

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE CALL  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE  
March 11, 2009 – 2pm Eastern**

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**Agenda Item 1**

Subject: Opening Administrative Business

a. President Hourihan convened the meeting a 2PM

b. Secretary Rice called the roll

- i. Dan Hourihan P
- ii. Monty Bell P
- iii. George Rice P
- iv. Kathy Johnston P
- v. Allan Knox P
- vi. Rob Brewer P
- vii. Vicki Wooters P
- viii. Jimmie Canfield P
- ix. Howard Paul P

Staff

- Megan Bartlett P
- Ross Robinson P

c. Approval of January 2009 Meeting Minutes

Paul moved to approve the minutes, Brewer seconded. Carried. Wooters abstained.

d. President's Report

Hourihan reported speaking with a number of NASAR members since becoming President and that these conversations served to "reemphasize the great importance of communicating BOD and staff activities to the membership". Further, "In so doing, we foster not only the continued support and confidence of our members, but also generate their invaluable input on issues and decisions addressed by the Board". Additionally, I asked for continued open and regular communication amongst Board members and told Board members to expect regular contact from me. "If you feel I am not reaching out to you on a regular basis for your advice or input, please let me know".

e. Treasurer's Report

Robinson reported the office needed to buy a new server to resolve issues with accounting software? Officers have been receiving financial reports. Hourihan asked they be sent to the entire board. Robinson concurred. The audit is starting soon and will be complete by April, with the report ready for Bod distribution in May. Treasurer Bell concurred with Robinson's report.

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### **Agenda Item 1**

*Subject: Review of Strategic Plan assignments*

Bartlett reported that after checking with experts, minor revisions of the Strategic Plan do not have to be processed through the formal review procedure. Some editorial changes were made to the Mission and Vision Statements and will be published. Bartlett reviewed each Goal and Item in each Goal with the Board. The updated will be published and distributed at a later BoD meeting.

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### **Agenda Item 2**

*Subject: Executive Director Report*

- 2009 Conference Update. Bartlett reported the planning is proceeding quite well and the host state is looking forward to the event.
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- 2010 Conference Update – AFRCC would like to be local host in FL. Hourihan will follow-up with the new leadership at the Center.

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### **Agenda Item 3**

*Subject: Member Database development for online*

Bartlett reported on an outline of how the project could be handled. There was interest in doing it if it were truly an “opt-in “process. The Bod asked staff to do some additional research and report back. Brewer moved to Table pending additional input, Knox seconded. Carried, Wooters Nay.

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### **Agenda Item 4**

*Subject: External Affairs*

Hourihan filed a written report as follows

The External Affairs Committee reports the following activities since January, 2009:

- Mountain Rescue Association (MRA): January 8-11, 2009: I attended the annual MRA winter business meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The MRA will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> 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): January 28-31, 2009: I attended the annual winter conference of the NSA in Washington, D.C. As a committee member, I attended the Special Operations Committee (SOC) and the Education and Training Committee (ETC) meetings. I was reappointed to the SOC and newly appointed to the ETC by current NSA

President Sheriff David Goad, Allegany County, Maryland. At the SOC meeting, I previewed this year's conference in Little Rock, and explained the important forum provided by NASAR for the State SAR Coordinators. The SOC, under the leadership of the new SOC Chair Sheriff Tim Bailey, Marion County, Ohio, reorganized into sub-committees. I was appointed the Chair of the SAR and Incident Management Team sub-committees. The 2009 annual NSA conference will be held June 20-24, 2009 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- National Search and Rescue Committee (NSARC): February 19, 2009: I attended the regularly scheduled NSARC meeting at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington D.C. I previewed this year's NASAR 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. We discussed the implications of federal credentialing efforts as they may apply to the utilization of personnel at the local, state, and national levels for SAR response. I described the NASAR SARTECH program and its importance in providing recognized SAR training certifications for responders. I reiterated the NSA desire to establish communication with NSARC, particularly as it applies to the National SAR Manual and the Catastrophic Incident SAR Addendum. The next regularly scheduled NSARC meeting is July 23, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Hourihan

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#### **Agenda Item 5**

##### ***Subject: SAR Dog Committee Report***

Bartlett reported the SAR Dog Committee would like to know if K9 Tests could be placed online. This is an un-budgeted item which would cost thousands of dollars for each type of test. Wooters moved to deny the request, Paul Seconded. Carried unanimously to deny the request.

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#### **Agenda Item 6**

##### ***Subject: Ground SAR Committee Report***

Committee Chairman Martin has asked staff to get support for pursuing CERT program endorsement of the ISAR program as an adjunct to the CERT program in the wilderness search arena. Staff will follow-up with the national CERT office.

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#### **Agenda Item 7**

##### ***Subject: Water Committee Report***

Hourihan spoke with Chairman Rooker.

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**Agenda Item 8**

*Subject: Tracking Committee Report*

Canfield reported there was no new information.

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**Agenda Item 9**

*Subject: Mounted Committee Report*

Canfield had no new information as of this meeting:

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**Agenda Item 10**

*Subject: Position statement on cost recovery of Search and Rescue*

Paul reported on a draft statement under review by the board. It will be circulated for Board final approval soon after the meeting.

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**Agenda Item 11**

*Subject: Good of the order*

There was an article in Popular Mechanics on Sear and Rescue.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, George Rice, Secretary