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Position Statement

Over the last couple of years my focus has been on bridging the gap between students and professionals and professionals that are new to the platform and those of us that have been on the platform for a while. There is a need to bridge that gap with education and mentorship. My goal as a COMMON board member is to continue that work to close that gap. To continue to provide education, mentorship, and guidance to anyone that is new to the platform. We have a growing concern in the community of who is going to be the next generation of IBM i professionals. Is anyone going to know the native languages? I have a big passion for the platform and big a passion for the community. I plan on taking that passion and use it to help guide, mentor and help educate the next generation of IBM i professionals.

In addition to guiding, mentoring, and educating the next generation of IBM i professionals. I do believe we as a community also need to inspire the next set of IBM i speakers. As a young speaker myself, it would also be my goal to help inspire more young speakers to come out of their comfort zones and give speaking a try.