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Secretary-General & Treasurer, International Cartographic Association
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Dear Secretary-General Zentai:

The United States National Committee to the International Cartographic Association nominates E. Lynn Usery for the position of Vice-President to the ICA. Dr. Usery has a long record in cartography and geographic information science and with the ICA.

I include a biographical sketch of Dr. Usery to accompany this nomination.

Sincerely,

E. Lynn Usery
Chair, U.S. National Committee to the International Cartographic Association
E. Lynn Usery – USA
Candidate for Vice President of International Cartographic Association

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E. Lynn Usery is currently Chair of the U.S. National Committee to the International Cartographic Association and Chair of the Local Organizing Committee and Conference Director for the 28th International Cartographic Conference to be held in Washington, D.C., July 3-8, 2017

BIOGRAPHY

E. Lynn Usery is a Research Physical Scientist and Director of the Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science (CEGIS) with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). He worked as a cartographer and geographer for the USGS (1977-1988) researching and developing automated cartographic and geographic information systems. He was a professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Georgia, where he taught and conducted research in remote sensing, cartography, and geographic information systems (GIS) and led the establishment of undergraduate and graduate certificates in GIS. He returned to the USGS in 1999 and established a program of cartographic and geographic information science (GIScience) research that evolved into CEGIS. Dr. Usery served as Chair of the Research Committee (1999-2002), Board member (2003), and officer (2003-2005) including President in 2004, of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS). He was President of the Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) in 2002 and editor of the journal *Cartography and Geographic Information Science*, 2003-2006. Dr. Usery is currently the Chair of the U.S. National Committee to the International Cartographic Association and also chairs the Local Organizing Committee and is the Conference Director for the 2017 International Cartographic Conference which will be held in Washington, D.C. He is an Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Cartography*. He is a Fellow of CaGIS and was elected to the first class of Fellows of UCGIS. He received the CaGIS Distinguished Career Award in 2012. He was elected as an officer of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) in 2013 and is currently serving as President of ASPRS for the year 2015. Dr. Usery has published more than 100 articles in cartography, remote sensing, and GIScience. He received his BS in geography from the University of Alabama and MA and Ph.D. degrees in geography from the University of Georgia. His current interests and research are in theoretical GIScience including geospatial ontologies and semantics, map projections, multidimensional data models for lidar, and high performance computing for spatial data.
I, Eddy Lynn Usery, am willing to serve in the position of vice-president to the International Cartographic Association, if I am elected.

Eddy Lynn Usery