
**BYLAWS OF THE MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE**

The mission of MARCER is to provide a forum for exchange of information among EMS providers and other medical organizations. MARCER further assists in informing the public about emergency medical services and acts as an advocate for both local and national EMS interests. MARCER also acts as the regional EMS communication and telemetry coordinator for the MARC region.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization, herein after referred to as MARCER, will be the Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue. MARCER shall be advisory to MARC regarding EMS issues.

ARTICLE II - OFFICE

The principal office of MARCER shall be located at the office of the Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, Missouri. The location of such principal office may be changed at the discretion of MARC.

ARTICLE III - FUNCTIONS

The purpose of MARCER is:

- 1) To review and make recommendations at the request of the MARC board on all projects and program proposals submitted to MARC dealing with or affecting emergency medical care. This shall include annual goals, as well as budgeting and identification of funding and financial needs and resources for EMS projects.
- 2) To act as coordinator among EMS elements in the MARC region for mutual aid agreements, resource information, and encouragement of optimum participation among regional EMS providers.
- 3) To represent regional interest in legislative and regulatory actions by the States of Missouri, Kansas, and the federal government.
- 4) To maintain and evaluate the regional EMS communications network, as required by the FCC regional license and monitor conformance with operating regulations.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of MARCER shall consist of four groups:

A. Active Members

1. The administrator and his or her designee of a state licensed emergency ambulance service whose primary base of operations is included in the MARC

region, Region A or adjacent counties in Missouri.

2. The administrator and his or her designees of a state licensed emergency ambulance service whose primary base of operation is included in the MARC region or adjacent counties in Kansas.
3. EMS care providers in the MARC region who have state licensed or certified personnel as part of their organization.
4. The presidents of the Kansas and Missouri Hospital Associations or his or her designees.
5. The chair of the Emergency Nurse Managers Special Interest Group or his or her designee.

Active members not delinquent in assessments or dues will have voting rights at all meetings with one member voting for each organization.

B. Associate Members

1. The President of the Heart of America Metro Fire Chiefs Council or his or her designee.
2. The Director of the Johnson County Emergency Communications Center or his or her designee.
3. Air Ambulances with communication needs outside the MARC Region.
4. Other organizations as deemed appropriate by a majority vote of members present.

Associate members shall not have voting rights.

C. Program Participants

1. Program participants are EMS and/or related public or private agencies that, for a fee, are permitted to participate in MARCER's cooperative purchasing program and related activities.
2. Program participants are non-MARCER member agencies located outside the area specified in IV.A.1 of these bylaws.
3. Program participants shall not have voting rights.

ARTICLE V - FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND DUES

MARCER fees, assessments and dues shall be as follows:

- A. Active MARCER Members
 - 1. Annual assessments for membership dues and fees for MARCER members will be determined by the membership. As part of the annual budget development process, consideration of fee assessments shall be made in an attempt to preserve a reserve fund of an amount equivalent to the prior two years of MARCER's operating expenses.
 - 2. The Kansas and Missouri Hospital Associations and the Emergency Nurse Managers Special Interest Group shall not pay dues and assessments, since they represent hospitals which pay dues and assessments.
- B. Associate Members - No dues shall be assessed associate members without communication needs.
- C. Associate Members - With communication needs shall be assessed dues.
- D. Program Participants - Fees for program participants will be determined by the MARCER membership as part of the annual budget development process.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, LIASONS

Executive Committee – The MARCER Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the immediate Past Chair of MARCER.

The MARCER Executive Committee's duties shall be to:

- 1. Be responsible for the management of the Operational affairs of MARCER. It shall exercise such further powers and functions as may be entrusted or delegated to it by MARCER.
- 2. Develop, review and present the annual budget, and the annual work plan for approval by MARCER.
- 3. Provide guidance to staff concerning concerns or corrective actions related to MARCER related issues.

MARCER Committees, Task Forces, Liaisons and chairpersons shall be appointed at the discretion of the chairman of MARCER.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Normal elections will occur every even numbered year in October for the election of a vice chairman.

Report of the Nominating Committee will be given at the September meeting in even numbered years.

Majority vote of the members present at the October meeting shall elect the vice-chairman.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The MARCER Committee shall have two elected offices and a position of Immediate Past Chair:

- A. Chairman - The Chairman's duties shall be to:
 - 1. Appoint a nominating committee in August of each even numbered year.
 - 2. Preside at all meetings of the committee.
 - 3. Appoint committees, task forces, committee/task force chairpersons.
 - 4. Appoint, act and perform all duties commonly incident to such an office.
- B. Vice-Chairman - The Vice-Chairman shall:
 - 1. Perform the duties of the chairman when the chairman is unavailable.
 - 2. Assume the office of chairman when the chairman vacates his/her office after serving his/her two-year tenure.
- C. Immediate Past Chair – The Immediate Past Chair shall:
 - 1. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee
- D. Vacancies - The vacancies of either the chairman or vice-chairman's offices shall be as follows:
 - 1. In the event of a vacancy of the chairman before elections the vice-chair shall become the chairman.
 - 2. If the vice-chairman is serving in his/her second year, he/she will continue serving as chairman through the rest of the unexpired term and fulfill the next term of the chairman.

3. If the vice-chairman begins serving the unexpired term of the chairman during his/her first year as vice-chairman, he/she shall serve as chairman until the next regularly scheduled election.
4. In the event of a vacancy of the vice-chairman's position, a special election shall be held to elect a vice-chairman at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX - MEETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Regular meetings of MARCER shall be held monthly. Special meetings shall be held whenever called by the chairman, or upon written request of at least one third of the members. A minimum of seven days' notice will be required for all meetings.

Six voting members of the MARCER Committee plus the chairman shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. Every decision of the majority of the members of the MARCER Committee present at a meeting where there is a quorum shall be valid as binding on the MARCER Committee.

The chairman will vote only in case of ties.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the parliamentary authority provided in the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

- A. Presentations
 1. Proposed amendments may be presented at any regularly scheduled meeting of the MARCER Committee.
 2. Proposed amendments shall then be sent to all members of the MARCER Committee.
- B. A vote on the proposed amendment shall be taken at the next scheduled meeting provided a minimum of thirty days has elapsed and copies of the proposed amendments have been distributed with the meeting notice prior to the meeting at which the vote will occur.
- C. These bylaws may be amended, subject to the approval of MARC, at said meeting by two thirds of those present that form a quorum.