

Prof. Janel Gauthier PhD.

Chair of the Elections Committee

International Association of Applied Psychology

Dear Prof. Gauthier, dear Janel,

I am delighted to nominate Prof. Lori Foster, PhD. (email address: [lfoster@ncsu.edu](mailto:lfoster@ncsu.edu)) as candidate for President Elect of the International Association of Applied Psychology in the forthcoming election.

The Reasons for Prof. Lori Foster are:

- She is young and energetic
- She has a broad scientific and practical knowledge base in Applied Psychology; thus, she is able to go beyond any one division – she is, therefore, uniquely able to work adequately across divisions
- IAAP is at a crucial juncture on staying independent and economically viable. We need somebody as president who will assure the survival of IAAP as an independent association. When I was president a long time ago, there were many attempts e.g., by IUPsyS to merge – but I always thought that the convivial atmosphere among like-minded scientists at IAAP would be destroyed in such a merger with a much more political organization. Prof. Foster will be able to keep IAAP independent, unique with individual international membership, and strong and will develop IAAP into a stronger organization.
- Lori is uniquely equipped to make a difference in international political organizations, such as the UN with her background of work for the UN, both academic and practical. Her competence is amazing; just think of her work for Obama and UNESCO. Long time ago, I initiated to make IAAP more relevant for international policy bodies; she will be able to push this worthy work forward like nobody else.
- It is seldom to get an all-rounder – an able researcher, an activist for applying psychology, and such a friendly person. Without wanting to reduce the stature of any of the other potential candidates, I am happy I was able to convince her to stand for this important election in this crucial time.

Prof. Dr. Michael Frese,

Professor of Psychology at Leuphana, Univ. of Lueneburg, Germany

And Professor at Asia School of Business, Malaysia

Past President of IAAP