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I, Kay Wright Lewis, formally request the consideration of my candidacy for the position on the Board of Directors for the Association for the Study of the World-Wide Diaspora by the membership community. I seek this position because of my dedication and commitment to the mission of the organization. I have served on boards before in many capacities for many years: recording secretary, financial secretary, vice president, and president. As the former Chair of the Board of Directors of *Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers*, an organization that recruits and mentor's minority high school students to become teaching professionals, I provided guidance to TSTT about policy and the implementation of organizational protocols, engaged in strategic and financial planning, reviewed and evaluated grant proposals, and served as Chair of the fundraising committee. I strongly believe that these significant experiences will help me navigate how best to serve on ASWAD's Board if I were to be given the honor.

I first attended ASWAD in 2007, where I met and held discussions with not only Michael Gomez and Sir Hilary Beckles for the first time, but also the legendary Sterling Stuckey and Rosalyn Terborg-Penn while still in graduate school. That first ASWAD conference was an experience that shaped my academic career and my scholarship. In an academy that finds useful hierarchal, geographic, and racial boundaries, ASWAD has always allowed for a different conference experience, and a fresh and wholesome perspective about the black experience that must continue to be preserved. Thus, I would like to step up, to pay forward all that has been given to me and offer my time and attention to this organization's Board, to continue to elevate all the good work that has been done. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

All the best,

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