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His ASCE national committee memberships have included the TAC Operations Task Committee, the TAC Planning Committee, the TAC Reorganization Task Committee, the Institute Task Force, the Council of Institute Leaders and, more recently, the CERF Reengineering Task Committee.

*Candidate's Statement: "To ensure success of the ASCE and its Institutes, there must be a spirit of teamwork and cooperation and clear lines of communication between the ASCE Board of Direction and the Institute Boards of Governors." ...*

*"The Society and Institute Boards must work in harmony to benefit the profession and the society, to develop products and services that are valued by members, and to solve concerns, issues, and problems."*

These words from the 2003 Final Report of the Task Committee on Institute Operating Procedures implicitly define the agenda of a Technical Region ASCE Board member ... which is to facilitate the contribution of the Institutes as the primary technical arm of ASCE while balancing the Society's overall mission and geographical scope.

Within this context, a Technical Region Director must help set Society policy; foresee the need for change and be an agent for change; actively participate in strategic planning; engage in focused and relevant debate; and, above all else, help ASCE staff and member volunteers work agreeably and productively toward shared goals.