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My fellow ADGA District-3 Members,

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Earlier this month I was notified by ADGA of my nomination as a District-3 Director. I have previously served as a director, so I clearly understand the significance of this nomination and the importance of the position. I have accepted the nomination and am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve our members once again.

Now, more than ever, it is critically important for the ADGA membership to select candidates for director positions who will best represent their interests / concerns. Our organization is facing significant challenges and we need the right people in the right seats to affect positive change.

As your candidate, I feel it is important to identify realistic expectations regarding the role of a director – what should you expect of me? My primary obligation is to listen to our members and to collaborate closely with the other five District-3 Directors, so we effectively represent the collective voice of our district. I do not take that obligation lightly as it is exactly what I expect of our currently serving directors. You should also expect me to utilize the thirty plus years' experience I have as an ADGA member, and former director, to help steer the organization as a whole in the right direction. Additionally, you should expect me to take an active role in those committees which best represent our collective interests. I would encourage greater participation from our members in committees and encourage greater diversity in the committee selection process.

The 31 member ADGA board of directors is charged with providing guidance and oversight in the establishment of policies and procedures. The Executive Committee is charged with execution of the day-to-day business of the organization, and our newly established position of Executive Director was implemented to provide direct management of ADGA staff, and executive level management of operations. I highlight these areas of responsibility because it is apparent to me, and likely to each of you, these three entities are not functioning as designed. It would be my responsibility as a member of the board to assist in getting this back on track.

I want to thank each of you for your membership, for this nomination, and for your commitment to selecting the director candidate who will best serve our district. This is our organization – your voice and your vote are important.

With Warmest Regards,

Mark Stevens