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Date: April 15, 2010 3:19:34 PM MDT
To: <nmsarc-board-forum@googlegroups.com>
Subject: **FW: (NMSAR-Board-Forum) Fwd: NMSARC nomination**
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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Seiser [mailto:cavewench@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 3:39 PM
To: 'Tom Bemis'
Subject: RE: (NMSAR-Board-Forum) Fwd: NMSARC nomination

Okay Tom here it goes

Dear NMSARC Board members,

I am submitting my name for consideration for the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council Board.

I have been involved with Search and Rescue since moving to New Mexico in 2004 and actively involved with the Eddy County SAR since its inception. Although missions in Eddy County tend to be few and far between, I have been involved in all missions for which I have been in available (in town), serving in the capacity as Section Chief for Plans and/or Ops; more recently I have served my first mission as incident commander. Because SAR trained human resources in Eddy county are limited, I've learned to work with others in situations in which we often cover multi positions/responsibilities, trying to ensure the mission gets accomplished without overlooking the obvious. It's been a real learning experience.

I've had various rope and rescue training since I was sixteen, beginning with the Mazamas in Oregon. My most extensive training has been with the National Cave Rescue Commission, in which I've been a National instructor since 1998. Prior to moving to NM, my SAR experience as been in cave environments in which I worked in a variety of positions including: search, evacuation, patient liaison and asst. incident commander.

I have caved throughout the United States, encountering a wide variety of environments and diverse caving situations. I have also had the opportunity to cave with people from around the world. I have held leadership positions within the caving community including serving as chair for LEARN (Lechuguilla Exploration and Research Network) a national cave organization, and have managed both LEARN and private expeditions into Lechuguilla Cave, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM.

Working in the cave environment both from exploration and rescue perspectives provides me with a different perspective and experiences from typical surface recreational experiences. Exploration/mapping the unknown as well as managing people and stewarding resources that are not visible from the surface all contribute to bringing a unique perspective to SAR activities. I have also worked in a variety of environments: educational, conservation, engineering/manufacturing, and exploration. In the course of these activities I have worked with private individuals, public officials, federal agencies and internationally. I believe I can bring valuable experience to the board. Education, training and resource conservation are all areas in which I can make significant contributions.

Thank you for considering my application for a position on the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council Board.
Pat

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We shall not cease from exploration.
And the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started,
And know the place for the first time.
T.S. Eliot

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From: Tom Bemis [mailto:boomer.bemis@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 7:57 AM
To: Pat Seiser
Subject: FW: (NMSAR-Board-Forum) Fwd: NMSARC nomination

Pat-

Here is the application from another nominee, which should give you ideas on how to word yours. You can email yours to me if you like and I will send it on.

-Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: nmsarc-board-forum@googlegroups.com
[mailto:nmsarc-board-forum@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Gary Cascio
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 4:25 PM
To: nmsarc-board-forum@googlegroups.com

Subject: (NMSAR-Board-Forum) Fwd: NMSARC nomination

NMSARC Board members,

I wish to submit my name for consideration for the next term of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council Board.

I have been actively involved with Santa Fe Search and Rescue for three years, almost exclusively as a ground pounder. During that time, I have benefitted from extensive training opportunities, both those sponsored by the team, and those sponsored by the state organization. Since Santa Fe SAR conducts some form of training twice a month, I can attest to the diversity of skills that contribute to successful search and rescue operations. I have lost count of the number of missions that I responded for, but they include some of the most visible and controversial ones, such as the Encino lost baby, the small plane near the Sandia electronics cluster, and last year's Rio Grande search and the 606 mission, where I was on team 1, already in the field, when the crash happened.

I have hiked and camped extensively around the northern portion of the state. My background includes five years volunteering with the Missouri Red Cross, helping with disaster relief, mostly assisting paramedics. Also, I was, a long time ago, an Eagle Scout. I became field certified at the 2007 ESCAPE.

Currently, I am a computer programmer, working for a high-tech engineering firm based in Detroit for the last 17 years. I work from home with very flexible hours.

Why I want to join the NMSAR Council is to contribute to the educational and coordination responsibilities. I have worked alongside teams from all over the northern part of the state, as well as police, National Guard, and volunteer fire personnel, and can see that many teams are not nearly as well-trained or equipped as they should be to safely go out into a blizzard or up a scree slope searching for or retrieving a subject. There are things the SARC can do to improve that. I see that many teams are suffering from a loss of interest, because there are long dry spells with no missions in their area. Besides training, better coordination with the state and local police might help with that enthusiasm, as well as presentations at schools, churches, and community groups.

What I would bring to the board are my organizational, writing, and computer skills, and teaching experience in a variety of contexts. I am comfortable with public speaking and with the advocacy roles of meeting with politicians and their staffs, and analyzing and commenting on proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration ...

Eric Hjelmfelt (eeh@altair.com)

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