



Alaska Search and Rescue Association
PO Box 233276
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Membership Policy
(Revised June 9, 2020)

1. Membership. ASARA has four membership categories: (1) Operational Organization Member, (2) Operational Individual Member, (3) Associate Member, and (4) Lifetime Member.

1.1. Operational member applicants must demonstrate in their application that, as a principle business purpose, they perform search and rescue operations and associated supporting operations common to those referenced in the National SAR Plan.

1.2. Operational Organization Membership is the normal ASARA Membership. All other memberships are granted by exception. Operational Organization Membership provides ASARA rights and privileges to each of their members on the organization's active roster.

1.3. All membership applications will be submitted to and require the approval of the ASARA Board of Directors. Memberships which are not approved initially may be appealed to the board of directors at the next board meeting. Members in good standing may renew their membership by completing a brief renewal application and paying their annual dues.

1.4. Members remain in good standing by continuing to meet the standards for eligibility in their membership category and conducting themselves professionally, lawfully, and in compliance with ASARA's values and ethical conduct standards. Additionally, operational members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which provides a competent search and rescue response capability, provides for organizational accountability, and ensures professional interoperability with other ASARA members.

1.5. Members must remain in good standing with ASARA to be eligible for membership renewal. Members will normally be renewed unless the board of directors becomes aware of conduct which indicates that a member does not meet the standards outlined in paragraph 1.4.

1.6. The board of directors retains sole discretion for evaluating membership eligibility. Members who are determined to not meet the standards in paragraph 1.4 may be considered for termination through the processes proscribed by the ASARA bylaws or declined the opportunity to renew their membership.

2. Operational Members.

2.1. Operational Organization Membership.

2.1.1. Organizations must be registered legal entities, or formally constituted subordinate or chapter organizations thereof, with the State of Alaska or the Government of the United States or public organizations chartered or organized under the government of the United States, individual states and territories, or political subdivision of the states and territories.

2.1.2. Organizations must provide a statement of their organizational design, and operational capabilities to perform search and rescue operations in the State of Alaska.

2.1.3. Organizations must demonstrate that they have established a viable management structure, membership credentialing standards, and operations and training procedures that allow for interoperability with other SAR organizations operating in support of SAR incidents managed by government authorities at the local, state, or federal level.

2.1.4. Organizations must demonstrate that they have sufficient organizational viability to exercise accounting responsibility for resources that may be provided to them by ASARA.

2.2. Operational individual Membership. ASARA recommends that individuals join a local ASARA-member SAR team and only considers individual memberships on a case-by-case basis.

2.2.1. Individual Operational Members are recognized single resources who meet the standards for organizations as individuals. Typical single resources may be specialists in unique areas for which there is a unique need in Alaska.

2.2.2. Individual Operational Member applications are reviewed by the ASARA Board of Directors for their unique individual contributions to SAR in Alaska, their availability to serve as single resources during SAR operations at the request of the appropriate SAR authorities, and the availability of compatible local ASARA-member SAR organizations.

3. Associate Membership. Associate memberships allow non-SAR organizations to join ASARA and participate in ASARA training and activities. Individual associate memberships may be considered on a case-by-case basis based on unique circumstances.

3.1. Associate memberships are approved by the ASARA Board of Directors based on each applicant's potential for contribution and support to ASARA and the Alaska SAR community.

3.2. Associate memberships, unlike operational memberships, are not fully benefitted memberships but provide an opportunity for networking, engagement, and may allow for participation in select training activities.

4. Lifetime Membership. Lifetime memberships allow individuals to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to, and support of ASARA and the Alaska SAR community.

4.1 Lifetime Members may also be members of an ASARA Operational Organization Member team, but this is not required.

4.2 Lifetime Members are fully benefitted memberships of ASARA and may take part in training or other ASARA activities.

5. Membership Terms and Fees

5.1. Memberships stay current for one calendar year. Members who join after October 31st will have their membership continue through the following calendar year.

5.2. The membership form is attached to this policy.

5.3. Initial membership fees will normally be paid by check mailed to ASARA, PO Box 233276 Anchorage, Alaska 99523 after approval of a membership application. Annual dues will accompany the annual renewal form and mailed to ASARA at the business address above. Electronic payments and forms may be accepted in a manner available on the ASARA web site.

5.4. Operational Membership Fees:

5.4.1. Annual Individual Membership: \$25 per year

5.4.2. Operational Organization Members will pay dues according to the fee schedule below. Dues should be paid based on the organization's roster at the time of joining or renewing.

5.4.2.1. Operational Organization Members will submit an organization roster, in pdf file format, with their payment which includes the full legal name, city of residence, and email address of each member. Rosters will also list each organizational director/officer with full address and contact phone number. (rosters and contact information are used by ASARA informational communications, and by the ASARA Incident Management Team for Search and Rescue)

5.4.2.2. Operational Organization Membership Fee/Annual Dues based on an organization's rostered membership at the time of joining or renewal:

1-50 members: \$100

51-100 members: \$200

101+ members: \$300

5.4.2.3 Lifetime Membership: \$250 (one-time payment).

5.4.3. The membership fee rates above become effective in 2021.

5.5. Associate Member dues are \$10 for individuals and \$50 for organizations. Associate member dues will be deducted from required fees for associate organizations which transition to operational organizations. Associate members may display ASARA logos and patches and represent themselves as "ASARA Associate Members."

6. This policy is effective as of June 9, 2020.

Attachment: Organizational Membership Form
Annual Renewal Information Update

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Alaska Search and Rescue Association Membership Application

1. Name:		2. Membership Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Operational <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	
3. Physical Address			
4. Mailing Address ("same" is the same)			
5. Business Phone Number		6. Contact Email Address	
7. Website:		8. Name of Contact Representative:	
Operational Only Members - Please Complete 9-24. All Applicants, please sign page 2.			
9. Number of Rostered Members:		10. Geographic Response Area	
11. National Accrediting Organization (if applicable):		12. Membership Number (if applicable):	
13. State of Alaska Department of Commerce Entity Name:		14. Entity Number:	
15. Chief Executive Officer/President:			
16. Mailing Address:			
17. Primary Contact Phone Number:		18. Primary Contact Email:	
19. Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer:			
20. Mailing Address:			
21. Primary Contact Phone Number:		22. Primary Contact Email:	

23. Operational Members: Designed Operational Capabilities

Please place an X in the box next to each SAR capability which your organization is designed to deliver:

	Wilderness Search and/or Rescue
	K9 Search and/or Rescue
	Urban Search and/or Rescue
	Mountain Rescue (Technical/Vertical)
	Avalanche Search and Rescue
	Mounted Search and Rescue (Snow machine, ATV, Bicycle)
	Mounted Search and Rescue (Horse and similar)
	Maritime/Riverine Search and/or Rescue
	Aeronautical Search and Rescue (includes fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, and sUAS/"Drones")
	Communications/Logistics Support to Search and Rescue
	Incident Management Support to Search and Rescue
	Advanced Medical Response (<i>Higher than Wilderness First Responder</i>)
	Other:

24. Additional Documentation: In addition to the above information, Operational Members please provide (and place an X next to each item attached):

- _____ 1. State of Alaska Business License from the Department of Commerce
- _____ 2. Organizational narrative description including a list of the types of unique SAR resources your organization maintains (i.e. snow machines, aircraft, sUAS, sonar, etc.)
- _____ 3. Documentation outlining your organizational training and member qualification standards.

I certify that the information provided, including any attachments identified above, are accurate and current and that I understand and will ensure that my organization meets the standards expected of ASARA membership.

Signature

Date of Application

Printed Name

Title (CEO, President, Chairman, etc)



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1. Name:		2. Membership Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Operational <input type="checkbox"/> Associate	
5. Business Phone Number		6. Contact Email Address	
7. Website:		8. Number of Rostered Members:	
9. State of Alaska Department of Commerce Entity Name:		10. Entity Number:	
11. Chief Executive Officer/President (Associate Member Liaison):			
12. Primary Contact Phone Number:		13. Primary Contact Email:	
14. Operational Capabilities			
	Wilderness SAR		Mounted SAR (Motorized)
	K9 SAR		Maritime/Riverine SAR
	Urban SAR		Aeronautical SAR
	Mountain Technical		Communications/Logistics
	Avalanche SAR		Incident Management
	Mounted SAR		Advanced Medical
	Other:		

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Associate Dues Schedule:

Individuals: \$10

Organizations: \$50

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