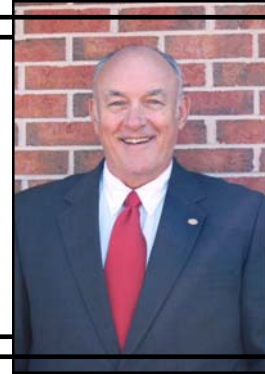


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Dear IGS Member,

January 27, 2010

My name is Pete Stevenson and I am a candidate for President of the IGS in the election that will be held from February 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010. You can refresh your memory about IGS elections in the Society newsletter, the IGS News at [www.geosyntheticssociety.org](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org). The July and the November 2009 issues present the announcement of the election and information concerning the candidates. The short version is that the IGS elects its officers and one half the council every four years. Voting is electronic and you will receive an email from the election officer with voting instructions on or about February 1, 2010. I have had the pleasure of serving the IGS as Treasurer and Secretary for 25 years and I stand ready for a new challenge in this new decade.

I urge you to vote in this important election and I ask you to vote for me for President. I believe I am the right person to serve as President from 2010 to 2014 for the following reasons:

1. I have championed the growth of the Society working with Past Presidents Giroud, Rowe, Jones, Bathurst, and Cazzuffi and have seen the Society grow to 31 chapters around the world.
2. The corporate membership has also grown steadily to 130 member companies at the time of this writing.
3. IGS members receive recognition and discounts at events organized by the IGS and by organizations that cooperate with the IGS.
4. IGS Corporate members have priority at IGS events and at industry events recognized by the IGS.
5. Individuals and Corporate members play key roles in chapter formation by adding critical mass and organizational structure to the development of the chapter and the corresponding growth in the market.
6. The IGS provides free electronic access for IGS members to the two IGS technical journals; "Geotextiles and Geomembranes" and "Geosynthetics International."
7. The IGS member has free access to the IGS Directory. Companies can advertise on the IGS Website as well as establish links from the IGS Website and other IGS publications to the company web pages, making products and services easy to source.

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8. Corporate members can publish both company profiles and case histories through the IGS website. These documents include links to the company web pages where the complete details of the story can be presented.

In my tenure, I have carefully shepherded the IGS financial resources. I initially served as Treasurer and subsequently as Secretary, and by working with Treasurers Voskamp, Delmas and Cowland we achieved results that:

- The IGS has a financial reserve equal to a one year annual budget guaranteeing the IGS can meet its obligations.
- The IGS financial resources have grown steadily for 25 years, suffering only minor setbacks in periods of financial peril.
- The IGS weathered the current financial crisis minimizing the loss of value in IGS assets to approximately 10% and limiting those losses to the IGS cash accounts.

While serving as Secretary of the Awards Committee, a nonvoting position that communicates with and coordinates award candidacies through instruction and advice on adherence to rules and guides candidates in presentation preparation, the IGS has seen a long progression of recognition of outstanding contributions including four corporate members granted the IGS Award.

In closing I once again urge you to vote in this important election and, I would be honored to represent the IGS as President into this new decade.

Very truly yours,



Peter Edward Stevenson

## Platform for the IGS

I, Peter Edward Stevenson have served the IGS since 1984, first as Treasurer until 1994 and later as Secretary until 2010.

If elected President of the IGS, I will work with the council and the membership to continue the many excellent programs and benefits of membership already in place.

Secondly, I will work to develop the liaison program introduced by Past President Cazzuffi seeking IGS representation in ISO, CEN, ASTM and other standard authorities.

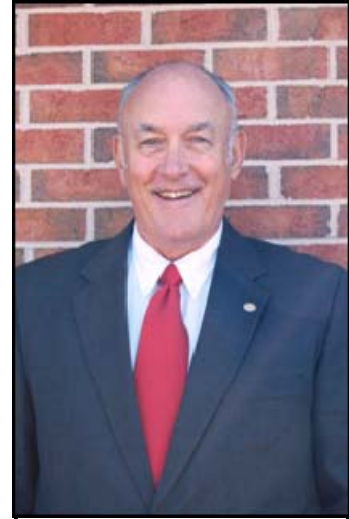
A parallel liaison effort already underway, and which I will support strongly, is to form or continue our positive working relationships with other organizations such as FEDIGS, ICOLD, IECA, IMMM, ISSMGE, ISWA, ITA, IWA, IWWG, and TRB to which several council members have volunteered to be key IGS representatives. A main objective of these liaisons is to establish links to the societies that will benefit our corporate and individual members.

A third aspect of liaison is to establish ambassadorships from the IGS officers to the chapters and prospective chapters to insure the benefits of IGS are fully understood and available to the membership. I believe the success of these liaison efforts will result in growth of the membership of the IGS, both within existing chapters and in the founding of new chapters.

I foster the emerging technical working group concept wherein IGS members cooperate to organize activities and events that facilitate technical advancement in key parts of the discipline such as reinforcement, filtration, drainage and erosion control, and containment.

I will strive to assist the education committee efforts to add to the application leaflet program through additional materials and through translation into additional languages.

Finally I will rely on both my business experience and my long-term championship of the corporate membership to insure the IGS remains dedicated to the interests and needs of the corporate membership.



### CANDIDATE SNAPSHOT

- IGS Treasurer 1984-94
- IGS Secretary 1994-present
- Involved with setting IGS mandatory financial reserve
- Collaborated to produce three IGS videos
- Awards Committee Secretary
- Oversaw various achievement awards programs; informed judges with candidate materials and objectives of program
- Oversaw the development of free access to IGS Journals
- Maintained and upgraded bylaws
- Oversaw the introduction of electronic balloting

## **Achievements**

During my term as an officer of the IGS, I have accomplished or been involved with the following programs and benefits of the IGS: setting of a mandatory financial reserve for the IGS of a minimum of \$100,000, or one year operating budget, whichever is smallest; production of the three IGS videos, working with J.P. Giroud, Robert Koerner and Terry Ingold; organization of and oversight of the IGS Pioneer program, the Chapter Achievement program, the Corporate Membership Recognition program and the Council Service Recognition program; served as Awards Committee Secretary insuring committee members (judges) were fully informed with candidate materials as well as objectives and goals of the IGS Awards; in conjunction with then Treasurer W. Voskamp, introduced and managed the student award program; with leadership from Past Presidents J.P. Giroud, R. Bathurst, K. Rowe and D. Cazzuffi, oversaw the development of the free membership access to the two official IGS Journals; working with several officer administrations, maintained and upgraded the IGS bylaws; and introduced, organized and oversaw the introduction of electronic balloting to the IGS.

## **Other Personal History**

I am a member of ASTM D35 committee on Geosynthetics and a member of the Transportation Research Board committee on Geosynthetics. I served as the chairman of the INDA Geosynthetics committee and was a founding member of Task Force 25, the AASHTO geosynthetic focus group.

I have authored several papers on geosynthetics, been awarded three patents for geosynthetic products and edited an ASTM STP on tensile testing titled: Grips, Clamping Techniques and Strain Measurement for Testing of Geosynthetics.

Over the same period, I was employed in the geosynthetics industry serving as Vice President-Sales of Burlington Industries, General Manager of the James River geosynthetic program, New Products (geosynthetics) Manager of Synthetic Industries, Product Development Manager of Tensar International Corporation, President of Acme STW, President of Xtex Inc and consultant to leading geosynthetic companies.

A few other interests are sailing, sports and photography. Although I have only English at my command, I am able to communicate with people around the world, learning about their cultures and traditions while introducing them to the IGS and its many achievements and opportunities.