

**Attachment to ISARC Member Correspondence**  
**June 1, 2021**

**Membership Application Definitions:**

- **Member Agency Administrator to ISARC- Point of Contact** – Person appointed to be the main representative between the Member Agency and ISARC Board of Directors. The Point of Contact is the person that is authorized to sign pertinent documents on behalf of the Agency.
- **Member Agency Voting Delegate**- Person authorized to act in the interest of the Member Agency by voting on various ISARC business actions.
- **Member Agency SAR Representative**- Person authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Member Agency that can commit the organization to ISARC for their support on various projects or initiatives.

**Membership Benefits:**

- ISARC provides networking opportunities with other Search and Rescue agencies and organizations within the SAR community. Additionally, advanced training opportunities in search and rescue techniques are provided by ISARC through training programs taught by qualified and certified instructors. The council also offers discounts on attendance at the Annual ISARC Conference. The membership benefit additionally provides agencies access to SAR resources by calling the ISARC Hotline. Participating in this organization allows the agency's point of contact or voting delegate to vote on various ISARC issues and initiatives and the ability to appoint an agency representative that is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the member agency to commit their organization to ISARC for support and reinforcement.

**Meeting of the Membership Quorum:**

- As outlined by the ISARC Bylaws Article 13 Section 5- Quorum for Meetings, a quorum of 50% of voting member agencies is required to have an annual meeting of the membership. If a quorum is not present at the meeting no business shall be considered by the members of the meeting and the only

motion that the Chair shall entertain is a motion to adjourn. After several debates, a resolution to this issue is to create a non-voting membership for those agencies that do not have the opportunity for participation in either the annual meeting of the membership or the ability to designate a voting delegate for their organization. This non-voting option would decrease the number of voting members, thus lowering the number required for a quorum. Although this board would value that all member agencies would like to participate as voting members, we recognize that a non-voting option may be in order. Again, this option would require a majority vote in favor of this type of non-voting membership by the Voting Delegates appointed by the Member Agency Point of Contact.

- **Organizational Member-** Public safety agencies and non-governmental organizations providing search, rescue, and/or recovery services to the public may become Organizational Members of the Council. Non-governmental organizations must be sponsored by a local, county, or state public safety agency for organizational membership. Organizational Membership is restricted to non-governmental organizations and public safety agencies indigenous to the State of Illinois. The exception is a local office, bureau, chapter, or other official subdivision of a federal agency, national organization, or multi-state regional organization providing search, rescue, recovery, and/or recovery services within the State of Illinois.
- **Non-Voting Organizational Member-** This option allows the same benefits that an organizational member would receive with the exception of voting in ISARC elections or other related business decisions. The non-voting membership would not be counted in the total number of ISARC member agencies organizations, thus, lowering the number for a quorum at our Annual Meeting of the Membership. This option is for those agencies that may not have the ability to participate in the annual meeting. This type of non-voting membership would require an ISARC bylaws change which would require a majority vote of the Member Agencies Voting Delegates.