

Pincher Creek Volunteer Search & Rescue Group

⑩ Policy Title: Associate Member

⑩ Purpose

To define the requirements, privileges and treatment of Associate Members.

⑩ Status of This Document

2001-08-28 The policy described in this document is recommended by the Membership Committee. It has not yet been approved by the board.

⑩ Policy

Associate Members:

- ⑩ are given written notice of general meetings. [A2,R2]

- ⑩ are encouraged to attend general meetings. [A4,R1]

To become [A1] or to remain [A3] an Associate Member, an individual must:

- ⑩ fill out a personnel form. [A1]

- ⑩ indicate they want to be an Associate Member. [A1,A3]

- ⑩ have participated in the organization at least once (e.g. attended a meeting, training session, or search, or donated time or resources) in the last 12 months. [A5,R4]

- ⑩ have the current approval of the board. [A1,A3,R5]

⑩ Authority

[A1] Bylaws clause 1. Clause 1 defines the requirements to become an Associate Member, but not to remain as an Associate Member.

[A2] Bylaws clause 13.

[A3] proposed Bylaw change as listed in [A4] of the Voting Member policy.

[A4] proposed Board Resolution

Moved that Associate Members are encouraged to attend general meetings.

[A5] proposed Board Resolution

Moved that in order to receive and maintain the approval of the Board for Associate Membership, an individual must have participated in the organization at least once (e.g. attended a meeting, training session, or search, or donated time or resources) in the last 12 months.

⑩ Alternative Policies

No alternative policies (those considered but not recommended) are listed here.

⑩ Rationale

[R1] Member participation makes the society stronger. Stating that members are encourage to attend meetings makes this explicit.

[R2] Written meeting notices are given to permit members to attend. It is expected that this will not be a burden to the organization as the notice can be given for the entire year once a year or upon joining.

[R4] Individuals who are not participating at all in the year are not contributing to the organization, but are still taking resources in mailings, newsletters, etc. Such individuals should not be members.

[R5] The board is the best group to suspend or expel members. If the matter must be brought to the membership at a general meeting, the issue will be too destructive on the cohesiveness of the organization and its relationship with the community. Additional policies can be created that restrict the manner or circumstances under which a member is suspended or expelled.