

I'm still amazed by Marilyn's suggestion for my nomination as Vice President; I missed all my words in the meeting yesterday. However, I would love to assume this responsibility since qin activities represent my daily (and full-time) routine. So I accept the nomination :)

Pretty sure that I can do more (than I did until now), stepping further for the sake of the beautiful and solid work of NYQS.

Best,
André

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Regardless of who will be the VP, I'd like to join the discussion on what their duties would be:

- Supporting senior leadership personnel by managing.
- Relaying information about Society's objectives or organizational changes.
- Looking for new ideas to improve crucial task management.
- Evaluate the Society's overall state and understand where it can improve and what it is doing well.
- Create and see through a specific plan that guides Society to work together.

On a minor scale, it seems that the **two-person organizers** of Yaji would help a lot. Since the other positions (corresponding secretary, secretary and treasurer) are engaged in different functions, as follows below:

A **Corresponding Secretary** is responsible for reading communications at meetings (in a personal and gracious tone); embracing all ideas, taking notes; giving personalized communications replies or other forms of outreach to show appreciation to guest speakers or special guests of the community.

A **Treasurer** oversees all financial transactions and fundraising efforts going in or out of an organizing committee. Their primary duties include budget planning, financial reporting, record-keeping, and managing incoming and outgoing funds.

A **Secretary** is responsible for facilitating communications within an office and fielding interactions with the public. Their duties include answering and redirecting messages, scheduling meetings and providing personalized support for other members in their office. Besides, the NYQS Secretary has an extra task as Web Manager.

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About me, campaigning a bit for this post, I have ten years of experience leading two research groups, one of which involved musical performance.

I'm thinking about my ten years in the administration of the Gaoshan Liushui Ensemble (which intends to be an institution). Second, I spent two years coordinating a field research group (concerning Orientalism in Brazil) at the University of São Paulo, and today as head of the Guqin Brasil Association. I don't know if this counts, but since 2012, I have held the position of board member of the Tzong Kwan Buddhist Association in São Paulo. There, I conducted property purchase and sale transactions for expanding temple facilities, coordinating general renovations and construction of new facilities.

I can say that the management position of any society, group or community, involves invisible tasks not always observed by the members. These are usually small things, such as a simple post on social media or a website update, that can take hours.

Furthermore, reading all the meeting reports since 2005, I have noticed a constant concern with the **website's social role** and how to **integrate members' intellectual production** into it. It seems that most of the intellectual capital flows to personal websites, with almost no virtual presence on the NYQS website. In general only links to personal websites.

Thus, adding the intellectual production of members to the Society's platform, not only to the website but having well-organized social media with a repository of articles, would undoubtedly enrich the Society's social role.

So, forgive me for this long reply.

Best wishes!

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