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International Commission of Alpine Rescue (ICAR)
The President and Executive Board

Dear Mr Stämpfli and distinguished members of the ICAR Executive Board:

Representing 3,500 rescue personnel in 65 search and rescue groups and specialist teams of Land Search & Rescue New Zealand, I write to you today with our support and endorsement for a nomination for Peter Zimmer as an assessor member of the ICAR Executive Board.

Peter has been a search and rescue practitioner since 1995. He has worked full time for Land Search & Rescue as Group Support Officer since 2009.

Peter has an excellent working knowledge and background in all backcountry technical rescue disciplines covering alpine, bush, canyon, cave, and river environments plus incident management. Additionally Peter has a very good working knowledge, first-hand experience and understanding of governance principles and possess strong interpersonal, people facilitation, relationship management and networking skills.

As an organisation Land Search & Rescue New Zealand highly values the free and open knowledge sharing platform that ICAR offers. We would like to contribute to the international search and rescue effort so that ICAR can become a truly global platform to enable all members to provide the best possible support to the lost, missing or injured.

Peter has lots of energy, is well organised with his daily work, well spoken with fluent English and German language skills and can easily relate to different cultural backgrounds.

I have no doubt that if successful in the elections, Peter will become a noticeable and productive contributor and will show effective leadership in the work of the ICAR board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. McOnie". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carl McOnie

CEO

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CURRICULUM VITAE: Peter Zimmer

PERSONAL DETAILS

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

I aspire to a senior leadership position in outdoor, rescue or volunteer management. I enjoy a mix of management and practical work and enjoy working with people from the community and business world at a professional and personal level.

My ICAR OBJECTIVES CONTRIBUTION

I like to contribute to the mission and leadership of ICAR. I want to provide direction and support the work of the board in a way that ICAR will become the preferred rescue practitioner global search and rescue knowledge sharing platform.

Covid has shown us that we need to adapt and change the ways we have traditionally worked. Physical distance is less of an issue while we are still in a Covid world (hopefully for not too much longer). These days we have online technology available that will allow the ICAR board to effectively govern and run the organisation and in turn become nimble, effective, affordable and increase the reach to members and potential future members.

An important mission will be to increase the efficiency of the work and output of ICAR. This will make an ICAR membership and the conference participation more attractive and valuable. The informal exchange and networking at the annual conference will always remain an important value for the membership, ICAR should at the same time strive to produce more structured information and tangible benefits for its member organisations.

“Above the trees we all speak the same language” is a phrase I have often heard at an ICAR congress. I believe that ICAR can also talk the same language in amongst the trees. One of the strengths of ICAR is the ability for the organisation to facilitate the identifying of operational lessons and the sharing of those lessons learnt for the benefit of the community of like-minded SAR practitioners.

I have been to ICAR congresses since 2012. In Zakopane in 2019 I was privileged to share lessons from a complex multi-day search effort in challenging terrain and a bewildering environment with my international peers.
I am the LandSAR representative and contributor to the ICAR work group about Incident Command Systems.

Personally, I have an established ICAR contact list that I have been regularly communicating with since 2012. This was to seek advice, assist with enquiries, answer questions or host international SAR colleagues down under in NZ.

I was hands on involved with organising the 2020 ICAR MEDCOM spring meeting in NZ. As a team we had a very good program worked out with plenty of opportunity for NZ based SAR practitioners to be exposed to ICAR – unfortunately Covid raised its ugly head at the last minute. We will try again.
One of my goals or dreams is to bring an annual ICAR congress down under in the medium-term future.

I can effectively communicate in written and spoken English and German and have a good understanding of the “cultural melting pot” challenges that is reflected and present in the diverse ICAR membership.

RELEVANT SKILLS	
Search & Rescue commitment	<p>Extensive involvement in the New Zealand outdoor and volunteer SAR sector: governance, leadership, operational across the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO), LandSAR Ruapehu, Fire and Emergency NZ and the NZ Order of St John, the NZ Mountain Safety Council, the NZ Outdoor Instructors Association, Skills Active Industry Training Organisation.</p> <p>Hold suite of outdoor industry qualifications with 28 years' experience.</p>
Team leadership	<p>Develop sound, productive and respectful working relationships with the diverse membership of LandSAR NZ, key partners and funders.</p> <p>Lead and inspire people to achieve in their roles using personal coaching experience to support, coach and grow those who work with me.</p> <p>Role model servant leadership principles in all my interactions.</p> <p>Several "milestone" achievements as LandSAR NZ Group Support Officer.</p>
Effective volunteer management	<p>Active senior leadership and management roles in the New Zealand volunteer environment with emergency service and outdoor volunteers.</p> <p>Leading and supporting people contributing to a good cause.</p> <p>Comprehensive understanding and awareness of the importance of community, organisational and individual relationships.</p>
Planning and prioritisation	<p>Operations management, logistical, organisational management and meeting statutory requirements.</p> <p>Meeting financial targets and achieving successful outcomes.</p>
Effective communication	<p>Good communication skills with problem solving strategies using fact finding, logical and practical thinking in my previous and current role.</p> <p>Demonstrated range of oral, visual and written communication styles appropriate to varied and sometimes sensitive situations.</p> <p>IT training to advanced level Microsoft Office applications and well-developed e-communications tools.</p>
Personal qualities	<p>Open, honest and trusting relationships with our membership, colleagues, partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>Open personal style and body language are strengths.</p>

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	
Group Support Officer	<p>Responsibility and providing support for at times up to 18 individual LandSAR groups plus specialist teams.</p>
LandSAR NZ 2009 to Current	<p>Key liaison and responsibilities for CaveSAR, Alpine Cliff Rescue, Canyon type SAR events and other projects including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, GIS mapping and Avalanche Awareness.</p> <p>I have been working full time for 13 years as field and group support officer for LandSAR NZ backed with practical SAR and Incident Management experience.</p> <p>Initiated a LandSAR social media presence in 2012.</p> <p>Successful collaborative fundraising effort generating \$ 120 K per annum.</p>

<p>Operations Manager</p> <p>Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre</p> <p>2008 to 2009</p>	<p>Managing all logistical arrangements and statutory requirements for NZ's largest Outdoor Education Centre.</p> <p>Lead and manage direct reports (maintenance, catering, volunteers). Supervise and support instructional staff.</p> <p>Organise logistics including management of equipment and all other resources required for successful program delivery.</p> <p>Provide service delivery support to all aspects of operational needs for the organisation.</p> <p>Responsible for setting and managing budgets including expenditure.</p> <p>Ensuring all statutory compliance requirements were met.</p>
<p>Owner/Operator</p> <p>Operating Independent Outdoor Instruction and Guiding Business</p> <p>1992 to 2008</p>	<p>Owner operator of PETE OUTDOORS working at a variety of locations all over New Zealand.</p> <p>Independent outdoor instructing and guiding in the alpine, bush and river environments.</p> <p>Facilitating outdoor experiences and learning opportunities for individuals and groups.</p> <p>Employing and managing contract staff.</p>
<p>Supervisor, Snow Grooming</p> <p>Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Ltd</p> <p>1999 – 2008</p>	<p>Six seasons in supervisor role for the morning shift.</p> <p>10 winter seasons as a member of the Snow Grooming team.</p>

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION	
<p>LandSAR NZ, Fire and Emergency NZ and the Order of St John</p>	<p>Active member and supporter of LandSAR groups in Turangi, Ruapehu and Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO) since 1995.</p> <p>Active Fire Fighter with the Owhango Volunteer Brigade since 2000.</p> <p>Order of St John Ambulance Officer with Tongariro 585 between 1994 and 2002.</p>
<p>Mountain Safety Council</p>	<p>LandSAR representative on the MSC Snow and Avalanche committee between 2010 and 2015.</p> <p>Member of Taumarunui MSC branch between 1990 and 2015.</p> <p>Hold many MSC outdoor instruction and assessor qualifications.</p>
<p>Governance</p>	<p>Elected member and board chair, National Park Community Board since 2019.</p> <p>Elected member, Taumarunui High School Board of Trustees between 2013 and 2016.</p> <p>Appointed member, Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board since 2014.</p> <p>Board Member, Youth Search and Rescue NZ Trust since 2018.</p> <p>Elected chair, Taumarunui MSC branch between 2003 and 2015.</p> <p>Board Member Leave No Trace NZ Trust between 2015 and 2019.</p>

QUALIFICATIONS

TERTIARY EDUCATION

- National Certificate in Ambulance: 1998 Proficiency module (Part A&B), resuscitation & assessment module, transportation module, professional role development module.
- National Certificate in Outdoor Recreation Leadership: 1993 Waiariki Polytechnic & Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre.
- Bachelor of Science Degree: 1990 University of Applied Science Rhineland–Palatinate Germany. Diplom Agrar Ingenieur (FH) – Graduated Agricultural Engineer
- Apprenticeship & Trade Certificate in General Farming: 1984 Vocational School for Technic and Commerce Germany.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Alpine I and Alpine II; Bush I and II Instructor / Assessor - New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association and Mountain Safety Council.

Instructor, Guide and Assessor

Outdoor Safety Management - Mountain Safety Council.

Senior Guide / Assessor Grade 4/5 - New Zealand Rafting Association.

Outdoor First Aid Instructor / Assessor - Mountain Safety Council.

SAR specific & other

Incident Management: MLSO, MTIR, ESP, CIMS 2 and 4.

Vertical and Advanced Rope Rescue.

Aoraki / Mount Cook Summer Mountaineers Search and Rescue Training - Department of Conservation.

Pre-Hospital Emergency Care.

National Certificate in Snow Sport - Sport, Fitness, Recreation ITO.

Swift Water Rescue Technician I & II - Rescue 3 New Zealand.

Volunteer Management – Volunteering New Zealand.

REFEREES

Gerold Biner

Former ICAR President and CEO Air Zermatt – letter attached

Blake McDavitt

Convenor of the LandSAR NZ Backcountry Technical Rescue Advisory Group (BTRAG) – letter attached