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Kathy Yocum-Lamb
Secretary, Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference

Dear Ms. Yocum-Lamb:

Fellowship Nomination

I am writing to propose Gene Harrison for Fellow status under the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference Fellowship program.

Gene more than meets all the requirements for Fellowship in the Administrative Manual.

Gene was one of the four founders of the ASRC and was deeply involved of the administration of first PVSARG and then Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group for over two decades. He developed most of the ASRC's initial training program and was one of a small group of us who developed the ASRC training standards, invented the ASRC seat harness which was a great advance over prior designs. He was one of the primary people who introduced the cavers' rappel rack to mountain rescue. Over the past 40-50 years, he has taught a great variety of search and rescue classes for ASRC Groups, for the National Cave Rescue Commission, and for the Civil Air Patrol, and we must not forget his involvement in the use of amateur radio for search and rescue and his developing the ASRC's communications protocols and indeed secured and fixed and set up radios for PVSARG, Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group and Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group in the ASRC's early days.

Gene demonstrated his ongoing commitment to the ASRC today by showing up in his ASRC uniform and giving stellar lectures on both high-tech communications and the design of seat harnesses.

For all these reasons, and others I have left out to keep this letter from going on for many pages, I strongly believe that Gene Harrison is richly deserving of being a Fellow of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference.

Thank you.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Conover', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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