

**Minutes General Membership Meeting
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
Thursday morning, May 28, 2009
Double Tree Little Rock Hotel**

President Hourihan opened the member participation portion of the meeting with a video summary of where NASAR is now and where it is going.

He opened the microphones for questions or comments from the members.

A California member asked about the availability of funds for special products. They were also interested in the availability of a grants clearing house.

A vendor spoke of the impending CEDAP funds release and DHS Grants.

An Arkansas member spoke on the state's and local agencies success using a grant-writing committee approach. They meet regularly and review progress and new avenues. They have already received over\$10K in funds.

Another Arkansas member spoke on a hot button Issue of FEMA credentialing.

An Indiana Member spoke on the value of NASAR training products for state defense forces training and the need to have more community college based NASAR programs.

A NY member asked for a series of PSAR programs aimed at different age groups in the secondary education system. She was also concerned about NIMS typing and its irascibility to NASAR certifications.

A Louisiana member asked for more web-based SAR information from NASAR. He also asked for re-instatement of the student member program and more aggressive marketing of the life membership program. E suggested some limited free life membership awards.

Another member asked for a web-based summary of lessons learned from various SAR Missions.

A life member asked about the repeated non-attendance of a Board Member at consecutive annual meetings.

A K9 handler member disapproved about the way k9 expense and fiscal impact was reported during an earlier financial report.

Adjourned 1200 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

George Rice, Secretary

