Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Article X Policy 2

Region Fund Policy

As a condition of regional team membership in Good Standing, the Rocky Mountain Region of the MRA Bylaws require in Article VII, Section 5e, "For Regular Member Units, they shall have sent the annual contribution of \$100.00 to the MRA supporting the Rocky Mountain Region Fund or submitted a letter to the Region board listing their reason(s) for requesting a waiver of this annual contribution"

O The annual contribution of \$100.00 shall be submitted to the MRA by January 31st of each year. Each Team submitting this contribution shall identify this payment to the MRA as being their annual contribution to the Rocky Mountain Region Fund. The Rocky Mountain Region Secretary will confirm with the MRA Executive Secretary on March 1st of each year to determine which Rocky Mountain Region Teams have submitted their annual contributions.

The annual contribution will be sent to the following address. The check will be made out to "Mountain Rescue Association" and will have the memo section of the check annotated as, "Rocky Mountain Region Dues"

MRA Attn: Rocky Mountain Region PO BOX 880868 San Diego, CA 92168

Purchases and distributions of funds by the region shall be preapproved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote for the primary purpose items listed in this policy and in accordance with Region bylaws. Any expenditure not outlined within this policy must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors and be presented to the regional units via email for comments at least two weeks prior to the vote. Votes by the Board of Directors related to the purchases and distributions of funds from the Region Fund shall be sent to all regional units within 30 days of the vote and will be archived and documented in the minutes at the following Region Meeting.

The primary purposes of Rocky Mountain Region Unit's annual contribution to the Rocky Mountain Region Fund are to:

 Defray the costs incurred by those individuals representing the Rocky Mountain Region at national MRA meetings.

As stated in the Region Bylaws, Region Board Members shall have priority, in order of precedent, over Team Delegates in receiving reimbursements from the Region Fund when they are representing the Rocky Mountain Region at national MRA meetings. Team Delegates representing the Rocky Mountain Region must be approved by the Board of Directors.

- The portion of the Region Representatives or delegates travel expenses, paid by the region, shall be supportive in nature; however, not all inclusive or extravagant.
- o Purchase items required for regional A/R Exercises. Travel and personal expenses for any of the evaluation team are not eligible for reimbursement.
- o Provide funding and maintenance for internet presence for the Rocky Mountain Region, as determined by the Board of Directors.
- o Provide reimbursements for related Administrative expenses, as determined by the Board of Directors, for the performance of region responsibilities and activities.
- o Provide reimbursements for any related expenses, as determined by the Board of Directors, for the scheduled Spring/Summer and Winter regional meetings.
- o Provide reimbursements for any related training expenses, as determined by the Board of Directors, for any scheduled and sponsored regional trainings.

If, on the date of the Winter Region Meeting each year, the balance of the contributions for the Rocky Mountain Region is more than or equal to two years contributions of all Rocky Mountain Region Regular Units and Associate Units, the requirement for teams to contribute \$100 to the Rocky Mountain Region will be waived for the following year.

If any Regular Unit or Associate Unit anticipates that they will not be able to make the required contribution to the Region Fund for any given year, they must submit a letter of explanation to the Region Board at the Winter Region Meeting prior to that year.

NOTE ONLY: MRA Bylaws, Article IV, para 2, "Only delegates may carry proxies. A delegate may not carry more than five proxies, except a Region chair or Region representative may carry a proxy for any Region voting member."

Regional Director at Large:

Adopted on: 12/07/13