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Dear Peter.

You took me very much by surprise when you called me Monday, and I accepted your offer without consideration of my own state of commitments. I have a feeling about honorary memberships that the recipient should give what he or she can in return. At this moment I have several big commitments that are very important for me to give my full effort to and which will take a long time to complete. There are an number of photographers in our community who could be of far greater service to you than I, and I hope you can find someone who can be a real help. I know really nothing of the aims of your new organization, but I hope you have success with it. My days of belonging to organizations is over, and I need to concentrate on the work I still have to do.

I hope you will understand my feelings on this subject and know that I appreciate your offer. This old steam engine is slowing down and it takes me much longer to do things than it used. One more commitment came in from New York yesterday, which is one more reason for my decision, for this one regards work I must accept.

With best wishes for your undertaking,

Regretfully