

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
December 3, 2008**

Agenda Item 1

Subject: Opening Administrative Business 1:07 PM Eastern

a. Call to Order (President – Kathy Johnston)

b. Roll Call (Acting Secretary –George Rice)

i. Kathy Johnston	P	
ii. Monty Bell	P	
iii. Jimmie Canfield	P	left early
iv. Dan Hourihan	P	
v. Allan Knox	P	
vi. Ken Lesperance		A
vii. Vicki Wooters	P	
viii. George Rice	P	
ix. Howard Paul	P	
x. Stephen Tropp		A
xi. NSARC Rep		

Staff

Megan Bartlett	P
Ross Robinson	P

c. Approval of May 9, 2008 Board of Director Conference Call Minutes-. Wooters moved to approve Minutes as distributed. Hourihan seconded; Carried; Bell and Rice Abstained.

May 29, 2008 General Membership Meeting Minutes- Paul moved to approve the President's informal notes as minutes; Hourihan seconded. Carried; Bell, Canfield, and Wooters abstained,

July 9, 2008 Conference Call Minutes- Paul moved to approve the Minutes; Wooters seconded; carried. Hourihan abstained.

October 29, 2008 Conference Call minutes- .Wooters moved to approve the Minutes; Hourihan seconded; Carried Canfield abstained.

November 5, 2008 Conference Call Minutes- (approved during November 12 Telcon).

November 12, 2008 Conference Call Minutes- Wooters moved to approve the Minutes; Paul seconded; Carried; Hourihan abstained.

November 19, 2008 Conference call Minutes- Wooters moved to approve the Minutes; Bell seconded; carried; Canfield and Knox abstained.

- d. President's Report: Johnston asked the Board how they wished to handle attendance requirements for scheduled Conference call meetings. The consensus was that the 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12 conference calls will have the same accountability as person-to-person scheduled meetings. The 11/19 and 12/3 meeting were not given the 30 day notice of a duly called meeting. Any Director who has missed 4 or more scheduled meetings during their term will be sent a certified letter by the President informing them of their status as a Director.
- e. Treasurer's Report – FY 2009 Budget. Knox moved to approve fee increases in NASAR certifications from \$50 to \$55 for members and from \$50 to \$70 for non-members with a \$20 discount on first years NASAR membership fees if they are paid with the certification fee. This increase is to go into effect April 1, 2009. Rice seconded; Carried; Nay -Wooters. Wooters moved to liquidate funds from investments as needed to pay of loans and move funds from said investments. Motion failed. Bell moved to approve the FY 2009 Budget as amended by the Nov. 19 2008 Conference call and data circulated by Robinson. Knox seconded. Carried; Nay- Wooters. Bell moved to use 25% of Net income for 2009 to reduce outstanding loans and 25% of Net income to reduce the restricted funds account. Knox seconded; carried. Nay-Wooters.

Agenda Item 2

Subject: Bylaw Proposed Changes (Attachment I)

Reference Documents Affected: Bylaws, Paul moved to approve amendments to Bylaws Article VIII Sections. added paragraph. B.3. Other stakeholders. And Article XVI Section 2. B. Definition of In Person. Bell seconded. Carried Nay Wooters.

Agenda Item 3

Subject: External Affairs Report

The External Affairs Committee reports the following activities since June, 2008:

- Mountain Rescue Association (MRA): June 17-21, 2008: I attended the annual MRA conference in Stowe, Vermont. The conference was hosted by Stowe Mountain Rescue and marks the first annual conference held east of the Mississippi in the MRA's fifty years of existence. The MRA will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 25-28, 2009 where it was founded: Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Oregon. Of significance to NASAR is the MRA's continued involvement in the federal typing and credentialing process. The official MRA representative on the SAR Credentialing Working Group is Mike Vorachek, MRA past president Tim Kovacs chairs that working group and several NASAR members also sit on it, including Sate SAR Coordinators Matt Sharper and Chris Long.

- National Sheriffs' Association (NSA): June 27-30, 2008: I attended the annual conference of the NSA in Indianapolis, Indiana. As a committee member, I attended the Special Operations Committee (SOC) meeting and was invited to attend the meeting of the Education and Training Committee (ETC). At the ETC meeting, I familiarized committee members with NASAR, its curricula, and certifications. I explained that most county sheriff offices utilizing volunteer SAR personnel had team members who had participated in NASAR training programs. There was considerable interest in future NASAR participation in ETC meetings. At the SOC meeting I reported on the NASAR conference in Colorado Springs, previewed next year's conference in Little Rock, and explained the important forum provided by NASAR for the State SAR Coordinators. I further explained NASAR participation in NSARC meetings, with emphasis on NASAR's role as the communication link between NSARC (federal SAR authorities) and state SAR authorities. SOC Chair Kevin Beary, Sheriff, Orange County, Florida enthusiastically expressed interest in me providing a similar communication link for NSA, the primary SAR authority in most states, especially in the West. I told the committee that I would convey their interest to NSARC at their scheduled July meeting.
- National Search and Rescue Committee (NSARC): July 24, 2008: I attended the regularly scheduled NSARC meeting at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington D.C. I reported on the Colorado Springs conference and previewed next year's conference in Little Rock. Cole Brown attended the meeting as the Maryland state SAR coordinator and he reported on the State SAR Coordinator's meeting. I explained the importance of NSARC Secretary Rick Button's attendance at the conference and his participation in the State SAR Coordinator's meeting. I extended NASAR's hope that his participation continued next year. I detailed the NSA desire to establish communication with NSARC, particularly as it applies to the National SAR Manual and the Catastrophic Incident SAR Addendum. The committee was enthused by this interest and NSARC Secretary Rick Button asked if I could arrange for him to speak to the NSA at the NSA winter business meeting in Washington D.C. in late January, 2009. I will do so.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Hourihan

Agenda Item 4

Subject: **Executive Director Report**

Reference Documents Affected:

Information Background:

Proposed BOD Action:

Estimated Funding Impact:

(PAM Updates, 2009 conference update, need direction for location on 2010 conference, HAT update)

2009 Conference

Federal/State SAR Coordinator's Sponsor – 2 day event; \$4500 sponsorship confirmed
Technical Track Sponsorship - \$1000 sponsorship confirmed
SAR Dog, Gen/Mgt/Med and Govt/HLS/USAR will be posted by end of week with pre-conference workshops - SAR Dog, Bob Koester, Tracking
Will be combining Public Safety Dive and Swiftwater Flood Tracks

2010 Conference

Need direction on location. The responses from the surveys were varied.
Recommendation is to do pick three locations as the BoD and possibly go with Reno area for 2010. The consensus is that the BoD would like more demographic information to decide where we should go. Bartlett to give demographics for 12/31/2008 at January meeting.

Hug-A-Tree

Recommendation came to have NASAR market and sell "HAT Pack" – AI feels there is a need for a ready pack to be given to include a whistle, mirror, poncho and/or garbage bag. The consensus was that this would be a good idea if there was a sponsor to fund it so it could be a free give away.

Knox moved to adjourn. Bell seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted, George Rice, Director, Acting secretary

