

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Conference Call**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
**March 12, 2008 – 1300**

(all times are listed in 2400 clock, Eastern Daylight Time)

**Agenda Item 1 - Opening Administrative Business**

**a. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order via conference call by President Kathy Miller at 1303.

**b. Roll Call**

The roll call was made by Secretary Ken Lesperance (P indicates Present and A indicates Absent).

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

Staff

Megan Bartlett-P

Ross Robinson-P

- c. January 2008 Board of Director Meeting Minutes:** Discussion about numerous clarifications. Vote taken: none in favor, all opposed except Jimmie, who abstained. Ken said he would work to have revisions out by end of week for review and vote at next meeting.

- d. President's Report:** Review of Organization Chart. Reminded the Board Members who have assignments to review their duties per the By-Laws. Asked for those who lead committees to submit a summary of committee reports.

Executive Director Megan Bartlett reviewed responses to the Board questions to Global ResQ (see attachment). A brief discussion ensued and there was a general consensus to support development of the technology. Kathy will draft a letter for Board review.

- e. Treasurer's Report:** Chief Financial Officer Ross Robinson provided the report. We are close to budget for January. The audit is underway and

should be done within 30 days. Ross provided a brief update of his research of fundraising.

**At 1332 Allan left the meeting.**

**At 1338 Ross left the meeting.**

**At 1339 Kathy left the meeting. Ken assumed the duty of facilitating the meeting.**

### **Agenda Item 2 - Budget Policy**

Megan presented a proposal the Board vote on the following issue:

Make policy that only Committee Chairs, or alternate, can be budgeted to attend the conference. It is not needed for Committee Chairs to attend in person meetings or the full committee to attend the conference.

George motioned to approve the wording as written.

Dan seconded the motion.

Brief discussion ensued, primarily clarification.

Vicki and Dan were in favor. Monty, Jimmie, Ken, George, and Howard were opposed. The motion failed.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Executive Director Report**

**2008 Conference:** We need Board members to volunteer to assist with some duties at the conference.

George agreed to assist during set-up of the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday. Jimmy agreed to serve as the Operations Section Chief. Ken agreed to lead the HLS/USAR/Govt Track.

#### **2009 Conference:**

Megan discussed the proposals for potential sites.

Howard made a motion to hold the 2009 National Search and Rescue Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, to authorize Megan to begin the negotiation process with the venue organizations, and to consider, but not require, a multiple year contract. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no one opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed.

#### **Hug-A-Tree Instructional DVD Update:**

We will have DVD for Board review by March 17; will need online vote to approve for distribution. The instructional video should be out by the National Search and Rescue Conference.

#### **Program Administration Manual:**

The PAM should be released and available on the NASAR website by April 1, 2008.

**2007 Annual Report:**

The anticipated release date is the May General Membership Meeting. The report will follow same format as the 2006 Annual Report (can be found on "About Us" page of website).

**Agenda Item 5 - Fundraising Committee Report**

Ross had given a brief update before he left the meeting and there was no additional discussion.

**Agenda Item 6 - External Affairs Committee Report**

Committee Chair Dan Hourihan reported two contacts since the January, 2008 Board Meeting:

1. Dan met with National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and discussed an MLPI endorsement by NCMEC.
2. Dan met National Sheriff's Association (NSA) and discussed support for MLPI use by Law Enforcement. Dan will give a presentation at the June NSA meeting.

**Agenda Item 7 - SME Liaison Committee Report**

Committee Chair Vicki Wooters said there were no formal reports from the committees. The Canine Committee is moving forward with grants to attend the NASAR conference and the Tracking Committee is getting underway.

Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. George seconded the motion. All were in favor with no one opposed and no abstentions.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 1415.**