

AHVRP Member Spotlight February, 2019



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Hopefully everyone is aware that the 2019 AHVRP Call for Nominations is underway. With that in mind, we asked Alex these questions:

I know you have been active in your state chapter, but what made you decide to submit a nomination to serve as a volunteer leader for AHVRP?

“I’ve had the privilege to learn and serve at the state level for several years. Being a member of a professional organization, whether state or national, should be a two-way street; you should get as much as you give. In thinking about how I can give back to our profession, service at the national level seemed like the logical next step.”

You have also served on other committees for AHVRP...what did you gain or take away from that experience?

“I was president of the Georgia chapter when conference was here in 2016 so served on the conference planning committee. As one of the committee members who interviewed potential speakers, I heard about so many exciting programs that are being run across the country by our peers. Hearing the passion in each person’s voice as they described their proposed presentation was

energizing. It was also a nice way to connect with peers across the country as we put plans in place for conference.”

Any advice to those who may be on the fence about submitting?

“Do it! The beauty of AHVRP service is that all of us are qualified to serve in some capacity. Think about how you’d like to serve the organization, the time you have available, and what you’d like to learn from the experience. When you submit that application, don’t be shy. If you know you’re really talented in a certain area, or have a passion for something needed by the organization, tell us. To quote Wayne Gretsky, “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” YOU might be the next great leader that AHVRP needs, but we’ll never know if you don’t take a shot.”

Any final thoughts on getting involved in volunteer management leadership at any level?

“We all have had mentors in our professional lives who have helped us grow and learn. Leadership, both at the state and national level, is your chance to return the favor to those coming behind you. By stepping into a leadership role, you help sustain this organization and our chosen industry.”