I am honored to be nominated for re-election to the UCAR Board of Trustees. Having served on the Board since 2013, and having been elected chair of the Board in 2014, I bring an understanding of how UCAR and NCAR operate. The Board and I are successfully navigating the transition to new UCAR leadership, positioning our organization for the successful re-competition of our cooperative agreement to manage NCAR on behalf of the National Science Foundation. For twenty years, I have been an active advocate in Washington on behalf of STEM education and research, with experience on national committees including chairing the National Research Council Associateships program, the American Geophysical Union Committee on Public Affairs, and UCAR’s President’s Advisory Committee on University Relations (formerly the URC).

Together with the National Science Foundation, the Board of Trustees enables UCAR Members to set national research priorities, establish large research initiatives, guide educational activities and engage in advocacy on behalf of our community. Most importantly in this era of shrinking federal budgets, the Board is also engaged in planning, and budgeting.

I seek re-election to the Board at this time in the hope that I may see the Corporation through a successful re-competition as it strives to maintain its excellence in spite an uncertain economic climate.