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**VISION STATEMENT**

**Preamble**

There is no doubt that the American Society of Civil Engineers is the pre-eminent Civil Engineering Society in the world. The diversity and richness of the collective wisdom and experience of its membership are unparalleled.

However, although the organization has a substantial number of members outside the environs of USA (Region 10), these members do not have a **sense of identity of their own as ASCE members**. Most of these members are also members of the national organization of the country of their practice. This results in a **de facto loss of relevance of their ASCE membership**.

In this day and age of globalization, it makes sense to move towards a more unified approach so that there is mutual recognition of professional accreditation across the international boundaries. This is where ASCE Region 10 can play a very important role.

**Vision Statement**

If elected, I wish to initiate steps to integrate the ASCE International Groups with the main stream professional societies of the Region so that we can act together to improve the image and capability of the Civil Engineering profession world wide.

- I will endeavor to get a MoU between ASCE and National Body of the countries in this Region to make this transition possible. While the Washington Accord has improved inter-connectivity between like-minded professional institutions to some extent, there is room for improvement in this area and Region 10 EXCOMM can take a pro-active role in hastening the integration.
- Region 10 is so vast and so far removed from nucleus of ASCE, that something is needed to be done to keep alive the **sense of collegiality** amongst the membership. I would campaign for at least one annual convention in Region 10 where members from all regions can meet **to nurture the sense of togetherness**.
- I would also like to see that some of the ASCE learned societies choose to hold their conferences in Region 10 once in 2 years or so.(e.g.,CECAR 5).

I believe that I am in a unique position of being **an agent for change** in trying to bring together various National Bodies and ASCE and get the benefit of each others wisdom and experience.