

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION

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A BILL

Approves the UCSU/Rocky Mountain Rescue Group Inc Relations Agreement.

A BILL HISTORY

The Rocky Mountain Rescue Group (RMRG) has engaged in service to the University since 1950. RMRG has engaged in extensive mountain safety education in the university community. RMRG has been a national leader in the development of advanced mountain rescue techniques and equipment. They have saved the lives of a large number of university students, faculty and staff.

BE IT ENACTED by the Executive Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

- SECTION 1: The appended document shall serve as the formal relationship between UCSU and RMRG.
- SECTION 2: The agreement shall cover the period from the passage of this bill to June 30, 1987.
- SECTION 3: This bill shall become effective upon passage.
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February 4, 1982 - WITHDRAWN

UCSU/Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Inc. Relations Agreement

I. Introduction

The objectives of RMRG shall be to maintain an active group of volunteers trained and equipped for mountain search and rescue missions, to promote safety in mountain recreation, and to assist in emergencies other than mountain disasters where first aid and rescue services are needed, such as fires, floods, blizzards, and civil defense.

The RMRG is incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado as a corporation not-for-profit. The Corporation shall not compensate any member for the performance of elected, appointed, or volunteer office or duty, except for reimbursement approved by the Executive Board.

The Group charges no dues; the donation of time and personal equipment is more than enough to ask of any member. The Group's income is derived from Boulder County, the City of Boulder, private donations, sales of a textbook on mountain rescue, and the UCSU.

RMRG has been closely tied to CU since 1950, drawing on the student body for new members and having offices in the UMC. Students as members perform an unusually valuable community service in carrying out mountain rescue operations (with a sizeable number of fellow students as victims) and gain leadership training and experience of lifelong value.

II. A working relationship between UCSU and RMRG shall include the following points.

- A. RMRG will submit a written report to Executive Council twice per year, and will be available on request by

Executive Council to answer any questions or concerns.

- B. RMRG will continue operating independent of UCSU while remaining fully accountable to UCSU in regard to expenditure of funds from UCSU and activities within the UMC.
- C. RMRG will need the approval of the Finance Board for a supplemental allocation for Fiscal Year 1981-82 and during its regular budget cycle for Fiscal Year 1982-83 and thereafter.

III. UCSU/RMRG Relations Agreement

- A. RMRG activities shall include:
 - 1. Providing the community with volunteers and exposing students to unique learning experiences.
 - 2. Instilling a oneness between community and the University.
 - 3. Providing a situation similar to employment placement for volunteers.
 - 4. Working with the UCSU on matters concerning mountain rescue as often as is requested by Executive Council.
 - 5. Maintaining an active group of volunteers trained and equipped for mountain search and rescue missions.
 - 6. Providing mountain safety education lectures to both the university and the community.
- B. Financial Policy
 - 1. All funds UCSU allocates to RMRG will be deposited in, maintained by and controlled through a regular student fee account. The expenditure of these funds will be subject to the fiscal regulations of UCSU, the Boulder Campus, and Regential law.

2. Because the majority of RMRG's income is derived from sources outside of the UCSU, RMRG will continue to operate on a calendar fiscal year and will continue to use its established financial accounting system acceptable to the City of Boulder and Boulder County.
3. The Finance Board policies regarding deficit spending of UCSU funds will be strictly adhered to, and RMRG will follow all applicable Finance Board regulations concerning fund balances.
4. RMRG's monthly financial statements will be a matter of public record, and will be open for inspection by UCSU and/or the University at any time during regular business hours, upon written request.
5. RMRG will continue to maintain an agency account in the University Finance Office to hold self-generated funds.
6. RMRG will at all times operate pursuant to its bylaws as a non-profit corporation under applicable State and Federal regulations.

C. Governmental Policy of RMRG

The UCSU/RMRG agreement will recognize the RMRG bylaws (on file with the Secretary of State of Colorado and with the U.S. Government) as its governing structure. Some of the highlights of the organization and operation of RMRG are described below:

1. As stated in these bylaws, RMRG is governed by 12 directors constituting the Executive Board of RMRG. Eleven of these directors are elected by the Group membership and one, the Business Manager, is appointed.

ted by the Executive Board. Any of these directors may be students. The Executive Board normally meets once each month.

2. There are three classes of active membership in RMRG. New members are elected quarterly. Traditionally a large fraction of the new members are CU students. As these members develop technical and leadership skills, they are elected to appropriate other membership categories. In typical rescue operations, team and mission leaders have been highly trained and active for a period of one, two, or more years. Because of the need for extensive training preceding a position of great responsibility, these leaders are usually older students or graduates.

D. Effective Dates

The "UCSU/RMRG Relations Agreement" will take effect immediately upon approval by Executive Council, and will expire on June 30, 1987. In the interim, the agreement will be reviewed at any time Executive Council deems necessary. Changes in this agreement will be made subject to a 2/3 vote of both the RMRG Executive Board and the Executive Council.