

Candidate Statement – Jim Taylor

Good day to each of you. I am writing to you today as a candidate for the X12 Board of Directors.

This past year has been a challenge for us all – including X12. Factors outside of our control forced our organizations to make hard choices, revector plans and implement new ways of operating. I believe all of us from the board, staff and each member have done outstanding work to keep the gains made by X12 over the past 3 years not only intact but built on them.

I hope to return to the Board to assist the current board in leading the organization to even greater success in these areas. I believe X12 must continue to find opportunities to increase member value, and bring timely, relevant, business driven work products to market, and to champion standards for new, emerging technologies and processes.

As background, I was the founding member of MarineNet, the marine Industry initiative on Electronic Business Standards and Processes. MarineNet assists member companies and the marine industry with improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and value of the standardization of EDI, information management, business process and technology functions.

In a prior business venture, I brought to market a VAN that processes EDI transactions related to barge tracking which facilitated freight profitability, barge utilization or P&C claims case management. I have a degree in engineering, served in the US Navy, and I am entrepreneurially focused. Additionally, I am a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) certified coach and referee, and I play soccer myself on a weekly basis. I rely on all these experience as I methodically capture and capitalize on opportunities and solve challenges, using both big-picture and highly detailed perspectives.

I have been an active participant in X12's standards development for over seventeen years. I have had the privilege to serve in various capacities within X12 and subcommittees. They include:

- Past Vice Chair and now current Chair of Technical Assessment – X12J
- Past Vice Chair of Communications and Controls Subcommittee - X12C
- Member of X12I
- Member of PNP
- Member and Past Chair of X12 Board

In addition to my service within X12, I actively participate in include the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) which is an international scientific, professional, and educational standards organization, of which I serve as Chair of Subcommittee 133. Additionally, I serve on the Board of Directors of

the Inland Rivers Ports and Terminals. I am also a member of the Transportation Research Board and am an active member of the CRIS and FILS committee, initiated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to standardize data regarding vessels, commodities, and locations for the Inland Waterways.

My professional and personal experiences are very directly aligned with X12's mission and principals, allowing me to offer strategic and tactical vision that will help X12 build upon the gains made, strengthening X12 for the future.

I believe X12 is on an upward trajectory with current opportunities and is on a solid path in pursuit of new ones. I look forward to working with the rest of the board and with staff to successfully achieve the goals that fortify and support X12.

Thank you,

Jim Taylor