



Declaration of Candidacy

Board of Directors and Committee Members will be required to commit significant time to achieve the objectives of NANOG. Please limit your response to one page.

Please complete the attached form and forward by E-mail to elections@nanog.org

Due:

- **Board of Directors:** No later than September 20, 2013
- **Committees:** No later than October 9, 2013

PLEASE NOTE: Only NANOG Members can run for leadership positions. All candidates must be willing to serve for a one or two year term, to be determined by the membership during the ballot process.

Each candidate must declare any and all affiliation(s) relevant to NANOG, which will include his or her main employer, as well as any other major relationships (for instance, if a candidate's primary employer is a nonprofit entity which is sponsored by a vendor, the candidate would declare both the nonprofit and the vendor as affiliations).

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The Candidate should complete the declaration and as relevant, provide his or her answers to the questions outline below. The form should then be returned to NANOG via e-mail by the date given above. Faxed or mailed copies will not be accepted.

Declaration

I hereby signify my willingness to stand for office as candidate for:

Board of Directors

I agree, that if elected, I will adhere to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of NANOG currently in force and as may be amended by the membership from time to time.

1) Provide a brief biography of recent experience, associations, and affiliations relevant to serving on the NANOG Board of Directors or NANOG Committees. Please be as specific as possible.

I have over 15 years of experience in the Internet industry, covering educational, carrier and critical infrastructure organizations. I began my work with large networks at the University of Wisconsin/WiscNet, and progressed to subsequent

careers at UUNET and Verisign, spanning operations, engineering and architecture areas.

I have significant experience in highly technical design and operations roles, as well as in management roles that focus on the complex marriage between the technical and political/financial realities of a company. As such, I am well-equipped to deal with both the administrative challenges inherent in guiding NANOG as an organization, as well as the needs of the members and the industry that they are responsible for shaping.

Having served as a member of the NANOG Program Committee since 2010, and as a diamond corporate sponsor since the Newnog transition, I'm personally invested in the organization, and have a high degree of motivation to ensure its continued success and vitality.

The following questions are to be answered by Board of Directors Candidates ONLY

2) Describe the relevance of your technical and professional experience to serve on the position you are interested in.

My career experience consists of a mix of technical and managerial roles, giving me subject matter expertise, as well as practical experience in running the administrative, budgetary and political aspects of an organization. This particular blend of experience should aid me in acting as a responsible steward of NANOG, its conferences, educational programs, finances and membership.

3) What Internet-related services do you or your current employer or organization provide?

Verisign operates the infrastructure for a portfolio of top-level domains that today include .com, .net, .tv, .edu, .gov, .jobs, .name and .cc, as well as two of the world's 13 Internet root DNS servers. Verisign's product suite also includes Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Protection Services, iDefense Security Intelligence Services and Managed DNS.

4) Are there any conflicts, real or perceived that might arise should you be elected as a NANOG Board of Directors or Committee member?

Verisign is a corporate sponsor of NANOG.

5) What contributions do you plan to make to NANOG over the next year? What are your personal objectives should you be elected?

I believe it is incumbent upon me to both continually create value for the membership, and foster/mentor the next generation of network engineers and future stewards of the Internet. To enable this, I'd like to make it easier to bring in sponsor dollars, as well as focus recruiting/attendance efforts on more junior members of the community.

6) What advantages does and will NANOG gain by your contribution of resources, contacts or influence in the industry?

I've participated in NANOG both prior to and since the inception of Newnog, and have been a member of the Program Committee since 2010. Having acted on Verisign's behalf to execute the Diamond sponsorship, I'm intimately familiar with the intricacies of dealing with NANOG as a member, a committee member, and sponsor. I'm well connected in the industry, and regularly leverage relationships in my day-to-day business dealings. Those particular dealings, including my ability to negotiate, will serve NANOG well in future conference and expansion endeavors.

7) Describe any concerns or limitations on your ability to participate or travel to attend Board or Committees Conference Calls or, Meetings, and NANOG Meetings in person or to serve the entirety of your term.

I do not have concerns or limitations regarding participation in meetings or conference calls. I am a party to an agreement with Verisign that allows, but does not require, the company to terminate my participation on the NANOG Board of Directors at its discretion, or in the event that my employment with the company is terminated. The agreement is a standard form that the company requires of all employees participating in this type of activity, and at this time, I do not foresee or expect any issues.

8) Board and Committee experience, if applicable:

I am currently serving in my second term on the NANOG Program Committee.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. M. D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Date: 8/27/2013