

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
OREGON MOUNTAIN RESCUE COUNCIL

PURPOSE

The Oregon Mountain Rescue Council has been organized in order to establish closer coordination between Oregon mountain rescue groups, to provide centralized representation on mountain rescue matters within Oregon, and to promote mountain safety.

BYLAWS

Article I - Name

Section I. The name of this organization shall be the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council (OMRC).

Article II - Headquarters

Section I. The OMRC Headquarters shall be designated by the President.

Article III - Membership

Section I. All mountain rescue groups which reside within Oregon and are recognized by a County Sheriff to perform mountain search and rescue, shall be allowed membership in OMRC providing they meet the standards set forth by the OMRC and the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA).

Section II. Membership by OMRC members in the national MRA is voluntary. The MRA teams in Oregon (as set by the MRA Information and Policies Handbook) shall make up the Oregon Region of the MRA.

Section III. Those members who meet the standards adopted by OMRC shall have voting privileges.

Section IV. Associate (non-voting) members may be included in OMRC by a majority vote of the delegates.

Article IV - Representation

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Section I. Representation shall consist of one delegate from each member unit who shall be the Chairman or President of his unit, or his appointed representative. Each delegate shall have one vote. There shall be, in addition, an alternate delegate from each unit who may vote in the absence of the delegate. The alternate delegate must be from the same unit or organization. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section II. The entire management and government of OMRC, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be vested in the Delegates.

Section III. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be designated by their units each year.

Article V - Officers

Section I. The Delegates shall elect annually, at the Fall Meeting, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as the Delegates deem necessary.

Section II. The Vice President's and the Secretary-Treasurer's right to vote shall depend solely on their being named a delegate or alternate of a member rescue unit. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie, and shall not be a delegate or alternate during his term as President.

Article III. In the event that an individual from a non-MRA member group is elected to the position of President, then the MRA members shall elect a Chairman who is a member of an MRA group to represent the Oregon Region of the MRA.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section I. The President shall perform the duties usually devolving upon his office. He shall appoint, subject to confirmation of the Delegates, all committee chairmen and, subject to like confirmation, shall fill all vacancies in committee chairmen, and shall represent OMRC on the Search and Rescue Advisory Council.

Section II. The Vice President shall act in place of the President in his absence and, during the President's absence, shall have all his powers and duties and limitations on voting.

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Section III. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the usual duties devolving upon this office, except as otherwise provided by the Delegates. He shall provide reports on Council activities as the Delegates require.

Article VII - Committees

Section I. The Delegates may designate the management of any of the properties of the Council and the performance of any activities to such committee or committees as they see fit.

Section II. All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to confirmation by the Delegates, and all committee chairmen vacancies shall be filled by the President, subject to like confirmation.

Article VIII - Publications

Section I. All publications of the OMRC shall be approved by the President before distribution.

Article IX - Meetings

Section I. The Delegate meetings shall be held at such times and places and upon such notice as the Delegates shall direct. Meetings shall be held at least quarterly. The Delegates may authorize the President to call meetings and to give notice thereof.

Section II. A Quorum shall constitute a minimum of three Delegates present at a meeting called after notice.

Section III. The President may call an emergency meeting. Notice to all delegates shall be attempted.

Article X - Dues and Funds

Section I. Dues shall be those as set by the Delegates.

Section II. Distribution of any remaining funds will be prorated equally to all members of OMRC of record on the date of dissolution, who have on file with the Internal Revenue Service their ability to receive assets as a nonprofit organization.

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Article XI - Rules of Order

Section I. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all parliamentary matters.

Article XII - Amendments

Section I. Bylaws of the OMRC may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Delegates present, at a duly called meeting of the Delegates.

Section II. Provided, however, the sponsor of an amendment to the Bylaws must give written notice to all members of the OMRC of the proposed amendment at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Provided further, that the membership rolls shall be available to all members of the Council.

Section III. In the event that a vote is not brought to the Delegates' meeting by a delegate or appointed representative for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws, the member may vote upon the proposed amendment by certified mail directly to the President, provided that the aforesaid letter is received prior to the meeting.