

Candidate Name: Eric Lienhard

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CAI Member Type: Community Association Volunteer Leader

Have you been officially sanctioned or otherwise censured by CAI relative to a CAI designation held by the member? No

Have you been convicted of a crime of a fiduciary nature of any degree? No

1) What are your goals as a chapter member?

As a member of the WMCCA Board, my focus would be to continue to move the needle forward, to ensure that our collective interests in association living remains strong; that when it is time to pass it down to the next generation of members, we have done our job and left the Chapter and its members better then we found it.

The work we do on education and outreach is pivotal to our success; ensuring that our member organizations and individuals have the proper tools to be successful. I was thrilled to see the new educational tracks at our annual meeting, and hope to be able to expand these to include more opportunities for homeowner members to attend as well as provide important content to our veteran managers.

2) In your view, what are the biggest challenges facing Washington Metropolitan Chapter?

Understanding what our new normal is and how we need to adapt to meet the needs of our members. The DMV is an incredibly diverse population of talented individuals we need to continue to reach and educate.

Expanding the use of technology, our educational tracks and knowledge base will be key moving forward. Our focus in the upcoming years should be not only to ensure that our members have direct access to resources to navigate their day to day needs, but we get the right information out in a timely and efficient manner.

3) What unique skills & abilities do you possess that could contribute to Chapter growth & advancement?

I am a licensed professional engineer in five states (including Virginia and Maryland) as well as the District of Columbia specializing in water, wastewater and stormwater collection, distribution, and treatment. As an engineer, I understand how to solve problems and critically think, bringing ideas and

solutions to the table. I am also the first homeowner President of the Poplar Run HOA in Silver Spring, MD; a 773 single family development with over a \$1M annual operating budget, where I have experienced first-hand the needs of a diverse community in the DMV. Each of these have also allowed me to develop my communications and decision-making skills, negotiate service contracts, manage

budgets, and allocate resources to accomplish a goal.

Biographical Statement: Provide a biographical statement which includes the following: A. Educational Background; B. Career History; C. Involvement in other Professional Activities (including membership in other organizations); D. Involvement in CAI - both national and chapter level activities; E. Other Leadership Activities (such as community service) and F. Professional Awards/Recognition Received.

As mentioned above, I am a professional licensed engineer in five states and in the District. I hold a BS in Civil Engineering and MS in Environmental Engineering. I am a partner/owner of one of the country's largest water/wastewater consulting firms and have been practicing engineering for over 25 years.

I am the current President of the Poplar Run HOA Board of Directors and have served on numerous Boards, including those for the Philadelphia YMCA, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Sisters of St. Francis as well as the current Vice President of the Coolfont HOA BOD in Berkeley Springs, WV. Additionally, I was appointed in January 2022 to the WMCCAI Board for a one year term, and serve on the education and strategic planning committees.

Since becoming a member of CAI in 2018, I have attended our CAI annual meetings each year, and have encouraged each of our Board members and on-site personnel to attend. The ability to meet other Board members, to network and information share to drive us forward has been instrumental in our ability to grow as a community and Board. I have been able to take advantage of the webinar series and encourage us to continue to provide exceptional content moving forward.

I am the proud recipient of various awards and recognitions throughout the years both as a professional engineer and through my volunteer efforts, but always hold my "Volunteer of the Year" awards in the highest of categories. I am blessed to have talents to unselfishly share, and the time and resources to make a positive impact in the world through giving back.

I would be honored to be given the opportunity to continue to serve and represent the homeowner community on the Board and see this as an opportunity to bring people together, strengthen our investments and help make the lives of our members that much better, and as such, I am asking for your vote.