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Position Statement

For Election as a Member of the International Board of Directors

If elected I will serve a 3-year term as a Member of the International Board of Directors of Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association.

I earned two degrees at Polytechnic – Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering ’76 and Master of Science in Civil Engineering ’78. I became a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York in 1983. I went on to earn a law degree from Brooklyn Law School (JD ’85).

Polytechnic was as special place for me and for so many of my classmates, many of whom, like me, were the first in their families to graduate college. We need to continue this rich tradition of offering quality education to those who are the first in their families to attend college or otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend college – but for the institution we know as “Brooklyn Poly”.

The Alumni Association must serve as a voice for the students to assure quality in Polytechnic’s academics and to assure that all deserving Polytechnic students have access to financial assistance and the language arts including support in remedial English, as the case may be. The Alumni Association should also be the entity at the Polytechnic which questions, as advocates for the students, the policies of the administration including the setting of tuition rates and tuition increases.

An active Alumni Association is needed more than ever to protect the interests of the students, to advance the interests of the alumni and to safeguard the assets of Polytechnic in the acquisition by NYU. The 3-1/2 acre campus in downtown Brooklyn must be developed to benefit Polytechnic and its students; the Alumni Association must be vigilant to assure that Polytechnic’s real estate including its substantial air rights are used to advance and enhance the infrastructure and facilities of the Polytechnic engineering community.

As a member of the International Board of Directors I will strive to advance the positions as stated above.

Thank you for your consideration in casting your vote for me -- we share a great tradition in “Brooklyn Poly”.