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Dear Board of Directors and Members,

I am grateful to the Nominations Committee for its outstanding job. Having been a member of a few of them myself, I know it demands focus and stamina.

It is an honor to have been nominated to serve on the NAJIT 2020-2022 Board. As the founder and two times president of another T&I professional association and former vice-chair of a national association, I know the responsibilities that await me, and the commitment that is expected of me, should I have the opportunity to serve on the Board.

My experience also includes serving on special interest groups of an international professional association, which involve gauging the membership, creating reports, developing programs to meet members' expectations within the limits stipulated by the parent association, establishing contact with like-international organizations, planning events, in summary, all the administrative work associated with the job.

NAJIT is an important partner to all who deal with the law and languages. I would like to see that partnership grow both in numbers and in influence. That requires following or setting up a path, tasks I am very familiar with.

You have seen my contributions as Editor-in-Chief of The NAJIT Observer and co-chair of the Social Committee. Both are tools used to promote NAJIT to those who need our services – even if they do not know it! Making NAJIT top of mind is one of my concerns and a secondary goal for my efforts on the Board.

My other focus is our committees. They are the equivalent of departments in for profit businesses and, therefore, our colleagues serving on committees should have even more support and deliver more to the Board and our members. My experience on other Boards and professional associations should prove helpful in bringing added ease to help our committees to fulfill their commitments to the Board and membership.

As a member of the Board, I would have greater interaction with our members whose input will certainly help focus any efforts I find myself involved with in the service of the Board.

I pledge to working with the Board to assist it in delivering the best service to NAJIT's members and help grow NAJIT's sphere of influence.

Thank you.

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NAJIT Social Media Committee
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