

December 31, 2019

Dear Dr. Murray Rice and AGC Board,

I am writing this letter to provide my strong support to the nomination of Dr. Denise Blanchard-Boehm to serve on the Board of the Applied Geography Conference. In my various roles of service with the Department of Geography at Texas State University, I have enjoyed working side-by-side with many great colleagues, and Dr. Blanchard-Boehm is certainly one of those. Denise is one of the most passionate faculty members who care dearly about ones' institute and profession. In my capacity serving as the department chair, Denise has shared with me voluntarily multiple times her thoughts on the various policy and/ or practice issues, seeking to continuously advance the Department, the College, and the University.

Throughout her multi-decades academic career, Denise has been teaching and conducting research within the realm of applied geography, which can be seen from her curriculum vitae. She has been an active participant in the AGC conferences. I know that Denise cares about the continuous success of AGC; she is ready to contribute through her service on the Board should her nomination for such receive the needed support.

The Department of Geography at Texas State University has been a strong supporter to AGC. This support was coupled with the service of Dr. Richard Earl on the AGC Board and his role as the liaison between AGC and the Department. Now that Rich is ready to move on to pursue the next chapter of his life, we believe that Denise's election to the Board will ensure the continuity of this relationship without interruption.

In summary, I support the nomination of Dr. Denise Blanchard-Boehm to serve on AGC Board without any reservation.

Sincerely,



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