

February 15, 2018

Dr. K. N. Gunalan (Guna)
Vice President, AECOM
President Elect Nominee

Dear Dr. Gunalan (Guna),

I have reviewed the election materials provided by the Nominees for the office of President Elect for a term commencing October 2018 and it gives me great pleasure to endorse your nomination for this important position.

For over 20 years, I have had the pleasure and privilege to interact with you closely in the professional arena. As the Deputy Director and Member of the Executive Committee of the Geotechnical & Tunneling Technical Excellence Center (TEC) of Parsons Brinckerhoff, you were of great assistance to me in advancing the geotechnical and tunneling practice at the firm and expanding our group from a small unit to one of the best in the country with staff in 28 offices around the United States. I have also enjoyed interacting with you when you led the development of the alternative delivery practice at the firm and set the stage for the firm's rapid entry in the relatively new methods of contract delivery. Your talents, motivation, work ethics and professional attitude were instrumental in our ability to grow and succeed in our highly competitive line of business.

Perhaps, what I admire the most about you is your vision and unrelenting support of our young engineers, both at the firm and within the ASCE family. As a life member of ASCE and recipient of two ASCE National Awards (the Wallace Hayward Baker Award in 2008 and the Edmond Friedman Award in 2012), I have a great personal interest in advancing the mission of our society and looking after the development of future generations of civil engineers who will carry the torch for many years to come. I sincerely believe that you would be an ideal candidate to lead the way and provide the necessary guidance to accomplish this important mission. With the current emphasis on infrastructure upgrading in the United States, ASCE is expected to play a leading role in this subject of great national importance. In my opinion, this can best be done with you at the helm.

Please accept this document as my personal endorsement for K.N. Gunalan (Guna) for the position of President-elect of ASCE.

Respectfully submitted,



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