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I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the ASPA Vice President. Now more than ever, it is important for us to work collaboratively to find innovative solutions to critical issues. As Vice President, I will work tirelessly with our members to:

- Promote ethics, diversity and accountability in all aspects of public service;
- Strengthen our capacity to address new challenges;
- Develop joint-research on international education and administration initiatives;
- Enhance advanced technology and information to meet the needs of new generations;
- Encourage participation by and mentoring of young scholars and practitioners through ASPA conferences and governance opportunities.

I have been a committed member of ASPA for 20 years. I have provided leadership as the president of Gold Coast and Central Florida chapters; chaired national committees (the Publication Committee, the Dwight Waldo Award Committee, the International Public Administration Award Committee, the Section Development Committee, the ASPA-Chinese Public Administration Society Committee, the National Conference Host Committee, and the SECoPA program committee); and served as a member of the section board, the *PAR*-related award committee, and a task force on international affairs

I have 30 years of professional public service experience as a practitioner and professor. I have worked with state/county/city governments, and international public agencies to provide expertise on program evaluation, economic development and government innovation. I have also served as Department Chair, Ph.D. and MPA Coordinator, journal co-editor, and editorial board member (e.g., *PAR*).

It is an exciting time to be a part of ASPA! I am ready for the challenge of working with students, practitioners, academicians and YOU to enhance the success of ASPA and to help foster the future development of our field. I would greatly appreciate your vote and suggestions to make ASPA more meaningful for future public sector professionals (ktomliou@yahoo.com).