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I have reviewed the election materials provided by the Nominees for the office of President-elect for a term commencing October 2018.

I had the pleasure of first meeting Guna in person at the Global Engineering Conference in Panama City, Panama in 2014. As chair of the global conference, Guna, lead a team that organized an excellent and memorable conference the highlighted major accomplishments of civil engineers around the world and celebrated the achievement of past and present day civil engineers of the Panama Canal. As an attendee and a presenter, it was my pleasure to have taken part in this conference.

Since the conference, I have met Guna several times in our roles as volunteers with ASCE. He always takes the time to listen to what the individual ASCE members has to say. He hears what our membership on what they think are the strengths of ASCE as well as areas we may need to look to adjust to ensure the Society remains strong for the future as the global world of engineering moves forward. Four points in Guna's visions clearly define his thoughts for ASCE's future which I very much agree with. They are ASCE continues to be an organization of the future; sustains itself financially and stays relevant for the foreseeable future; fights marginalization of the profession by helping members enhance their value by contributing to their peers, employers, clients, local and global communities; and is a global leader in solving quality of life issues.

Please accept this document as my personal endorsement of Kancheepuram N. Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE. F.ASCE for the position of President Elect.

Respectfully submitted,

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