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USGBC Middle Tennessee Chapter 2010 Board of Directors Election Application

Nominees: Please answer the following questions in the space provided and electronically submit by COB October 22, 2009. The Nomination Committee reserves the right to delete narrative exceeding the space provided. Application material will be made available to the Nominating Committee for evaluation and to the chapter membership if selected for the slate.
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Submitted By:

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A. In general, why do you wish to be a member of the Chapter Board?

I have been very active with the Emerging Green Builders and USGBC. I have served as a Chapter Board member for the past 2 years. I have also served on the EGB National Committee for the past 2 years, and am currently serving as the committee chair. The USGBC and EGB have seen many changes in this time period and I would like to continue my work with both to reinvigorate our local students and young professionals and bring them into the green building movement. It is imperative that we bring new talent and energy into our chapter to remain strong and vibrant, and expand our reach beyond the construction community.

B. Please provide a summary of your professional qualifications, knowledge and experience of most relevance to the Chapter. Also indicate the degree to which you have senior management and executive level experience.

I graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Architecture in 2003. I obtained LEED accreditation in 2005. I started the Lipscomb Sustainability program this year, and am on track to earn my Master of Science in Sustainability. I have given many presentations locally, and to state and national audiences on the topics of green building, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. I have organized and ran the chapter's booth at the Earth Day festival in Centennial Park for the past 4 years. I am currently a Sustainable Design Assistance Project Manager with AEC and a Technical Programs Coordinator with The Collaborative for High Performance Schools. I also serve at the Middle TN green schools advocate.

- C. The Chapter is committed to strengthening its membership diversity. What resources could you bring to bear (e.g., demonstrated expertise, leadership positions, and willingness) to help further Chapter participation from high priority sectors including: real estate, energy/utility, finance/insurance, residential, corporate, and product manufacturing? You can also address other sectors you think require greater involvement in the Chapter.

I have been in discussion with the Cheatham Mayor to join the Cheatham County Planning and Zoning commission. I feel that the chapter needs to start expanding more outside Davidson County to create a more sustainable Middle TN. I have lead the EGB group for 5 years, and am currently working with many new young professionals to take charge of our EGB group. I have also lead the National Committee for the past year during a time of significant change for the group. EGB is reaching out to new sectors of young professionals, and I feel that our chapter must do the same to continue to grow and prosper. We must involve all sectors of our economy.

- D. One of the important functions of Board members is fundraising and other activities to support priority needs of the Chapter. This may take many forms, including: direct sponsorships; helping secure funding or otherwise opening doors from corporate, governmental, and charitable sources; seeking third-party sponsors; recruiting new members; in-kind support, etc. Please explain your ability and willingness to participate in resource development.

I believe that bringing in new sectors of the economy is the most significant growth opportunity for the chapter. The architectural community has been on board for the most part for several years now. It is time for us to reach out to non-traditional USGBC members to expand our membership and sponsorship opportunities. TN is attracting new corporate campuses at one of the highest rates in the country. This provides us with a prime opportunity to get new community members involved in our mission.

- E. Describe what expertise, experience and resources you would bring to any of the following priority activities: Fundraising, Membership Growth, Local Advocacy, Board Leadership

I have served on the board for 2 years, and understand the way the chapter works. I have been trained in dynamic governance, and can help the board transition to this form of governance. I have been very involved in local green initiatives, and have given numerous presentations to local groups and organizations on behalf of the chapter and EGB. I have significant experience in public speaking, and enjoy speaking about green building and promoting the mission of USGBC.

- F. Describe your experience from other organizations with successful chapter programs.

I was a 4-H member and club President. I was also a FFA member and chapter Vice-President. I am a Kappa Sigma Fraternity alumnus, our house received two Boyd Awards (best house in the country) while I was an active chapter member. I helped start the Middle Tennessee Emerging Green Builders, and chair the group since 2005. I have served on the EGB National Committee as Vice Chair and Chair. I am Technical Programs Coordinator for CHPS, overseeing CHPS rating systems in 4 states and working on a National Core Criteria.

G. Leadership positions (volunteer or professional) with nonprofit governance.

Middle Tennessee Emerging Green Builders - Chair
Emerging Green Builders National Committee - Vice Chair and Chair
CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) - Technical Programs Coordinator
CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) - Climate Task Force leader

H. Other areas you believe are critical for the Chapter.

I believe that the chapter needs to reach out to the general public and all economic sectors in addition to the building industry. People drive the economy and what the market produces. If we can get the people to demand better buildings and products from all economic sectors then it will make it much easier to change the way we design and build our buildings. We need to educate and heighten awareness in every way possible.

I. Please identify any affiliations, memberships, and accreditations which may be pertinent for Chapter leadership.

Emerging Green Builders, USGBC Students, American Institute of Architects, AIA Committee on the Environment, LEED AP

J. Are you a chapter member in good standing and employed in the membership category depicted above?

YES

K. Are you able to attend at least 7 of 10 regularly-schedule Board meetings each year?

YES

L. The Board's conflict of interest policy is summarized in the Fact Sheet. As the full statement indicates, conflicts are not inherently improper but Directors must be conscious of such conflicts and act with candor and care in dealing with such situations. Will you abide by the Chapter's conflict policy and can you do so without significantly affecting your Board responsibilities?

YES



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If elected to the USGBC Middle Tennessee Board of Directors, I will commit to the following basic responsibilities of a Director as requested:

- help determine the organization's mission and purposes;
- hire staff (if applicable);
- ensure effective organizational planning;
- ensure adequate resources;
- manage resources effectively;
- determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services;
- enhance the organization's public standing;
- ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability; and
- recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance

If elected to the Board, I will also commit to the following specific responsibilities reflected in the election materials:

1. Remain a Chapter member in good standing;
2. Contribute knowledge and experience to help assure success of priority programs and needs of the Chapter;
3. Help influence key players and sectors in the industry including high priority sectors of real estate, corporate, energy/utility, finance, residential and product manufacturers;
4. Help recruit new members for the Chapter;
5. Serve on committees as needed including leadership positions;
6. Help secure funding for the Chapter's programs through sponsorships, corporate and charitable sources, and other significant sources of funding;
7. Abide by the USGBC's conflict of interest policy;
8. Attend at least 7 of 10 Board meetings each year.

Submit Electronically

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