



## **RMRG Bylaws**

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21 **Article I**

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23 **NAME**

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25 The name of this Corporation shall be ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP.  
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27 **Article II**

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29 **OBJECTIVES**

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31 The objectives of the Corporation shall be to maintain active groups of volunteers trained and equipped for mountain  
32 search and rescue missions; to promote safety in mountain recreation, and to assist in emergencies other than  
33 mountain disasters where first aid and rescue services are needed, such as fires, floods, blizzards, and civil defense.  
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35 **Article III**

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37 **CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

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39 Section 1. Objectives.

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41 The Rocky Mountain Rescue Group shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado as a corporation  
42 not for profit. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. The Corporation shall have no stockholders, issue no  
43 stock, and pay no dividends. The Corporation shall not compensate any member for the performance of elected,  
44 appointed, or volunteer office or duty, except for reimbursement approved by the Executive Board. The Corporation  
45 shall be supported by contributions or donations, and by such means as may be approved by the Executive Board. It  
46 shall carry out its objectives within the State of Colorado, and in such other areas as the Executive Board may  
47 authorize.  
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49 Section 2. Dissolution.

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51 In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation assets shall be distributed by the Executive Board to  
52 organizations having similar objectives, and which are exempt from state and federal income tax.  
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54 **Article IV**  
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1 **DEFINITIONS**

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4 CURRENT CALL LIST: The published list of Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support members currently available  
5 for emergency rescue duty.

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7 ENTIRE QUALIFIED MEMBERSHIP: The number of Qualified Members listed on the Current Call List, minus  
8 those whose voting rights have been suspended, plus the number of additional Qualified Members present or voting.  
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10 QUALIFIED MEMBERS PRESENT OR VOTING: The number of Qualified members in attendance, minus those  
11 in attendance whose voting rights have been suspended, plus the number of Qualified members voting in absentia on  
12 the particular question.

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14 ENTIRE RESCUE SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP: The number of Rescue Support members listed on the current call  
15 list, minus those whose voting rights have been suspended, plus the number of additional Rescue Support Members  
16 present or voting.

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18 RESCUE SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT OR VOTING: The number of Rescue Support members in attendance,  
19 minus those in attendance whose voting rights have been suspended, plus the number of Rescue Support members  
20 voting in absentia on the particular question.

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22 TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: Two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board members in  
23 attendance at the meeting.

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25 GROUP: The Rocky Mountain Rescue Group.

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27 CORPORATION: The Rocky Mountain Rescue Group.

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29 VALID FIRST AID CARD: The Executive Board shall define the Valid First Aid Card for Qualified, Rescue  
30 Support and Support memberships. Changes in the requirements shall not take effect until the close of the Quarterly  
31 Business Meeting following the Executive Board meeting at which the changes were made. The Executive Board  
32 shall review the requirements at its meeting preceding the February Quarterly Business Meeting.  
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34 **Article V**

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36 **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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38 Section 1. Composition and Powers.

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40 The Corporation shall be governed by twelve (12) Directors who shall constitute the Executive Board of the Rocky  
41 Mountain Rescue Group. The Executive Board shall consist of the Group Leader, Assistant Group Leader, Business  
42 Manager, five (5) Counselors, two (2) Qualified Representatives, one (1) Rescue Support Representative and one (1)  
43 Support Representative. The Executive Board shall have all powers not denied it nor delegated to the membership.  
44 Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Corporation shall be governed by majority vote of the Directors  
45 in attendance at an Executive Board Meeting, each Director having one (1) vote. The manners of selection and terms  
46 of office of the Directors shall be specified in these Bylaws. Any Director may succeed himself. No director or  
47 officer may be an alien.

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49 Section 2. Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader.

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51 The Group Leader and the Assistant Group Leader must be Qualified members, at least 21 years of age, and  
52 bondable. The term of office of each shall be one (1) year, from the close of the meeting at which he is elected, until  
53 the close of the meeting at which he is replaced. Each is elected at the February Quarterly Business Meeting.  
54 Nominations will be made from the floor by Qualified or Rescue Support members. Voting will be by secret ballot.  
55 Two (2) ballots will be taken: The first for Group Leader and the second for Assistant Group Leader. A majority  
56 vote of the Qualified and Rescue Support members present or voting is required to elect.

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2 Section 3. Business Manager.  
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4 The Business Manager must be a Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, Retired, or Auxiliary Member, at least 21  
5 years of age, and bondable. The Business Manager shall be appointed by the Executive Board at its first meeting  
6 following the February Quarterly Business Meeting, to serve until the close of the Executive Board Meeting  
7 following the next February Quarterly Business Meeting.  
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9 Section 4. Counselors.  
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11 Each Counselor must be a Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, or Retired member and have been so for the three (3)  
12 years prior to his election; he must be at least 25 years of age, bondable, and a resident of the State of Colorado. The  
13 term of office of each Counselor is five (5) years. One Counselor is elected each year at the May Quarterly Business  
14 Meeting. Nominations for Counselor must be submitted by Qualified members to an Executive Board Meeting after  
15 the February Quarterly Business Meeting and prior to one (1) week before the May Quarterly Business Meeting. If  
16 fewer than two (2) nominations are submitted, then nominations may be made from the floor by Qualified members  
17 at the May Quarterly Business Meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. A majority vote of the Qualified members  
18 present or voting is required to elect.  
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20 Section 5. Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support Representatives.  
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22 Four (4) Representatives are elected at each Quarterly Business Meeting, to serve until the next Quarterly Business  
23 Meeting. Two (2) Representatives shall be Qualified members, nominated and elected by the Qualified members.  
24 One (1) Representative shall be a Rescue Support member, nominated and elected by the Rescue Support members.  
25 One (1) Representative shall be a Support member, nominated and elected by the Support members. Voting for  
26 Representatives shall be by secret ballot during the open portion of the Quarterly Business Meeting. Nominations  
27 shall be made from the floor. Each nominee may speak for two (2) minutes in accepting or declining the nomination.  
28 No debate shall be allowed between the nominations and the election. One (1) ballot shall be taken for Qualified  
29 Representative, each Qualified member voting for one (1) nominee. The nominee receiving the most votes is  
30 elected. The nominee receiving the next greatest number of votes is elected, provided he receives at least one-fourth  
31 (1/4) of the votes cast. Otherwise, a second ballot shall be taken to elect the second Qualified Representative. One  
32 (1) ballot shall be taken for Rescue Support Representative, each Rescue Support member voting for one (1)  
33 nominee. The nominee receiving the most votes is elected. One (1) ballot shall be taken for Support Representative,  
34 each Support member voting for one (1) nominee. The nominee receiving the most votes is elected. In the event of a  
35 tie vote for Qualified, Rescue Support, or Support Representative, the Presiding Officer may cast an additional tie-  
36 breaking vote.  
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38 Section 6. Removal of Directors.  
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40 The Group Leader and the Assistant Group Leader may be removed from the Executive Board by a majority vote of  
41 that membership class which elected them to office, at a Quarterly Business Meeting. A Counselor may be removed  
42 from the Executive Board by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of that membership class which elected him to office,  
43 except that in case the term of office of that Counselor expires within one year, he may be removed by a simple  
44 majority of said membership class. The Business Manager may be removed from the Executive board by a majority  
45 vote of the entire Executive Board.  
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47 Section 7. Vacancy.  
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49 In case of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the remaining Directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy  
50 until the next Quarterly Business Meeting, when the membership shall elect a member to fill the remainder of the  
51 vacated term of office. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Business Manager, the Executive Board will appoint  
52 a new Business Manager at its next meeting, to fill the remainder of the vacated term of office. No member may be  
53 so appointed who is not eligible for election or appointment to the office. If a member of the Executive Board  
54 attends none of the meetings for which notice was given, for a period of six (6) months, the Executive Board, by  
55 two-thirds (2/3) vote, may declare his office vacant.  
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1 Section 8. Waiver of Secret Ballot.

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3 The requirement of this article for a secret ballot may be waived by the presiding officer if the number of nominees  
4 does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled by the ballot.

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6 **Article VI**

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8 **OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION**

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10 Section 1. Officers.

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12 The Officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Secretary, Group Leader, Assistant Group Leader, Business  
13 Manager, and Treasurer.

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15 Section 2. President and Secretary.

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17 At its first meeting following the May Quarterly Business Meeting, the Executive Board shall elect from its  
18 Counselors, a President and a Secretary, to serve until the close of the Executive Board Meeting following the next  
19 May Quarterly Business Meeting. The Executive Board may appoint the Vice-President or any Counselor as the  
20 President- or Secretary-pro-tem at any Executive Board Meeting at which the President or Secretary is absent. The  
21 Executive Board may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, remove the President or Secretary from office. The Executive Board  
22 shall fill any vacancy in the office of President or Secretary.

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24 Section 3. Vice-President.

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26 The Group Leader is the Vice-President of the Corporation.

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28 Section 4. Treasurer.

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30 At its first meeting following the February Quarterly Business Meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint a  
31 Treasurer, to serve until the close of the Executive Board Meeting following the next February Quarterly Business  
32 Meeting. The Treasurer must be a Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, Retired, or Auxiliary Member, at least 21  
33 years of age and bondable. The office of Treasurer shall have no vote. The Treasurer may be removed by a majority  
34 vote of the entire Executive Board. The Executive Board shall fill any vacancy in the office of Treasurer.

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36 Section 5. Authorization to Encumber the Corporation.

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38 The Executive Board may authorize any member of the Corporation to make withdrawals against Corporation bank  
39 accounts and execute instruments of conveyance and encumbrance of all or any part of Corporation property, as  
40 authorized by the Executive Board.

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42 **Article VII**

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44 **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

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46 Section 1. President.

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48 The President shall preside at all Executive Board Meetings.

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50 Section 2. Secretary.

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52 The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of each Executive Board Meeting, and for posting these  
53 minutes in the Group office within one (1) week, to remain posted until the next Quarterly Business Meeting. The  
54 Secretary shall keep and preserve the Corporate Seal.

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56 Section 3. Group Leader.

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2 The Group Leader shall be responsible to the Executive Board and shall coordinate all Group operational activities.  
3 He shall preside at Quarterly Business Meetings. He shall be responsible for keeping the Group in a state of  
4 preparedness to answer calls for assistance.  
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6 Section 4. Assistant Group Leader.

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8 The Assistant Group Leader shall assist the Group Leader and perform the duties of the Group Leader in his  
9 absence. He shall be responsible for the training of the membership in rescue skills.  
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11 Section 5. Business Manager.

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13 The Business Manager shall be responsible to the Executive Board and shall coordinate all Group administrative  
14 activities.  
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16 Section 6. Treasurer.

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18 The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Executive Board for all Corporation finances and the maintenance of  
19 Corporation financial records. He shall advise the Executive Board on financial policies. He shall prepare an annual  
20 report of Corporation finances for the Executive Board at its required meeting preceding the May Quarterly  
21 Business Meeting. He shall offer all financial records for inspection upon reasonable demand of any Group member.  
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23 Section 7. Counselor.

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25 Each Counselor shall make recommendations to the Executive Board for the improved operation of the Group, and  
26 shall assist in formulating and carrying out Group Policy.  
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28 Section 8. Representatives.

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30 The Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support Representatives shall represent the Qualified, Rescue Support, and  
31 Support memberships respectively to the Executive Board.  
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33 **Article VIII**

34 **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

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37 Section 1. Meetings.

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39 A meeting of the Executive Board may be called by the President of the Executive Board, any two (2) Directors, or  
40 any five (5) Qualified and/or Rescue Support and/or Support members of the Group, by giving 24 hours verbal  
41 notice, or seven (7) days notice to each Director, and by posting written notice of the meeting in the Group office, 24  
42 hours in advance. A meeting of the Executive Board may be held without notice if it is attended by nine (9) or more  
43 Directors. If fewer than four (4) Directors attend a meeting of the Executive Board, no business may be transacted.  
44 The Executive Board must meet at least once each Quarter, in the first three weeks of the month preceding each  
45 Quarterly Business Meeting.  
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47 Section 2. Rights of Group Members.

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49 Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, and Retired members may attend any Executive Board Meeting, and have the  
50 right to be heard. Any five (5) Qualified and/or Rescue Support and/or Support members may petition the Executive  
51 Board in writing. The Executive Board shall vote on such a petition by roll call by the close of its next meeting, and  
52 the minutes of the meeting shall record the petition and each Director's vote.  
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54 **Article IX**

55 **MEMBERSHIP**  
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2 Section 1. Class of Membership.  
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4 There shall be seven (7) classes of membership in the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group: Qualified, Rescue Support,  
5 Support, Retired, Auxiliary, Honorary, and Sustaining. Members assume the rights, privileges and duties of  
6 membership at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.  
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8 Section 2. Qualified Membership.  
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10 A Qualified member must be able to participate in, and assume leadership of, rescue operations in the field. A  
11 candidate for Qualified membership must, at the time of his election, hold a Valid First Aid Card, and have been a  
12 Rescue Support or Retired-Qualified member since at least the previous Quarterly Business Meeting. The Executive  
13 Board may set additional requirements for Qualified membership, but changes in requirements shall not take effect  
14 until the close of the Quarterly Business Meeting following the Executive Board meeting at which the changes were  
15 made. The candidate for Qualified membership must submit written application, countersigned by two (2) Qualified  
16 members, to an Executive Board Meeting. Unless the Executive Board rejects the application by two-thirds (2/3)  
17 vote, the candidate will be considered by the Qualified membership at the next Quarterly Business Meeting. The  
18 Executive Board may reject an application only for failure to meet a specific membership requirement. A three-  
19 fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Qualified members present or voting is required to elect to Qualified membership.  
20 Voting shall be by secret ballot. Only Qualified and Retired-Qualified members may be present during the portion of  
21 the meeting when candidates are being considered for Qualified membership.  
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23 Section 3. Rescue Support Membership.  
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25 A Rescue Support member must be able to participate in rescue operations in the field. A candidate for Rescue  
26 Support membership must, at the time of his election, hold a Valid First Aid Card, and have been a Support,  
27 Qualified, Retired-Qualified, or Retired-Rescue Support member since at least the previous Quarterly Business  
28 Meeting, except as provided in Section 5 of this article. The Executive Board may set additional requirements for  
29 Rescue Support membership, but changes in requirements shall not take effect until the close of the Quarterly  
30 Business Meeting following the Executive Board Meeting at which the changes were made. The candidate for  
31 Rescue Support membership must submit written application, countersigned by a Qualified member, to an Executive  
32 Board Meeting. Unless the Executive Board rejects the application by two-thirds (2/3) vote, the candidate will be  
33 considered by the Qualified and Rescue Support membership at the next Quarterly Business Meeting.  
34 The Executive Board may reject an application only for failure to meet a specific membership requirement. A  
35 majority vote of the Qualified and Rescue Support members present or voting is required to elect to Rescue Support  
36 membership. Only Qualified, Rescue Support,  
37 Retired-Qualified, and Retired-Rescue Support members may be present during the portion of the meeting when  
38 candidates are being considered for Rescue Support membership.  
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40 Section 4. Support Membership.  
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42 A Support member must be able to participate in rescue operations in the field. A candidate for Support membership  
43 must, at the time of his election, hold a Valid First Aid Card, and be at least 16 years of age. The Executive Board  
44 may set additional requirements for Support membership, but changes in requirements shall not take effect until the  
45 close of the Quarterly Business Meeting following the Executive Board Meeting at which the changes were made.  
46 The candidate for Support membership must submit written application, countersigned by a Qualified member, to an  
47 Executive Board Meeting. Unless the Executive Board rejects the application by two-thirds (2/3) vote, the candidate  
48 will be considered by the Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support membership at the next Quarterly Business  
49 Meeting. The Executive Board may reject an application only for failure to meet a specific membership requirement.  
50 A majority vote of the Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support members present or voting is required to elect to  
51 Support membership. Only Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, and Retired members may be present during the  
52 portion of the meeting when candidates are being considered for Support membership.  
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54 Section 5. Expiration and Renewal of Membership.  
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1 The term of membership of a Qualified, Rescue Support or Support member ends on 31 December of each year.  
2 This membership shall be renewed for the next calendar year if the member has met the participation and attendance  
3 requirements set by the Executive Board for the entire preceding calendar year, and if the member has held a Valid  
4 First Aid Card at any time during that year. The Executive Board shall decide upon the participation and attendance  
5 requirements for each calendar year at its required meeting preceding the February Quarterly Business Meeting that  
6 year. The Executive Board may rule on the expiration or renewal of a Qualified, Rescue Support, or Support  
7 member's term of membership, and may, when the above requirements have not been met, grant renewal during the  
8 year following expiration. Such ruling by the Executive Board shall not be made for any member for two (2) years  
9 in succession. If a Qualified member's term of membership is not renewed, he may apply directly for Rescue  
10 Support membership during the calendar year following expiration of Qualified membership.

#### 11 Section 6. Voting Rights of Qualified, Rescue Support and Support Members.

12 A Qualified, Rescue Support, or Support member may vote on questions at Quarterly Business Meetings as stated in  
13 these Bylaws except that the member shall lose his right to vote if he no longer holds a Valid First Aid Card.

#### 14 Section 7. Retired Membership.

15 Retired membership is an honorary status granted to Qualified, Rescue Support and Support members in recognition  
16 of long and exceptional service to the Group. A candidate for Retired membership must, at the time of his election,  
17 have been a Qualified member for at least the previous three (3) years or a Rescue Support member for at least the  
18 previous five (5) years or a Support member for at least the previous ten (10) years. The Executive Board may set  
19 additional requirements for Retired membership, but changes in requirements shall not take effect until the close of  
20 the Quarterly Business Meeting following the Executive Board Meeting at which they were made. A candidate for  
21 Retired membership must submit written application to an Executive Board Meeting. Unless the Executive Board  
22 rejects the application by two-thirds (2/3) vote, a Qualified member candidate will be considered by the Qualified  
23 membership, a Rescue Support or Support member candidate will be considered by the Qualified and Rescue  
24 Support membership at the next Quarterly Business Meeting. The Executive Board may reject an application only  
25 for failure to meet a specific membership requirement. A majority vote of those members present or voting is  
26 required to elect to Retired membership. The candidate's Qualified, Rescue Support or Support membership  
27 terminates at the close of the meeting of his election. Except as provided in these Bylaws, Retired membership does  
28 not terminate. A Retired member may attend those portions of Quarterly Business Meetings open to the class of  
29 membership from which the Retired member was retired, but may not vote.

#### 30 Section 8. Reclassification of Membership.

31 If a Qualified member applies for and is elected to Rescue Support or Support membership, his Qualified  
32 membership terminates at the close of the meeting of his election. If a Rescue Support member applies for and is  
33 elected to Support membership, his Rescue Support membership terminates at the close of the meeting of his  
34 election. If a Retired-Qualified member applies for and is elected to Rescue Support membership, he shall be both a  
35 Retired-Qualified and a Rescue Support member, holding the rights and privileges of both classes of membership. If  
36 a Retired-Qualified or Retired-Rescue Support member applies for and is elected to Support membership, he shall be  
37 both a Retired and a Support member, holding the rights and privileges of both classes of membership. If such a  
38 member resigns his Rescue Support or Support membership, he shall continue to be a Retired member. If a Retired-  
39 Qualified member applies for and is elected to Qualified membership, his Retired membership terminates at the  
40 close of the meeting of his election. If a Retired-Rescue Support member applies for and is elected to Rescue  
41 Support membership, his Retired membership terminates at the close of the meeting of his election. If a Retired-  
42 Support member applies for and is elected to Support membership, his Retired membership terminates at the close  
43 of the meeting of his election.

#### 44 Section 9. Auxiliary Membership.

45 An Auxiliary member must be willing to assist the Group in operations not requiring mountaineering skills. The  
46 Executive Board appoints auxiliary members. The term of membership of an Auxiliary member ends on 31  
47 December of each year. Auxiliary members may be reappointed. Auxiliary members may not vote.

1 Section 10. Honorary Membership.

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3 Honorary membership is granted in recognition of outstanding public service contributing to the objectives of the  
4 Group. No more than two (2) Honorary members may be elected in one calendar year. The Executive Board  
5 proposes candidates for Honorary membership to a Quarterly Business Meeting. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote  
6 of the Qualified members present or voting is required to elect to Honorary membership. Except as provided in  
7 these Bylaws, Honorary membership does not terminate. An Honorary member may not vote.  
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9 Section 11. Sustaining Membership.

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11 Sustaining membership is granted by the Executive Board in recognition of financial or material contribution to the  
12 Group. The Executive Board sets the requirements and privileges of Sustaining membership. The term of  
13 membership of a Sustaining member ends on 31 December of each year. Sustaining members may be reappointed.  
14 Sustaining members may not vote.  
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16 Section 12. Resignation.

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18 A member may resign at any time, upon written notice to the Executive Board. A member who resigns forfeits all  
19 rights and privileges of membership. Should he later seek reinstatement, he must meet all requirements as though he  
20 had never been a member.  
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22 Section 13. Non-Discrimination.

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24 With respect to membership in the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, there shall be no discrimination based on race,  
25 creed, sex or ethnic origin.  
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27 **Article X**

28 **REMOVAL AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

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31 Section 1. Procedures for Removal.

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33 A member may be removed from membership only for just cause. Causes for removal shall include, but are not  
34 limited to, the following: willful action inconsistent with the aims and purposes of the Group; flagrant misconduct or  
35 disobedience to orders during an emergency operation; criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously  
36 disgraceful conduct; willful disregard of the duties of members set forth in these Bylaws; failure to continue to meet  
37 membership requirements. The proposal to remove a member shall state the cause. The Group Leader shall notify  
38 the member of the proposal, the cause, and the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the question of removal  
39 is to be decided, according to the procedures specified in this Article for the member's class of membership. The  
40 member has the right to attend the meeting, to produce witnesses in his behalf, to confront opposing witnesses, and  
41 to submit affidavits to be read. The proposal to remove becomes null and void at the close of the meeting at which  
42 the question of removal is to be decided.  
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44 Section 2. Removal of a Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, or Retired Member.

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46 A majority vote of the Qualified members present or voting at a Quarterly Business Meeting is required to propose  
47 the removal of a Qualified or Retired-Qualified member. A majority vote of the Qualified and Rescue Support  
48 members present or voting at a Quarterly Business Meeting is required to propose the removal of a Rescue Support,  
49 Support, Retired-Rescue Support or Retired-Support member. The Group Leader shall notify the member in writing  
50 of the proposal and cause, within two (2) weeks. The question of removal shall be decided at the next Quarterly  
51 Business Meeting. After the date, time, and place of that meeting has been set by the Executive Board, the Group  
52 Leader shall notify the member of that date, time, and place, together with a second notification of the proposal and  
53 cause, at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the entire Qualified  
54 membership is required to remove a Qualified or Retired-Qualified member from membership. A three-fourths (3/4)  
55 majority vote of the entire combined Qualified and Rescue Support memberships is required to remove a Retired-

1 Rescue Support or Rescue Support member from membership. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the entire  
2 combined Qualified and  
3 Rescue Support memberships is required to remove a Retired-Support or Support member from membership. No  
4 Director or Officer may be proposed for removal from membership until he has first been removed from office.  
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#### 6 Section 3. Removal of an Auxiliary or Sustaining Member.

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8 A majority vote of the Executive Board is required to propose the removal of an Auxiliary or Sustaining member.  
9 The motion proposing removal shall state the cause, and set the date, time, and place of the Executive Board  
10 meeting at which the question of removal is to be decided, to be held within three (3) months, but no sooner than  
11 fifteen days. Within one (1) week but no less than fifteen days in advance of the meeting, the Group Leader shall  
12 notify the member in writing of the proposal, cause, and the date, time, and place of the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3)  
13 vote of the Executive Board is required to remove an Auxiliary or Sustaining member from membership. No  
14 director or officer may be proposed for removal from membership until he has first been removed from office.  
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#### 16 Section 4. Removal of an Honorary Member.

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18 A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board is required to propose the removal of an Honorary member. Within  
19 two (2) weeks, the Group Leader shall notify the member in writing of the proposal and cause. The question of  
20 removal shall be decided at the nearest Quarterly Business Meeting at least four (4) weeks following the meeting at  
21 which removal was proposed. After the date, time, and place of that meeting has been set by the Executive Board,  
22 the Group Leader shall notify the member of that date, time, and place together with a second notification of the  
23 proposal and cause, at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the  
24 Qualified members present or voting is required to remove an Honorary member from membership.  
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#### 26 Section 5. Suspension of Membership.

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28 The Executive Board, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may suspend the privileges of membership of any member who has  
29 been proposed for removal; the suspension shall continue until the meeting at which the question of removal is to be  
30 decided. The Executive Board, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may suspend the privileges of membership of a Qualified,  
31 Rescue Support, Support, or Retired member for any cause which warrants his removal. The suspension shall  
32 continue until the next Quarterly Business Meeting. If the member is then proposed for removal, the suspension  
33 shall continue until the following Quarterly Business Meeting, at which the question of removal is to be decided.  
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### 35 **Article XI**

## 36 **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETINGS**

#### 37 Section 1. Procedures.

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41 There shall be four (4) meetings per year of the Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support membership of the Group,  
42 held during the first week of February, May, August, and November. The Executive Board shall set the date, time,  
43 and place of each Quarterly Business Meeting at its required meeting the previous month. The Executive Board shall  
44 send notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting to each Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support member, at  
45 least ten days in advance. If fewer than one-fourth (1/4) of the combined Qualified and Rescue Support  
46 memberships, the number to be determined by the Current Call List, attend a Quarterly Business Meeting, no  
47 business may be transacted. In this case, Directors whose terms would have expired are automatically reappointed  
48 until the next Quarterly Business Meeting. If a scheduled Quarterly Business Meeting cannot be held because of a  
49 Group emergency operation, the Executive Board shall, at its next meeting, reschedule the meeting for some time  
50 during the following month. The Executive Board shall send notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting to  
51 each Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support member, at least ten days in advance.  
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#### 53 Section 2. Voting in Absentia.

54  
55 Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support members absent from a Quarterly Business Meeting may vote in absentia on  
56 any question on which they would have been permitted to vote had they been present, by sending written notice to

1 the Group Leader, exactly stating each question and the member's vote. Such notice must be signed by the absent  
2 member. The minutes of the meeting shall record each vote in absentia, but the voter shall not be announced during  
3 the meeting. Votes received after the question has been decided are null and void. No one may vote by proxy.  
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#### 5 Section 3. Minutes of Meetings.

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7 The Group Leader shall be responsible for recording the minutes of each Quarterly Business Meeting, and posting  
8 them in the Group office within one (1) week, to remain posted until the next Quarterly Business Meeting. Minutes  
9 shall be approved at the next Quarterly Business Meeting by Qualified and Rescue Support members present or  
10 voting.  
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#### 12 Section 4. Order of Business.

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14 The order of business at a Quarterly Business Meeting shall be:

- 15 1. Call to order.
- 16 2. Determination of quorum.
- 17 3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous Quarterly Business Meeting.
- 18 4. Reading of reports of the Executive Board and Committees, and discussion of reports by the membership.
- 19 5. Proposal to amend the Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation.
- 20 6. Ratification of proposal to amend the Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation.
- 21 7. Election of Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support Representatives.
- 22 8. Restriction of meeting to Qualified, Rescue Support, Support, and Retired members.
- 23 9. Election of Support members.
- 24 10. Removal of Support member from membership.
- 25 11. Restriction of meeting to Qualified, Rescue Support, and Retired-Qualified and Retired-Rescue Support
- 26 members.
- 27 12. Election of Rescue Support members.
- 28 13. Removal of Rescue Support member from membership.
- 29 14. Election of Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader.
- 30 15. Election of Retired-Support, Retired-Rescue Support, and Honorary members.
- 31 16. Removal of a Director from the Executive Board.
- 32 17. Election of Counselors.
- 33 18. Removal of Retired or Honorary members from membership.
- 34 19. Proposal to remove a Rescue Support, Support, Retired-Rescue Support or Retired-Support member from
- 35 membership.
- 36 20. Restriction of meeting to Qualified and Retired-Qualified members.
- 37 21. Election of Qualified members.
- 38 22. Election of Retired-Qualified members
- 39 23. Removal of Qualified members from membership.
- 40 24. Removal of Retired-Qualified members from membership.
- 41 25. Proposal to remove a Qualified or Retired-Qualified member from membership.
- 42 26. Adjournment.
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## 45 **Article XII**

### 46 **DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

#### 47 Section 1. Principles.

48  
49 It shall be the duty of every member to uphold the principles of the Group as stated in the Articles of Incorporation,  
50 and to abide with the Bylaws and policies of the Group.  
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#### 52 Section 2. Operation.

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1 It shall be the duty of all Qualified and Rescue Support members to assist in Group training activities and  
2 administrative functions.

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4 **Article XIII**

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6 **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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8 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they  
9 apply and are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation.

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11 **Article XIV**

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13 **TRANSPORTATION**

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15 Members or guests in accepting transportation in the motor vehicles of other members or guests do so at their own  
16 risk, it being understood by all members and guests that the Group in arranging transportation for members or guests  
17 does so at the request and for the accommodation of said members or guests with the express understanding that any  
18 person requesting transportation releases the Group from any liability whatsoever arising out of said transportation.  
19 Any sum of money collected by the Group or any member of the Group from members or guests of the Group for  
20 the transportation of members or guests by motor vehicle on any Group activity shall be turned over to the owner or  
21 driver of the vehicle in which such member or guest is transported.

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23 **Article XV**

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25 **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS AND CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

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27 Section 1. Amendment Initiated by the Executive Board.

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29 The Executive Board may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, propose an amendment to the Bylaws. To become effective,  
30 such a proposal must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Qualified members present or voting, at the nearest  
31 Quarterly Business Meeting at least four (4) weeks following the Executive Board Meeting, notice stating the  
32 proposal having been given to the Qualified, Rescue Support, and Support membership at least two (2) weeks before  
33 the Quarterly Business Meeting.

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35 Section 2. Amendment Initiated by the Qualified Membership.

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37 Alternatively, the Qualified membership may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Qualified members present or voting,  
38 at any Quarterly Business Meeting, propose an amendment to the Bylaws. To become effective, such a proposal  
39 must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board, at its required meeting during the month preceding  
40 the next Quarterly Business Meeting, notice stating the proposal having been given to the Qualified, Rescue  
41 Support, and Support membership at least two (2) weeks before the Executive Board Meeting.

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43 Section 3. Enactment.

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45 Amendments become effective at the close of the meeting at which they are ratified.

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47 Section 4. Suspension.

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49 These Bylaws shall not be suspended.

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51 Section 5. Certificate of Incorporation.

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53 The Certificate of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided for amendment of the Bylaws. The  
54 amendment becomes effective when filed with the Secretary of the State of Colorado.

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56 **Article XVI**

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2 **CERTIFICATION**  
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4 Section 1.  
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6 We the undersigned hereby certify that these Bylaws were proposed by the Executive Board as required in Article  
7 XV of the Corporation Bylaws as amended 10 April 1972, at its meeting held on 11 December 1972.  
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9 Signature Position Date  
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11 Section 2.  
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13 We the undersigned hereby certify that these Bylaws were ratified by the Qualified membership as required in  
14 Article XV of the Corporation Bylaws as amended 10 April 1972, at the Quarterly Business Meeting held on 7  
15 February 1973.  
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17 Signature Position Date  
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