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I respectfully submit my platform for JETAA USA Country Representative:

JET Involvement:

- *ALT, Hokkaido 2003-2006*
- *TIEC (local JTE-ALT professional educators group) President, 2005-2006*
- *RMJETAA Treasurer 2008-2010*
- *JETAAUSA Country Representative 2010-present*
- *JET Program Coordinator, Japanese Consulate (Denver) 2008-present*

Personal Background:

After returning from JET in fall of 2006, I became involved with our local JETAA chapter as treasurer for two years before taking on the Country Rep position in 2010. My professional position as JET Program Coordinator at the Japanese Consulate in Denver, has allowed me to be a part of the current inner workings and evolution of the JET Program while simultaneously working with the Alumni Association to increase connectivity and support on all levels. The relationships I've formed from being a JET Coordinator and a CR with CLAIR NY, CLAIR Tokyo, MOFA, all JET Coordinators nation-wide, JETAAi, and JETAA USA Chapters remain strong and valuable to me. They are relationships I will continue to employ in order to keep JETAAUSA a successful and recognized organization.

Looking Back and Viewing the Future of JETAAUSA:

This past year has been a steep learning curve for me as I stepped into the role of CR. Understanding how the organization functions on a higher level, administering the support needed to keep chapters connected and running smoothly and determining what can be done to improve things over the past year has been truly enjoyable. My skills in the area of organization, detail-work, communication and networking were well-utilized in my position as CR and I look forward to using them again this upcoming year with the CR team selected.

- Although my suggestions to improve the GIA funding process and paperwork were not able to be incorporated in 2010-11, I am determined to try again this year! My understanding of how the process works, both from my insight in working for the Japanese government and as my past position as a treasurer for Rocky Mountain JETAA have helped me make suggestions for improvement. I have been and will continue to work closely with CLAIR NY to make both simplifications and improvements come to fruition as much as possible.
- Keeping chapters connected is always a challenge, but a highly important piece of JETAAUSA's strength. Moving over to a Google platform this year, although not perfect, was a step in the right direction. Just as we got everyone on board to the Google Group, they announced the closure of the group-related features which inspired us to make that move. As a result, I would like the new JETAA USA website to take the place of being a filing cabinet and holding ground for all our resources and documents that JETAA USA makes available to chapters. This takes both time and funding to create- both of which are priorities. The functionality of Google as a whole is still very applicable to JETAAUSA and I hope to keep us integrated with that platform on a national level moving forward.
- The creation of JETAA USA bylaws became an obvious area in need over this past year. This is a project that was started, but I would like the time to continue working on it and bring that project to a positive conclusion over the next year. It is a very time-consuming project, but one that I feel is important to the health of JETAA USA.
- The Regional Conference for 2011-12 is slated to be hosted by Rocky Mountain JETAA in Denver. I would like to be in the position of providing as much support to make that conference successful and effective. Having a CR positioned in the chapter which is to host the Regional Conference would be a huge asset.

In moving JETAA USA forward, I would like to build on the initiatives and goals that were identified over the 2010-2011 fiscal year: improved JETAA website, revamped JETAAUSA Bylaws, strengthened connectivity and subsequent sharing of resources in a user-friendly manner. JETAA is an ever-evolving organization and therefore I expect our goals and initiatives to continually develop and grow, but I would also like the opportunity to finish the projects that were started over the past year.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue serving our community and contribute to the future value and success of JETAA USA.

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