMRG
5. Reports of the Groups
 - 5.1 BRMRG
 - 5.2 PVSARG
 - 5.3 SMRG
6. Special Orders of the Day
 - 6.1 Consideration of ASRC Group Status of SMRG
 - 6.2 Amendment of Articles of Incorporation (see attached proposal)
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
 - 8.1 Revision of Bylaws (see attached proposal)

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WRIT OF PROXY

I, _____, A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN
SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC., HEREBY ASSIGN TO
_____ MY RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE CORPORATION
MEETING TO BE HELD ON _____ (date).

(CERTIFIED MEMBER'S SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ASRC PATCHES
REPORT TO THE ASRC MEMBERSHIP, APRIL 1983
Mary Beth Bolduc, Chairman

The topic of ASRC patches, as trivial as it might be, has occasioned much dispute, and that the committee realizes that its recommendations may be much discussed and modified at the Membership Meeting. Therefore we include in this report a recounting of the history of the ASRC patch, and a compendium of various opinions about the ASRC patch, in order that members might be well-informed as to what has gone before. Our hope is that this will simplify and shorten discussion at the Membership Meeting.

I. BACKGROUND

Origin and the First 100 Patches

The ASRC patch was based on a logo design put together primarily by Gene Harrison, but with contributions by many ASRC members; it was later copyrighted by Gene, although not registered. Gene also ordered and paid for the original lot of 100 patches, which cost \$1 each, and it took several years for the ASRC to pay him back. The patches were to be three and a half inches in diameter, but the factory mistakenly made them four and a half inches in diameter, and refused to do them over again. So, we were stuck with patches an inch larger than expected. Opinions on the new patch were mixed, but some members thought the large diameter patch good because the patches were so visible and distinctive.

The Board of Directors wanted to keep strict control of the patches; they were to be issued to members but remain the property of the ASRC, and to be returned when a member left the ASRC. They were numbered, and a record was to be kept of each patch. Over time, this policy was not enforced, and now, patches are sold to Basic members at \$1 apiece, though BRMRG and SMRG give the first patch free to each new Basic. The last new ASRC patches were apparently given out several years ago, and no new ones have been ordered.

Who Wears the ASRC Patch

Originally, the patch was to be worn only by Certified Members. This was based on the Board's understanding that only EMT's could wear the star of life, and, at the time, Basic Members were required to be EMT's. Another type of ASRC patch (without the star of life) was proposed for our non-EMT support personnel, but no such patch was ever created. The ASRC patch was worn exclusively by Basic Members until approximately 1979. At that time, many BRMRG members had difficulty finding EMT refresher classes, and several Basics had to become Associates when their EMT certification lapsed; these members were permitted (by BRMRG) to retain their ASRC patches. At a subsequent ASRC Board of Directors meeting, BRMRG's policy (allowing Associates to wear the ASRC patch) was made official ASRC policy, but

it was reversed at the next Board meeting. The current policy is that ASRC patches are to be worn only by Certified (Basic and Rescue) Members.

Further investigation in recent years has revealed that any member of an agency providing Emergency Medical Services with personnel trained to US Department of Transportation (DOT) standards, such as with EMT or First Responder courses, may wear an agency patch incorporating the star of life, provided that it is in the appropriate shade of blue and has the "R-in-a-circle" next to it. This indicates it is a registered certification mark of the US Department of Transportation. If the star of life is to be part of an EMT patch, it must be on a white background, but this is not required for an agency patch such as the ASRC's. For those interested in the detailed legalities of star of life use, the ASRC files contain considerable correspondence on the issue.

Two of the three ASRC Groups have adopted a common "ASRC" uniform shirt. It consists of a Sears or similar blue chambray work shirt with an ASRC patch on the left sleeve, an EMT or other medical qualification patch on the right sleeve, and a 3/4" x 3" plastic nameplate with the member's name and the Group name in white letters on blue, attached with Velcro above the right breast pocket.

II. THE ASRC PATCH: NEEDS AND PAST PROPOSALS

Needs

There are several possible uses for an ASRC patch, not all of which can be met by a single patch. Although the issues are complex and have occasioned much dispute, some of the viewpoints are summarized below:

1. The ASRC needs a uniform for all its members who will be active on missions, whether at Base Camp or in the field. For Trainees and Associates, a blue shirt with a nametag is not enough to call a "uniform". Most agency uniforms, in addition to having a distinctive color of shirt, have an organization patch on the left shoulder. The ASRC patch has been around for a while, and has become, in the minds of the people with whom we deal, an organization patch, so it should be part of the general ASRC uniform.

Therefore, all uniformed ASRC personnel should be able to wear an ASRC patch on the left shoulder; allow Trainees and Associates to wear the ASRC patch without restriction.

2. Certified (Basic and Rescue) Members need, and deserve, special certification marks to indicate their achievement and level of competence. The ASRC patch has been around for a while, and has become, in the minds of the people with which we deal, a mark of those who are competent to perform most SAR tasks reliably (i.e. Certified Members), so it should be reserved for Certified Members.

Therefore, we should continue as at present: ASRC patches only for Certified Members.

3. New Trainees have had little chance to learn how the ASRC operates, and may have had little SAR training. It would be potentially embarrassing for both a new Trainee and for the ASRC if the member is mistaken for an experienced rescuer or EMT based

on his ASRC uniform. On the other hand, one might argue that many of the members who actually turn out for missions are Trainees close to certification, who have indeed achieved some level of competence, and therefore should wear the uniform and patch.

Therefore, only certain Trainees should wear the ASRC patch.

1. Associate Members comprise two categories: those who go in the field but for one reason or another are not certifiable as Basic Members, and those who offer only administrative skills, or, for some other reason, never go in the field. The former should have some sort of uniform, the latter none. Uniformed Associates, serving in the field or at Base Camp, should be distinguished from Certified Members as should Trainees, but Associates, particularly Base Officers or those in Base Camp, may have even more contact with the public than many Certified Members. These representatives of the ASRC should wear much the same uniform as the rest of us.

Therefore, only certain Associates should wear the ASRC patch.

More than One Patch

The previous views are based on the supposition that only a single type of ASRC patch exists, but there are several more options if we are willing to consider more than one patch:

1. Develop two separate ASRC shoulder patches, one for Certified Members and another for Trainees and Associates, or establish a special breast patch for Trainees and Associates in lieu of an ASRC shoulder patch.

2. Establish rocker bars, to be worn with the ASRC shoulder patch, for just Trainees and Associates, or for just Certified Members, or for all members.

3. Use the uniform nameplate as a place to indicate the member's status; thus, the nameplate might read "JOE CLIMBER, DRUGG TRAINEE MEMBER," or Basic, Associate, or Rescue Member. If we wanted to retain the full Group name on the uniform, a plate or patch with the Group name could be placed above the left breast pocket.

Since we are discussing multiple patches at this point, two ideas should be brought out. The first is that we should avoid "patch proliferation." Many ASRC members want to minimize the number of patches on the ASRC uniform, perhaps from abhorrence of the multitude of seemingly trivial patches which clutter the uniforms of some agencies. Although we need an ASRC uniform, we should keep it neat and simple.

On the other hand, there are some patches which might be put on a member's uniform which recognize a meaningful achievement or affiliation, for instance a National Speleological Society patch, a National SAR School patch, or a NASAR Search Manager patch. A suggestion has been made to allow members to wear a patch of their own choosing, but just one, and for a spot on the uniform to be set aside for this use.

Another consideration is cost: new ASRC patches will cost more than the original price of \$1 each, and each additional rocker bar or separate patch drives up the cost of a total patch order.

Cold and Wet Uniforms

The ASRC uniform shirt adopted by the two Groups is good for warm weather, but is quickly hidden if it becomes cold or wet. Paul Deam (of the Virginia Office of Energy and Emergency Services) and others within and without the ASRC have pointed out our need for an ASRC uniform shell parka. Even though many members agree that we need such an outer uniform, no standard uniform parka has evolved, due to the expense of parkas suitable for mountain rescue and individual preferences. Recent proposals include:

1. One member has suggested that we obtain some lightweight orange nylon vests, with an ASRC patch and a place for a velcro nametag on the front and a large ASRC logo silkscreened on the back. This could be worn over a parka, cagoule, or whatever.

2. A suggestion of ASRC-patch armbands has also been made.

3. A third suggestion is to standardize on a specific color and/or brand of parka for those who wish to buy a parka and sew patches on it; a variant is to make a deal with some company, such as YakWorks, Early Winters, or Marmot Mountain Works, to provide Goretex uniform parkas, with ASRC patches and velcro for a nametag sewed on (and seam sealed) at the factory, to be provide to members at cost. The loss to the company could be offset by ASRC endorsement of the parka, and by tax deductions when the ASRC becomes certified by the IRS.

III. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

This Committee commends to the Membership the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ASRC uniform shirt shall consist of a Sears or similar blue chambray work shirt, with:

- a. on the left shoulder, a standard ASRC shoulder patch;
- b. on the right shoulder, a Virginia, National Registry, or other approved EMT or First Responder patch, or American National Red Cross Standard or Advanced First Aid patch, with appropriate rocker bars; and
- c. a 3/4" x 3" blue plastic nametag, with white lettering denoting the member's name and his Group, affixed over the right breast pocket.

2. That Trainee and Associate Members shall wear, under the ASRC patch, a 1" x 3" rectangular patch with black letters on an orange background reading: "SUPPORT".

3. That Rescue Members may wear, under the ASRC patch, a 1" x 3" rectangular patch with black letters on an orange background, reading: "RESCUE".

4. That no other patches or emblems are to be worn on the uniform shirt.

5. That the ASRC uniform may be worn by:

- a. Certified (Basic and Rescue) Members;

b. Trainee Members who have completed all requirements for Trainee Membership; and

c. Associate Members who have completed all requirements for Trainee Membership, except that Associates who shall serve only in Base Camp need not acquire any technical ropework equipment required for Trainees.

6. That members who have the right to wear the uniform shirt may affix an ASRC patch and official nametag to a personal parka or other outer garment, provided no other patches or emblems, other than approved medical or first aid patches, are affixed to the same garment.

7. That the sense of this resolution be incorporated into Section I of the ASRC Training Guide.

Resolved, That the ASRC establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of obtaining uniform parkas from a reputable outdoor clothing manufacturer at a discount.

Resolved, That the standards for Trainee Membership be upgraded to correspond with the minimum expectations of a uniformed ASRC member.

Resolved, That the requirements for Trainee Membership specified in the ASRC Training Guide be amended to read as follows:

A) General

1. To become a Trainee Member, the applicant must:

a) Make application to the appropriate Training Officer;

b) Participate in training with the Group for at least 3 months, with satisfactory performance as judged by the Group Training Officer;

c) Meet the technical standards of this Section, as determined by the Training Officer;

d) Acquire all personal equipment necessary to participate safely and fully in missions and training exercises, as determined by the Training Officer;

e) Be proposed for Trainee Membership by the Training Officer at a business meeting of the applicant's Group (or of the ASRC Board of Directors for at-large applicants); and

f) Receive a favorable vote by the Group (or the ASRC Board), in accordance with procedures specified in the ASRC Bylaws.

2. Each Training Officer establishes and publishes a list of required equipment for Trainees.

3. Trainee membership expires one year from the date of the applicant's acceptance, unless extended in accordance with procedures specified in the ASRC Bylaws.

B) Trainee Level Technical Standard: Outdoor Experience

The applicant must demonstrate experience in the outdoors, and in particular, competence in wilderness travel (e.g. backpacking or mountaineering), as judged by the Training Officer.

C) Trainee Level Technical Standards: Search

1. The applicant must have completed an ASRC Auxiliary Member Training Course, or have acquired similar training and experience, as judged by the Group Training Officer.

2. The applicant must pass a written examination on the ASRC Search and Rescue Operations Plan (SAROP) administered by the Group Training Officer.

D) Trainee Level Technical Standards: Emergency Medicine

1. The applicant must have a current American National Red Cross Standard First Aid and Personal Safety card, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge in a written test administered by the Group Training Officer.

2. The applicant must have a current American National Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR card.

This is a proposed restatement of the ASRC Articles, for consideration by the Membership. With the exception of the change in order of sections B and C of Article IV (to correspond with the more logical order as found in the Bylaws), all proposed changes to the version approved last year are signified as follows: lines sections to be deleted are so indicated by being struck out, and sections to be added are in *italics*. Except for a change in Article IX Section C (to keep consistent usage), all proposed amendments reflect the suggestions of the State Corporation Commission. If the proposed changes are made, then the Bylaws should probably be amended to make it clear that Associates may be given right to vote only for Group elections, as Article V Section A specifies that only Certified Members may elect or hold office as a Director.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
RESTATING
THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED INC.

1. On 24 April, 1983, in a meeting, the Board of Directors of the Corporation found that the following proposed amendment and restatement of its Articles of Incorporation was in the best interests of the Corporation and directed that it be submitted to a vote of the members having the right to vote on amendments.
2. On 16 May, 1983, being not less than 25 days nor more than 50 days before the meeting of members to act upon the proposed amendment and restatement, written notice of the meeting was given personally or by mail to each member entitled to vote on the proposed amendment. The notice stated the place, day, and hour of the meeting and the purposes for which it was called, and was accompanied by a copy of the proposed amendment and restatement.
3. On , 1983, a quorum being present, a meeting of the members was held and the proposed amendment and restatement was adopted by receiving all of the votes entitled to be cast by members present or represented by proxy at the meeting.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is the Appalachian Search and & Rescue Conference, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. The specific purposes of the Corporation are:

- A. To provide wilderness search and rescue capability, and special technical rescue capability, within the Commonwealth of Virginia and other regions as necessary;
- B. To conduct training programs in subjects related to wilderness search and rescue and special technical rescue;
- C. To conduct training programs in subjects related to

wilderness safety and survival;

D. To serve as a coordinating agency for related rescue and survival information, equipment, and resources; and

E. To conduct and carry out the work of the Corporation, not for profit, but exclusively for humanitarian, educational, and public service purposes.

ARTICLE III - NON-PROFIT STATUS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications and rights of the classes of membership shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The classes of membership shall be as follows:

A. Certified Members - those persons who actively participate in the search and rescue and technical rescue activities of the Corporation. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors and shall have full voting rights.

B. Trainee Members - those persons who actively participate in the search and rescue and technical rescue activities of the Corporation in a supervised context. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors and shall have no Corporation voting rights.

C. Associate Members - those persons who actively support the search and rescue, technical rescue, or other activities of the Corporation. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors and shall have no Corporation voting rights.

D. Auxiliary Members - those persons who actively participate in the search activities of the Corporation. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors and shall have no voting rights.

E. Sustaining Members - those persons and organizations who desire to support the purposes of the Corporation. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors and shall have

no voting rights-

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Directors must be Certified members, and shall be elected by the Certified Membership in accordance with procedures specified in the Bylaws.

B. The Board of Directors shall have power and authority over the business of the Corporation between meetings of the Membership, but the Board shall be subject to the orders of the Membership, and none of the Board's acts shall conflict with action taken by the Membership.

C. At each Membership Meeting, the Chairman of the Board shall report to the Membership all actions taken by the Board since the last Membership Meeting; this report may be in written form.

D. The Board shall perform additional duties as specified in the Bylaws.

E. The number of Directors, not less than three, shall be fixed by the Bylaws and in the absence of a bylaw fixing the number shall be four.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A. General Meetings - General Membership Meetings shall be held at least once per calendar year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

B. Special Meetings - Special Membership Meetings shall be held in accordance with procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

C. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Membership or Board of Directors, or which may be taken at a meeting of the Membership or Board, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or all of the Directors, as the case may be. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as at the same time shall qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII - MUTUAL AID AND PROTECTION

Due to the inherent hazards and special requirements of search and rescue activities, the Board of Directors is authorized and empowered to establish agreements with appropriate Federal, State, and local authorities, and other organizations as necessary, to assure mutual aid, benefit, and protection in pursuance of the purposes of the Corporation. Furthermore, the Board of Directors shall establish appropriate arrangements to minimize or prevent undue personal loss or hardship by the members, officers, or directors of the Corporation during, or resulting from, the proper performance of their duties.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to these Articles shall be made in the following manner:

1. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment, finding it to be in the best interests of the Corporation and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Membership.

2. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving more than two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by members present or represented by proxy at the meeting.

B. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting where the proposed amendments shall be considered shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Certified Member, not less than twenty-five for more than fifty days before the date of the meeting, and this notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the proposed amendment, or a summary thereof.

C. The Articles of Amendment shall be executed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, and shall set forth the name of the Corporation, the amendment so adopted, and a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of the Board at which the amendment was found to be in the best interests of the Corporation and directed to a vote at a Membership Meeting, the date or dates when notice was given to each **Certified Member member entitled to vote** and how that notice was given, that a quorum was present at that meeting, and that such amendment received more than two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by members present or represented by proxy at such Membership Meeting.

Executed in the name of the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc., by its President and Chairman, and by its Secretaries, who declare under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.

May 1983 For the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc.
by

Gary Nechtel, President & Chairman of the Board

Keith Conover, Secretary 4/25/82 - 4/1/83

Harold A. Driscoll, Secretary 4/1/83 - date

Proposed revisions to ASRC Bylaws. 18 March 1983, Keith Conover.

1. Eliminate Article I Section 1.2.
This section is clearly redundant and partially in conflict with the present Article II Section 1.3.
2. Add to Article I Section 2.3 a and b the phrase "in accordance with the provisions of Article III."
This would make it clear that it is the responsibility of the Chairman to call Membership Meetings once a year and Board Meetings once a quarter, as is required by both our Articles of Incorporation and the Code of Virginia.
3. Append to Article I Section 2.3 the following:
"c. to serve as President of the ASRC."
The ASRC is required by the Code of Virginia to have both a Chairman of the Board and a President. We have assumed in the past that the Chairman of the Board is also chief executive officer of the corporation per se, but we officially must have a designated chief executive officer. This is the simplest way to do so.
4. Append to Article I Section 2.5 the following:
"d. to serve as Chairman in the absence or incapacitation of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman."
There have been times when the Secretary had to chair meetings; this makes it clearly legitimate.
5. Correct the typo in Article I Section 2.10 so it reads "Board Officer's position becomes vacant."
6. Delete Article II Section 1.1 and renumber.
In view of the present Article II Sections 1.2 and 1.3, this Section is redundant.
7. Change Article II Section 4.4 to read "Extension of a Trainee's membership...and an affirmative simple majority vote at a regular business meeting of the Trainee's Group..."
This makes it clear that a majority of a quorum, rather than of the entire Group, is required.
8. Change Article II Section 5.2 to read "Group to which he applies they apply, or who secures..."
9. Change Article II Section 5.3 to read: "An Associate Member may enjoy the privilege of voting and holding office in his Group, but not in the Conference, only by..."
10. Change Article III Section 2.3 so that the agenda must be published 25, rather than 30 days, prior to the meeting.
This will then coincide with the 25 day notice required by Section 2.2
11. Change Article III Section 3.4 to read: "All members of a Group which has had its charter revoked, except for Auxiliaries and Sustaining Members, shall become Associate Members-at-large. All Auxiliaries and Sustaining Members will become similar members of the nearest chartered Group."

STOKES LITTER GIFT

The Montgomery County (Maryland) Outdoor Education Association will be donating a new split Stokes litter to SMRG as a memorial to a deceased member who had been active in mountain rescue and survival education. Our thanks to them for this gift; we expect it to be used regularly to help save lives in the outdoors.

***** SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES *****

<u>Date/Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
3 May (Tues)*	SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: <u>Wilderness Infections</u> , by Keith Conover.
17 May (Tues)*	SMRG BASIC TRAINING SESSION - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. <u>Mountain Rescue</u> Coordinator: Keith Conover (703) 522-2844.
<u>19 JUNE 83</u>	<u>ASRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SEMI-TECHNICAL EVACUATION PRACTICE</u> - meeting at 9AM in South Meeting Room Newcomb Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; rescue training session at Old Rag Mountain, Shenandoah National Park.
7 June	SMRG CPR REFRESHER COURSE - PATC HQ, tentative.
7 June (Tues)*	SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: <u>Wilderness Poisoning Management</u> , by Rose Ann Soloway, RN, National Capital Poison Center.
14 June (Tues)	SMRG BASIC TRAINING SESSION - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. <u>Review for Basic Certification Tests</u> . Coordinator: Keith Conover.
POSTPONED 19 June (Sun)	SMRG BASIC PRACTICAL TEST - OUTDOOR SECTION - Dranesville District Park, Fairfax Co. VA, 8:30 AM.
21 June (Tues)	SMRG BASIC WRITTEN TEST AND PRACTICAL TEST- INDOOR SECTION - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM.
21-26 June	<u>National Cave Rescue Commission Basic Training Course</u> - Mammoth Cave, KY. More details to come.
23 June (Sat)	<u>Virginia EMT Instructor Update</u> - Culpeper, VA. Contact: Gary Rosson (703) 825-9112
27 June - 1 July	<u>National Speleological Society Convention</u> - Elkins, WV.
5 July (Tues)*	SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: <u>Management of the Hypothermic Patient</u> , by Rich Saunders.
9-10 July (Sat/Sun)	<u>Virginia Search and Rescue Council Work Session/Meeting</u> - University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
19 July (Tues)*	SMRG BASIC TRAINING SESSION - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. <u>Survival and Wilderness Travel</u> Coordinator: Harold Driscoll (202) 966-9091.

7 July	SMRG AUXILIARY MEMBER TRAINING SESSION - tentative
7 August	SMRG FIRST RESPONDER/ADV. FIRST AID COURSE - tentative.
7 October	<i>Virginia Wing, Civil Air Patrol: Ground Search and Rescue College</i> - two weekends, at Fort A. P. Hill.
11-13 November	<i>Virginia Fourth Annual Statewide EMS Symposium</i> - Williamsburg, VA
7 December	<i>NASAR Managing the Search Function Class</i> - a 40-hour class, sponsored by Virginia DEES.

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