

May 7, 2023

To: United States National Committee
Re: IEC Young Professionals Nomination – Recommendation Letter for Shayna Knazik

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to strongly recommend Shayna Knazik for the 2023 IEC Young Professionals Program.

I have had the pleasure of working with Shayna on multiple committees over the last three years where she has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the medical imaging community members who make up the committees, a dedicated attention to detail, the ability to quickly absorb new material and processes, and exceptional management skills.

Shayna joined MITA, the medical imaging trade association, as a Senior Program Manager for DICOM at the beginning of 2020, just as the COVID pandemic hit. Her adaptability was immediately tested and proven as she facilitated the smooth transition of the week-long technical meetings that she manages to virtual format for two years during COVID. Happening 5 times per year, these meetings of Working Group 6 are complex to start with, involving multiple working groups, international participants, and producing hundreds of pages of new technical specifications each year. We are happy to be back face-to-face, but her dedication kept the wheels turning during the interval.

Shayna took the initiative to improve the structure and content of the meeting summary that comes out of each WG-6 meeting. I, and others, now frequently use it as a reference when updating colleagues and related standards groups. She is constantly on the lookout for details that have been overlooked and ways to improve our process. She is an important contributor to the high productivity of the group.

We have benefited from Shayna's ability to leverage her past experience with the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and its international collaborators. She has applied that experience with us in her pursuit of greater understanding and involvement in international standards development. Her awareness and sensitivity to cultural and linguistic challenges is particularly relevant when managing committees with members from many different countries and backgrounds. On top of that, her focus and enthusiasm set a positive tone for all the groups that she manages.

I strongly believe that Shayna would be an outstanding candidate for the IEC Young Professionals Program. It would be a valuable experience that she could apply to her daily activities within the DICOM organization, and the program would benefit, as we have, from her participation.

Sincerely,



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