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### **OCNI Board of Directors Candidacy Letter**

I am the Quality Manager at NUVIA Canada. I have been in Canada for three years, during which time I have grown my enthusiasm for nuclear and drive for innovation to support the founding of the OCNI's Advanced Technologies and Process (ATP) Council for which I am currently a Co-Chair. I have supported the execution of many projects for NUVIA as a Quality Lead and stakeholder relations specialist including the Radiation Protection Services agreement for Bruce Power's Unit 6 MCR program.

I began my career in Nuclear at age 17 as a Quality Apprentice for NUVIA in the UK where I developed my knowledge and skills in the industry and Quality Profession. I did my diploma in business improvement and qualifications in Lead Auditing & Lean Six Sigma, whilst focussing on leading innovations and improvement initiatives throughout the NUVIA organization. In 2018 I was offered the opportunity to join NUVIA's rapidly growing Canadian entity.

Upon relocating to Toronto, I took on the role of Quality Health Safety & Environment (QHSE) Coordinator with responsibilities as a Project Quality Lead and Business Systems Manager before being promoted to Quality Manager in 2020. During NUVIA Canada's growth, I have developed and integrated a new Business Management System and been instrumental in leading the NUVIA Canada organization to obtain certification to ISO 9001:2015. In parallel, I continued my professional development and became a Practitioner of the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) before being elected to the Steering Committee for the CQI's Nuclear Special Interest Group where I am currently a Co-Secretary. I intend to continue my development and focus on securing my Chartered status with the CQI in the near future.

I also support NUVIA at their International Group level as a member of their QHSE Management Committee. In this role, I have regular interaction with other NUVIA entities in France, the UK, India, Czech Republic and several other countries. Currently, I am supporting NUVIA's CEO in the Middle East by developing a Business Management System which is the foundation for their internal operations and project delivery. Being a subject matter expert in management systems means that I can easily adapt to new systems and processes whilst always looking for opportunities for improvement.

On the personal side, I am proud to say that my move to Canada wasn't solely for business reasons. I was scouted to play competitive ice hockey in Ontario and was supported and encouraged by NUVIA to take the opportunity whilst being able to continue to develop my career in the nuclear industry. Being a part of a competitive sports teams for most of my life has definitely engrained teamwork skills and emotional intelligence, two key traits that I believe will support me as a member of the OCNI Board of Directors.

Finally, I am a strong advocate for Nuclear energy and am fully committed to driving the industry to continued success, growth and change. I will bring a vast number of new ideas along with my passion for innovation and continuous improvement to the OCNI Board of Directors whilst having the ability to utilize my large international network to collaborate across other industries and continue to break down the barriers between the sharing of better practices and operational experiences.