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Dear IAEG Executive Committee,

Please accept my application as candidate for the position of IAEG Vice President for North America for the 2023-2026 term. I strongly value the IAEG and its commitment to bringing together Engineering Geologists from around the world and to promote advancement to this field through professional excellence and interdisciplinary research. I am excited for the opportunity to join the IAEG Executive Committee, to collaborate with my international peers and help advance the mission of IAEG.

I believe that the success of IAEG lies in its strength as a democratic association of National Groups whose perspectives are broad but fundamental missions are the same: to promote and advance the fields of Environmental and Engineering geology through professional practice, research, collaboration and education. As such, an important role of the regional Vice Presidents is to represent and advocate for their National Groups at the executive level.

As IAEG VP for North America, I intend to promote the mission and objectives of the USA and Canada National Groups, as well as learn from my international counterparts to encourage our own growth. The missions of the USA and Canada National groups are similar and very much in line with those of IAEG:

“The Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) contributes to its members’ professional success and the public welfare by providing leadership, advocacy, and applied research in environmental and engineering geology.”

The mission of the Geological Association of Canada (GAC) is “to facilitate the scientific well-being and professional development of its members, the learned discussion of geoscience in Canada, and the advancement, dissemination and wise use of geoscience in public, professional and academic life.”

My vision is to leverage the strengths of both national groups as recognized representatives of the geoscience community and stewards of the profession, to the benefit of our greater international community. At a regional level, I intend to lay the groundwork for bringing together both national groups in hopes of organizing an eventual North America National Group meeting.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julien Cohen-Waeber