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To: Gay Perez and the SEAHO Awards and Recognition Committee

From: Lisa Colacicco Diekow

Director of Housing for Residence Life and Education

Date: January 26, 2010

Re: Nomination for the Charles W. Beene Memorial Award

Please accept this letter as my nomination of Azfar Mian for SEAHO’s Charles W. Beene Memorial Award. This award is presented annually to *the individual judged to have contributed most to the success of SEAHO during the previous year.* I cannot think of another person who better exemplifies this criterion than Azfar, given his current service in his role as the SEAHO Technology Coordinator.

Azfar willingly accepted to transition into the Technology Coordinator role during my SEAHO presidential year, 2008-09. His vision for and knowledge of new technologies has been invaluable to the SEAHO Executive Board over the past year. Azfar has assisted with negotiating SEAHO’s webmaster contract to insure decisions move the organization forward and are fiscally responsible. This has allowed the Executive Board to focus on current and future organizational challenges, while Azfar provides oversight to contractual details, website functionality and stages upgrades in the most efficient manner. Azfar has served in an advisory capacity to the SEAHO Executive Board, the conference host committee, the program committee and a newly formed Website Task Force which will be responsible for developing a plan for updating and maintaining current content on SEAHO’s website.

Azfar and I serve as Director-colleagues in our department and I have come to rely on him as a trusted colleague and confidante for his integrity, ethics and professionalism. I can further attest to Azfar’s commitment to the Housing profession through active involvements within SEAHO and ACUHO-I.

It is my hope that you will strongly consider Azfar for this honor. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration!