



## CAA Seeks representative to IKAR/CISA

### Preamble

The International Commission for Alpine Rescue (IKAR/CISA) is a member based organization focusing on excellence in professional mountain rescue. Since 1948, IKAR has acted as the international platform to promote the exchange of knowledge, experiences and ideas that benefit injured people in the mountains. The IKAR membership convenes yearly in the form of a weeklong conference. The conference provides an opportunity to present case studies, new research and advancements in mountain rescue technology, and discussion of evolving standards.

There are four commissions within IKAR: Air Rescue, Terrestrial Rescue, Avalanche Rescue, and Alpine Medicine. Each commission has a body of highly experienced rescue practitioners that focus on current issues in their respective fields of expertise. Additionally, each IKAR membership is comprised of four delegates, one representing each commission. You can learn more about IKAR/CISA [here](#) and this year's conference in Krynica, Poland [here](#).

### Background

The CAA has historically participated in IKAR through Parks Canada. Parks Canada has been a member of IKAR since 1970, and has organized participation of the Canadian professional mountain rescue community. In recent years, Parks Canada has organized a four person delegation to attend IKAR, with one representative per commission. Currently, Parks Canada is seeking a delegate to represent the avalanche commission on its behalf.

Parks Canada has reaffirmed that a professional member of the Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA) is most appropriate to represent these interests at IKAR. The CAA values this appointment as a critical opportunity to remain at the forefront of establishing standards and participating in key dialogue with leading professionals from the world avalanche rescue community. As such, the CAA is looking for a representative. Please keep in mind that this is **NOT** a paid position, however, the CAA will cover expenses.

### The successful candidate will possess the following set of competencies and certifications:

- CAA Professional membership (required)
- Firm grasp on current Canadian avalanche rescue best practices (required)
- Significant experience with organized search and rescue (required)
- Strong presentation skills (required)
- Excellent writing skills, including experience writing official reports and documents (required)
- ACMG/IFMGA Mountain Guide (Strong asset – vast majority of IKAR reps are IFMGA guides)

### Duties and Expectations

The successful Candidate will be required to work with the CAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director to appropriately communicate IKAR related issues and findings to the CAA membership, specific committees, and staff, as well as the CAA's partner organizations. The successful candidate will commit to a three year term, and have their representation reviewed annually by the board of directors. Participation in any year may be affected by the CAA's budget flexibility.

**How to Apply**

If you feel that you meet or exceed these requirements, please provide a letter of no more than two pages explaining your interests in this opportunity. In the letter, please indicate how you would successfully represent the CAA in this appointment. Additionally, include details and examples of how you meet the competencies and certifications listed above. A copy of your resume is also requested. The review panel will not make assumptions about experience or competencies that are not listed in either the letter or resume.

Please submit your letter and resume in the format of a MS Word document to:

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**Deadline:** Aug 4, 2012

Candidates will be evaluated by the CAA executive committee as well as the CAA executive director.