

Statement on Candidacy for AOGS Hydrological Science Section President

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As one of the world's leading professional societies in Earth and planetary sciences, the Asia-Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) plays a crucial role in bringing together geoscientists and students to advance geophysics and related fields for the betterment of humanity globally, and especially in Asian and Oceanian regions. Although AOGS is relatively young compared to organizations like the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and the European Geophysical Union (EGU), it holds great potential for growth due to its large population and geographic area and its substantial body of geoscientists.

As a member of AOGS since its inception in 2003, I have observed its impressive growth in membership and conference attendance. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted our normal scientific activities and exchanges over the past three years. I aim to reengage with my fellow scientists and grow the Hydrological Science (HS) Section, which is also one of AOGS's largest sections.

If elected, my priorities will include improving member engagement and satisfaction, positively impacting AOGS's long-term strategic development, and fostering closer collaboration with other geophysical societies. I will create scientific committees within the HS Section to encourage more young scientists to become involved in AOGS activities, such as organizing AOGS conferences, promoting AOGS publications, expanding AOGS recognition programs, and establishing mentorship programs. I will also work with society and section leaders to further enhance AOGS operations, strengthening its strategic plan, organizational structure, honors programs, publications, and education programs. Furthermore, I plan to foster close collaboration with AGU and EGU through liaison appointments and joint conferences and academic exchanges.

With my experience in geoscience societies like AGU, EGU, and IAHS, and my involvement in various committees and editorial boards, I am confident in my ability to lead the AOGS HS Section. I have a good understanding of how geoscience societies operate, and I am fully equipped to implement the initiatives outlined above. Thank you for considering my candidacy.