

## **Mission Statement**

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AOGS is a great and growing organization. Its expansion needs the contribution from every member. I have served AOGS as the secretary to the Oceanic Section for last two years. I also served as a convener for special sessions of AOGS annual meetings for last four years. In 2016 AOGS annual meeting, the session I hosted is one of the top 10 sessions receiving the most abstracts. I would like to continue my service to AOGS with more time and efforts. So I decide to run for the president of the Ocean Section. I think I am qualified for the position:

I am a professor of School of Marine Sciences at Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (NUIST), China. I also serve as the director of Oceanic Numerical Modeling and Observatory Laboratory, the director of the Spain-China Joint Marine Environmental Institute, the Chairman of the Marine Science Department and an associate dean of the School of Marine Sciences at NUIST. I am also affiliated with UCLA as a research professor and an adjunct professor at El Camino College teaching oceanography. My research interests are the oceanic dynamics and numerical modeling, and I also work on interdisciplinary fields. I have experiences running workshops. As an example, I initiated and hosted an international regional oceanic modeling workshop at Nanjing, China, in May of 2016, which attracted over 200 attendees from 10 countries.

If I am elected to be the president of the AOGS Ocean Section, I will work closely with the AGOS committees and colleagues. I will work hard to attract more oceanographers and students to join the AOGS annual meetings. We can do more formal or informal advertisements in different workshops and international conferences for the AOGS by adding a slide or AOGS logo to our presentation. I will continue the mentoring program, and promote the undergraduate poster sessions. The expansion of the AOGS Ocean Section is my goal as the president of the section.