



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Region Meeting 5/8/2021

Attendees:

AMRC-Andreas Schmitt-Sody

ART-Lynda Wacht, Bob Feroldi

ASAR-Jack Mitchell

Douglas-Jake Smith, Roman Bukary

El Paso-Jay Christianson

Fremont- Pat Caulfield

Grand-Greg Foley

Larimer-George Janson

Aspen-Scott Messina

Park-Daniel Knudsen

RMRG-Dale Wang, Alison Sheets, Christopher Benner

Vail-Brandon Arnold

WMRT-Amy Allbritton

Meeting Started: 18:03 (MT)

Old Business:

Winter meeting minutes approved.

New Business:

Andreas Schmitt-Sody proposed three changes to the verbiage and timing of term limits and elections of Region board members.

Article V

Section 3: line 198/199

current: During each calendar year, the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for one year term commencing on each January 1st

change to: During each odd calendar year the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term, commencing on January 1st the subsequent even year

Section 3: line 201-203/199

current: During each calendar year, each Director at Large shall be elected for one year term commencing on each January 1st

change to: During even and odd, one of the Directors at Large shall be elected for a two-year term, commencing on January 1st of the subsequent even or odd year. Only in the first year after approval of the bylaw changes, one of the Directors at Large will be elected for only one year-term, commencing January 1st the following year.

Section 3 Line 206-208

current: No position can be filled by the same person for more than two consecutive terms except the Secretary-Treasurer position, which can be filled by the same person four consecutive years

change to: No position can be filled by the same person for more than two consecutive terms.

Addition:

The change to the bylaws will take into effect immediately after approval by region members.

The 2021 Spring Conference will take place in person June 10-13 in Champion Pennsylvania. The business meeting will have an option for virtual attendance but all voting must be done in person or via proxy.

Nationwide board elections are coming up. Positions up for election:

Secretary and Treasurer

ICAR delegates- Med com delegate and alternate (Alison is running for re-election)

ICAR Avalanche delegated and alternate

Director at large (Andreas Schmitt-Sody is running for director at large on nation BOD)

Angela Wilder (Alpine) will receive the first time conference attendee scholarship for the region.

Evaluators' treatment for past two non-reaccreditation years

Proposed language presented, feedback received, document and proposed language updated:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17oIY9lLiORERk0xxFjjakGj1wNd6BQ7fwaNr6_le7WY/edit

Re-accreditation

Re-accreditation committee restarted in March 2021. The next meeting will take place in June 2021. Goal is to be able to hit the ground running come 2022 with regards to re-accreditations in the region.

- Moving towards having 2020 and 2021 not count towards the tenure of lead evaluators, scene leaders, and evaluators.
- Starting a class to allow people from around the region to virtually get involved with the process of being a lead evaluators, scene leaders, and evaluators.

Roman's documents:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17oIY9lLiORERk0xxFjjakGj1wNd6BQ7fwaNr6_le7WY/edit?usp=sharing

JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) committee

What can we do, as a region, to improve diversity and inclusion?

- Providing more resources such as opportunities like Lynda Wacht's workshop this coming Thursday.
- Look for more virtual workshop opportunities as the year progresses.
- Washington state area- is putting a way to capture anonymous responses at the regional level to track reports of diversity and inclusion incidents.
 - Maybe something we could develop in the rocky region?

Around the room

Grand County is doing a SAR academy in the first time since 2015- (Greg)

Possibility to set up a regional training event in the fall?

Andreas- Great to see everyone working together to push through these past two years especially on restarting the accreditation committee to get the ball rolling before next year.

Looking ahead to the winter region meeting in December

- Helen Rowe and Daniel Knudsen are terming out (director at large)
- Andreas's term is up but can rerun (president)

Meeting Adjourned 19:00 (MT)