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Candidate Biography

My academic background is in molecular biology and human physiology. I have taught undergraduate biology for 17 years. During my tenure as a community college professor, I have become acutely aware of the need for academic integrity, tenure, and the worth of an educated citizen. Beyond the classroom I serve as Faculty Senate chair for Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, Nevada, and state president for the Nevada Faculty Alliance.

Prior to graduate school I worked as a fishing guide, forest fire fighter, and as a public school teacher. I have lived and worked all my life in the west, except for three years teaching in the Deep South; an educational experience I hold in high regard. My current research interests include clinical biology, and the anthropological reconstruction of an Athabascan Indian village in Alaska.

Candidate Statement

I am honored to be a candidate for the AAUP council. The principles for which AAUP stand represent the highest, most worthwhile principles that higher education can aspire. Sadly our colleges and universities are facing financial duress and public scrutiny as never before. Sadder still is the response from some legislative bodies and political leaders that view higher education as a burden, unworthy of the critical support that this country desperately

needs if it is to remain competitive and culturally intact in an ever changing world.

I am current state board president of the Nevada Faculty Alliance. In that capacity I am seeing first hand, on a daily basis, the erosion of tenure, the worth of highly trained and committed faculty, and the dismissal of educational quality. This makes the role of AAUP all the more important, for without the support of AAUP American colleges and universities cannot face these important issues adequately.

If elected to the AAUP council, I will commit my efforts to those faculty and institutions who find themselves threatened. This stance is everyone's responsibility, but to those elected to the AAUP council the responsibility for vigilance and forthright action on behalf of faculty is paramount. The Red Book explains it well. We are the stewards of academic freedom and freedom of expression, faculty rights, tenure, and due process. From that effort we as a citizenry and we as a country gain much; to lose it would be to lose much. I can think of no finer cause.