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I have served as a director for the past 3 years. In that time, I have seen great beginnings, with the NSS transitioning from an entity working hard to pay for its new location to a society that can now be refocused on its core missions.

The NSS is now moving forward in many ways. Renovations at the Headquarters will make the facility more useful for education and seminars. There is a lot of work being done to transition the Society from its current membership software, NSSTrak, an old DOS system that has served its purpose and has been obsolete for some time.

I am excited about this transition, and would like to continue working with the board of governors and officers of the society to see it through. The society is now focusing on its core missions, and investing more of its resources on exploration, conservation, research, and education, including caver safety/rescue training.

The society relies on volunteers and their skill sets. My experiences over the years, including small business owner, NCRC Instructor, NCRC education committee member, and IT knowledge, will assist in the transition. The Board of Governors has recognized the need to reorganize their finances. The perspective of a small business owner in managing finances will benefit the society. A NCRC instructor provides a voice for the NCRC. My IT training can offer the IT chair additional resource for the IT department. It is important to have new faces on the board, but it is also important to have continuity. I am always ready and willing to assist in any task that needs to be completed. I have offered my assistance in finance, IT, fundraising, conventions and audit committees. Your vote will give me the opportunity to continue assisting the society in its core missions.

This type of commitment and work is what you can expect of me as a director. I know that the BOG has many projects, challenges, and a large "to do" list. I believe that my experience and my history of participation and working for the caving community make me a great choice for this position.

Thank you for your consideration.