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Nancy Brown-Peterson
Nomination Committee Chair
Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute

Dear Nancy,

During the last 4 years, as part of the GCFI's Board of Directors (BODs), I have kindly served as Chair of the Student Awards Committee (SAC), in which my main role is coordinating the travel awards judging, the Achievement Awards (oral and poster) in conference, and the silent auction, among other Student associated activities. The objective of SAC is bringing students from universities from the region together to present their research thesis, be awarded for that, and merge with scientist and managers during the conference. I have been member of the SAC since 2009 and in 2015 began chairing SAC. Another contribution to the GCFI is serving as reviewer and editorial board member of the Gulf and Caribbean Research (GCR) journal, which partnered with GCFI, to bring together results of key presentations at the GCFI conference under a peer-review setting to contribute with quality standards to the GCR journal.

My intention to get re-nomination in the GCFI' BODs is to find key elements in fostering student participation in the GCFI conference, in which presentations reach the quality standards required to meet scientific international demands. In addition, a bilingual initiative for the GCFI conference is urgently needed to engage Spanish-speaking students into an international platform, as the GCFI is, to foster their academic capabilities and learning and take them into a professional and highly demanding realm. Hope to find ways to engage more Spanish-speaking students to participate.

Thank you for your very kind attention on this matter.

Kind regards,

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