

Statement Seeking Position of FDCC Secretary Treasurer

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I became an FDCC member in 2006. My first meeting was in 2007 in Scottsdale. I still remember walking into that room, taking it all in, and realizing I had stepped into something different. This was not just another professional group. It was a community built on trust, shared purpose, and a commitment to serving one another and the profession. Nearly twenty years later, that feeling has not changed. It has deepened.

Service has shaped my path here. I joined the Board in 2020 and now serve in my sixth year as a Director, including my current role as a Senior Director and member of the Executive Committee. Each step has given me a broader view of what makes this organization work. It is not titles. It is not recognition. It is people who show up, do the work, and put the membership first. That example has guided me at every stage.

This past year brought a moment that felt both full circle and deeply meaningful. I had the privilege of serving as Convention Chair for our Winter Meeting in Scottsdale. That city marked my first meeting in 2007. Returning there in 2026, in a leadership role, reminded me how far this organization has brought me and how much it continues to give to all of us. That meeting succeeded because the team worked together toward a shared goal of delivering value to our members.

I seek the role of Secretary-Treasurer with that same mindset. This position requires steady work, attention to detail, and a commitment to supporting others. It is a role grounded in trust. It requires someone who will collaborate with the officers, support the Board, and serve the membership without distraction. I approach this opportunity with a simple view. The work is not about me. It is about making sure the organization runs well and meets the needs of its members.

My approach is collaborative and focused. I believe in listening first. I believe in working through issues with others, not around them. I believe the best outcomes come when we bring different views to the table and work toward a shared solution. I do not seek to advance a personal agenda. I seek to support the mission of this organization and the people who make it strong.

FDCC works because it puts members first. That principle should guide every decision we make. Members invest their time, energy, and trust in this organization. They expect value. They expect connection. They expect leadership that understands their needs and works to meet them. If selected for this role, I will focus on those expectations.

I will work to ensure that our processes are sound, our communication is clear, and our efforts align with what our members seek from this organization.

Many of you know my work and my involvement over the years. Others may choose to review my leadership profile. It reflects the roles I have held and the contributions I have made. I am proud of that work, but I do not view it as an endpoint. I view it as preparation for continued service. There is always more to do. There are always ways to improve. There are always opportunities to strengthen what we have built together.

No matter the outcome, my commitment remains the same. I will continue to serve this organization and its members. I will continue to support its mission. I will continue to invest in the relationships that make FDCC what it is. This organization has given me more than I can measure. It has given me friendships, opportunities, and a sense of purpose within the profession. That is why I am here.

I joined this organization to find my place, and I stayed because I found my people. If given the opportunity, I will serve in this role with that same sense of purpose -- grounded in service, focused on our members, and committed to helping FDCC remain the best it can be.