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It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Bruce Benton for the Harold R Gordon Memorial Award.

I first met Bruce in 2009 at the first NAHU National Convention I ever attended in New York City. From the moment he introduced himself, he stood out. He immediately offered his help and support to our new chapter in New York City, making it clear that he was someone who leads with generosity and action. That first interaction was not a one-time gesture—it was the beginning of years of consistent involvement and commitment.

By 2013, Bruce was already deeply engaged with the NY Metro Chapter, attending and speaking at our NYC convention in person and welcoming several of us to his President's Party at the annual convention in Atlanta that year. His ability to bring people together and make them feel included is one of his defining qualities, and it has had a lasting impact on the strength of our association.

In 2015–2016, Bruce further demonstrated his dedication by serving as a board member and awards chair for the NY Metro Chapter. He played a key role in the 2016 Pacesetter submission—an effort he poured himself into and still speaks about with passion today, even though it didn't win. That level of investment, even years later, speaks volumes about how much he cares about this association and its success.

Beyond formal roles and contributions, Bruce consistently shows up for people in meaningful ways. In 2017, I invited him to a NY Yankees game, and he made a special trip to New York just to be there—another example of how he prioritizes relationships and community.

What truly sets Bruce apart is his authenticity. Whether he is dressed in a tuxedo at the Gordon Award dinner or in spandex and a t-shirt behind the drums at the after party, he is always the same person—someone who listens, shows up, and offers help without hesitation. That consistency of character is rare and invaluable.

Bruce Benton embodies the spirit of the Harold R Gordon Memorial Award through his leadership, his service, and his unwavering commitment to others. I strongly believe he is a deserving recipient.

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