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BIOGRAPHY

Jim Peterkin is a licensed Fire Protection Engineer with TLC Engineering. With a bachelor's degree from Drexel University and over 30 years of highly specialized experience in fire protection and life safety engineering, Jim is uniquely qualified in leading multidisciplinary teams to engineer building systems that properly detect fires, control the spread of fire and provide a safe means for occupants to egress a building in the event of a fire-related event.

Jim is the current chair of the NFPA Healthcare Section and the ASHE - Regulatory Affairs Committee. Jim serves as the Principal Member on several NFPA Technical committees including NFPA 1 - Fire Code, NFPA 99 - Healthcare Facilities Code and NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code. He has a thorough understanding of the model building codes as well as the NFPA codes.

PERSONAL LETTER

Dear ASHE members: I am humbled and honored to again be nominated and have the opportunity to run for the position of ASHE Associate Board Member, and to serve the ASHE members. This letter is my chance to introduce myself and to seek your support for election as an Associate Board Member.

I am a resident of suburban Philadelphia as well as a current shareholder and Principal with TLC Engineering Solutions, working on projects in multiple states. I have been a fire protection engineer and life safety consultant, largely in the healthcare market sector, for the last 30 years. My passion for fire protection started when I was still in high school; I volunteered as a fireman and saw first-hand the importance of protecting lives and property. It was with this in mind that I pursued my career in fire protection and life safety, a career that I've committed to learning and growing in for the past 30 years. Over the years, I've realized the importance of not just applying codes and standards, but helping to develop them using technical data and ensuring that they stay current with new technology.

The ASHE organization has played a significant role in my career development over the past 15 years. I have worked in healthcare as a fire protection/life safety consultant with an A/E Design firm and now an engineering firm. I have been fortunate to be part of the ASHE Leadership Institute and I believe that graduating from the Leadership Institute has helped in preparing me for this Associate Board position.

Additionally, my experience with Healthcare Design and Healthcare Regulatory Compliance have brought me to this point. I've served more than 20 years as a member of the NFPA healthcare section and current Chair of the Health Care Section Executive Board. I am currently a Principal Technical Committee member for several NFPA codes as a representative of the Healthcare Section. For more than 5 years I have served on the ASHE Regulatory Affairs Committee, formerly known as the Advocacy Committee, and currently serve as the Chair of this committee. Additionally, I am a current ASHE Faculty member. I'm actively involved in the local HFMA, Delaware Valley Chapter (HFMA DV) and the Pennsylvania Chapter (PSHFE). In addition, since I work on a

significant number of projects in Florida, I am an active member of the Florida Hospital Engineering Association (FHEA).

Throughout all of these positions and efforts, my goal has been, and will continue to be, unifying codes to provide clear direction that ultimately creates a safe hospital environment.

ASHE's continued dedication to the optimization of this industry is why I'm proud to be a member, and why I would like to continue to be a part of the solution for the needs of the healthcare community through ASHE's advocacy.

My goals as an Associate Board Member would be:

1. To support, promote and advance the ASHE strategic plan which includes expanding on the success the committees have had through the development of resources, tools and programs that help to advance the careers of so many ASHE members.
2. To create new avenues for partnerships and resources for members in order to grow recruitment and mentorship in diverse talent pools, ensuring that ASHE continues to build and nurture cutting-edge and sustainable programs.
3. Listening to the ASHE members regarding the strategic plan initiatives. Increasing associate member participation on committees, in educational program development, and in other initiatives.
4. To create equal access to all of our Chapters by expanding programming and connecting smaller Chapters with larger Chapters, ensuring that the vast array of educational and technological resources available to us are supporting the work of all ASHE members, regardless of their location.

As an Associate Board Member, I hope to use the knowledge I have acquired, specifically my understanding of the code development and review process, as well as my passion for public safety to continue this effort.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and believe it is a privilege to be considered for the Associate Board Member position. I appreciate your support and look forward to continuing my commitment and involvement with ASHE.

Thank you for your consideration, I would greatly appreciate your vote!

Sincerely,

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