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I am seeking the office of Co-chair of the Domain Experts Steering Division. I have been active in HL7 since 2005, primarily in the Public Health and Emergency Response (PHER) work group. I am in my second term as a co-chair of PHER and have worked on a broad variety of projects, all involving public or population health. I have also in my second term as a co-chair of the Templates work group and anticipate that these two interests will be more related in the future.

My interest in representing the Domain Experts division on the Technical Steering Committee includes the challenges identified by Mead Walker not long ago:

* Assisting implementers of the HL7 Version 3 messaging and document standards.
* Helping the work groups within the Domain Experts Steering Division be effective in assuring that new specifications meet functional needs.
* Supporting the usability and rollout of new architectural and methodological structures within HL7.

 And I would add one other:

* Assisting the co-chairs of the work groups within the Domain Experts Steering Division in the accomplishment of the duties that fall to co-chairs, particularly those that occur rarely. I sense that the Headquarters staff is very interested in this and will welcome more participation from the Steering Division co-chairs.

I am blessed with a supportive employer, a state Public Health Department, and my management supports this.