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I had the pleasure of working closely with Terry Benzel for several years on the IEEE CS Board of Governors. Terry is in her second term on the board, and she has contributed in two significant roles: namely, Treasurer and then Vice President of Technical Communities and Conferences. Given my interactions with her, I can't recommend her highly enough. Terry combines strong strategic thought leadership with an engaging, friendly style that naturally draws in diverse stakeholders across our technical communities.

I have watched Terry successfully juggle our complex conference portfolio and technical communities while keeping dozens of volunteers engaged and motivated. She can make people feel heard and valued, whether she's dealing with seasoned volunteers or newcomers to the Society. Her approach is always collaborative—she listens first, then guides with gentle but firm direction.

Terry is also able to leverage her deep expertise from USC's Information Sciences Institute and her decades organizing IEEE Security and Privacy conferences to provide thought leadership. Her work on the IEEE CS Board of Governors and Broadening Participation Committee reflects her genuine commitment to making our Society better for everyone. Terry's collaborative leadership approach and strategic thinking significantly advanced the Computer Society's mission, making her an invaluable leader for our organization's future.



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