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The FMG has instituted term limits to help ensure a healthy circulation of participants through that governance role. I'll be stepping down from the FMG at the end of this year to help provide space for others to contribute to the FHIR governance space and was approached about whether I'd consider helping on the TSC.

If elected, my focus would be on the following:

The maturity and rigor that HL7 brings to its processes continues to grow. The amount of interest and engagement in HL7 also continues to grow. Both these are good things, but they create increased workload on work groups, and in particular, co-chairs. At the same time, the level of participation in work groups has remained constant, or even diminished. This creates a sustainability dilemma for the organization.

Our ability to continue to produce quality materials and ensure they are appropriately vetted depends on having enough engaged and appropriately experienced volunteers. As an organization, HL7 needs to leverage initiatives such as the accelerator program and the new implementation division to create a culture of cross-pollination and engagement that encourages organizations and individuals to participate in HL7 processes beyond the interests of their immediate project or employer objectives.

At the same time, we need to reduce barriers and/or provide more efficient on-ramps so that newcomers feel welcome, supported, and productive when they start to engage. Some of the efforts we've introduced to increase maturity (including ones I've led) haven't had enough attention in this space – and we need to do better.