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Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute  
c/o Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Fish and Wildlife Research Institute  
2796 Overseas Highway, Ste. 119  
Marathon, FL 33050 USA  
Attn: Board of Directors

Dear Members of the GCFI Board of Directors:

I wish to be considered for reappointment to serve on the Board of Directors of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute. I am a member in good standing of GCFI (since 2005) and attended the last two GCFI conferences (San Andres and Punta Cana) and all conferences since 2005 except for the one held in 2017. I will attend the next one virtually. As a Board member, I have served on the Student Awards and Publications committees, and also served as a judge of student poster presentations at the San Andres conference (I was supposed to do the same at Punta Cana but was laid low by food poisoning).

Professionally, I am Professor of Ichthyology at the University of Guam Marine Laboratory with several years' research experience with reef and insular freshwater fishes. I am formally the Director of this institution. Currently, I am Principal Investigator and Project Director of the Guam-NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). In this role I led the five-year Guam Ecosystems Collaboratorium (GEC) project that examined coral reef resilience and biodiversity under climate change conditions. Since 1 July 2020 I have been leading the Guam Ecosystems Collaboratorium for Corals and Oceans (GECCO), a larger 5-year study expanding considerably beyond the work of the GEC. I am also the Science Investigator and co-PI of the NASA-EPSCoR GEOCORE grant for remote sensing and reef studies.

I have contributed service in various ways to other societies and organizations for several years (reported to GCFI previously). Recent service includes the following:

- President-Elect of the Western Association of Marine Laboratories (WAML) and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Indo-Pacific Fish Conference
- Member of the NSF-EPSCoR Project Directors Council
- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Ichthyological Research*
- Officer of the European Ichthyology Society
- Service on various technical committees

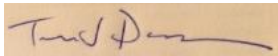
- Reviewer of grant proposals and journal manuscripts

I believe my skills and experience will be useful to the Board and to the GCFI. I have a strong commitment to GCFI, its success, and the success of its members and especially its student participants.

I have attached a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your examination. Please contact me should you have any questions or further requirements.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,



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