

**BMC AGM**  
**Sunday 31 March 2019**

**Item 7.d. Election of Nominated Director with current and extensive involvement with BMC affiliated clubs**

**Candidate Name: PHIL SIMISTER**

Proposed by Phil Leng, member of Solihull Mountaineering Club

Seconded by Helen Every, member of Solihull Mountaineering Club

**Factual Statement**

Phil has been a member of BMC affiliated 'Solihull Mountaineering Club' for 18 years. As Chair of SMC he increased membership levels to record highs. As Chair of the BMC in the Midlands he increased attendance at Area meetings fivefold.

Starting as a walker in the early 80s: for 33 years now Phil has been an avid rock climber, ice climber and Alpine mountaineer - climbing outdoors and training indoors regularly.

Phil is a former member of the BMC's National Council, through which he was involved in initiating the early stages of the recent organisational review.

As a chartered engineer and MBA-qualified managing director/CEO, Phil has worked in the aerospace, automotive, electronics & capital equipment sectors as a business turnaround specialist providing operations focussed interim management & consultancy support across the full range of industries; and has recently turned companies around as managing director.

**Personal Statement**

As a former member of National Council, I believe in the new structure. It gives the membership better control of the organisation and makes the officers of the BMC more accountable for its money. More yet needs to be done to support the members of the BMC in ALL their activities though, from walking to climbing and from bouldering & indoor climbing to the greater ranges. It has been my life now for three decades and I believe that I have the wisdom & experience to help the BMC develop further:

- Listening to our membership.
- Consulting them properly.
- Explaining better and making it easier to access the benefits of membership.
- Understanding better what ALL our membership wants.
- Challenging the status quo on the way we finance ourselves in order to get better value for our subscriptions.
- Providing more support to affiliated clubs and to the BMC Areas.
- Influencing the strategic development of the BMC in order better to represent the needs and views of ALL its members.
- Carrying out decisions promptly and decisively better to support the membership.