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Dear Members of the British Society for Geomorphology Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Secretary of BSG's Committee for Professional Geomorphology. With a strong academic and practitioner background in geomorphology, I am keen to contribute to the BSG's mission and support its goals in developing the discipline of professional geomorphology while continuing to build links with the research community.

A primary motivation for applying for this role is the opportunity to raise my profile within the wider geomorphology community. I am keen to build my network and collaborate with a diverse range of practitioners and academics on the committee and within the BSG's membership. This role will allow me to engage with a broader spectrum of geomorphologists, building valuable connections and exchange ideas and best practices. I'll bring my project management and strategy and policy advisor skills to the role; managing communications, flow of information, organisation, finances, and setting strategic direction.

Serving as the Secretary will provide opportunities for my own continuous professional development, to enhance my skills in organisation and communication, while building my understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by geomorphology practitioners from different backgrounds and specialisms. I believe that the BSG can play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges and blockers, promoting the advancement of our field and the importance of Geomorphology in the nature recovery and climate adaptation discourse.

My ambition is to ensure continued representation of the Environment Agency (EA) within the BSG Committee and wider membership. I envision a beneficial two-way flow of knowledge and collaboration between the BSG and EA Geomorphology; supporting research, innovation, inclusivity and training new and experience practitioners. I believe a key role of the BSG's Committee for Professional Geomorphology is to align the goals of various organisations across the public, private, and third sectors. This alignment will enhance the impact of geomorphological science in both practice and policy, bringing in and contributing to research and the development of our science.

I am passionate about raising the profile and standard of geomorphology in the professional sector. It is crucial that the BSG remains inclusive and offers a varied range of opportunities to practitioners. By supporting the BSG in achieving its goals, I aim to promote CPD and chartership through the Royal Geographical Society and other accrediting bodies. This will ensure that geomorphologists are well-equipped to apply their expertise in all sectors.

I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the BSG as the Secretary of Committee for Professional Geomorphology. I am confident that my skills, experience, and dedication to the field will enable me to make a meaningful impact. Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the BSG.

Yours sincerely
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