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NMSARC Board

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To: Karon Avery <karon.avery@nmsar.org>, Carrie Hale <mommyhale@hotmail.com>

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Hello Karon,

I had a look at the NMSARC Bylaws and couldn't find any details regarding the letter of interest you mentioned. There was something in there about a letter concerning organizational, individual, and agency membership but nothing about a letter concerning board membership. This email may thus not meet your needs and also be a bit late given that the next board meeting is tomorrow.

However, I did want to express my sincere interest in serving on the NMSARC board, preferably in a "geospatial" capacity, i.e., a capacity that has to do with maps, compass, GPS, GIS, etc. For example, I could offer trainings in the areas of map use, land navigation with map and compass, and GIS for SAR during the year and/or at ESCAPE. I could also help the NMSARC run and perhaps improve its Map Program. Given my background as a professor of geography who teaches classes in map use, cartography, etc. I believe to be uniquely qualified for these tasks.

I've been a member of two NM SAR teams for the past four years: DACSAR and OMTRS. I've participated in numerous trainings offered by these two groups and also attended classes in the various tracks offered at the last four ESCAPE meetings. I've also given my own share of trainings, including the Map and Compass class at last year's ESCAPE meeting as well as numerous map use and land navigation trainings in southern New Mexico. In addition, I co-organized and co-taught the first MapSAR training in the state. I've been on numerous missions, though not as many as I would have like to.

Please contact me if you need any additional information: elabuen@nmsu.edu; 405-760-2411. Please let me know if you'd like me to stop by during tomorrow's meeting.

Best regards,
Michaela