Over the past forty years, APPNA has evolved into a very unique and influential organization. As a lifetime member, and as someone who has been a part of the APPNA community for over ten years, I have seen the amazing services it provides. I have also come to realize the untapped potential it holds for future projects.

However, as with any organization that's been around for as long as APPNA has, growing pains are inevitable. Sometimes, even with good intentions, conflicts arise and members disagree. The fact that there is restructuring of the BOT, as well as changes to its amendments, one can see how APPNA is trying to adapt. No doubt, it's been a difficult journey and for many in the community, trust has eroded. It must be gained back.

My schooling was in the United States and I hold no allegiance to any institution other than to our organization. I believe I am in that unique position where I can help by building some of that lost trust. When conflicts arise, they must be dealt with in a timely fashion. With my past experience in serving on various boards, I believe I have that skillset to address and solve some of those conflicts in an unbiased manner. My allegiance is to APPNA, and APPNA only.

No doubt, there will be many candidates for the BOT position and I am confident that they will be well qualified. If given the opportunity, with my unique background, I look forward to working with others and help resolve the pressing issues being faced by APPNA.

Thank you.

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