



### 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](mailto: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:

#### **Member of the 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.**

Steve Gibbard has been a regular NANOG attendee for the last thirteen years, and has been involved off and on in the NANOG organization since it started the move towards self-governance in 2004. He was one of the authors of the NANOG Reform

document calling for NANOG's separation from Merit in 2004, was one of the editors of the NANOG charter, which NANOG operated under in partnership with Merit from 2005 until 2011, and chaired the committee that wrote the current NANOG bylaws. He has served on the NANOG Communications Committee and as Membership Chair on the Membership and Development Committee. Most recently, he has served as a member of the NANOG Board for the last two years, where he has focused on NANOG's education initiatives.

When not working on NANOG stuff, Steve manages the network engineering group for Tata Communications' content delivery network. He lives in Oakland, California, with his wife and newborn son.

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.**

In addition to having served on the NANOG Board for the past two years, I have been a frequent attendee and speaker at several operators groups around the world. I've been a workshop instructor at SANOG, the South Asian Network Operators Group, which was one of the inspirations for the nascent NANOG educational program.

While I've been doing more and more management work lately, I am still sometimes a hands-on network operator and still feel I get benefit from NANOG's operational programming. As a manager, I see the issues we have in hiring new network operations people, and am excited about the training NANOG can provide for beginning network engineers to get new people into our industry.

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

Tata Communications is a global telecommunications company with a "tier 1" Internet backbone. My portion of it is a content delivery network, mostly providing streaming video services.

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

Not that I know of.

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

Mainly, I'd like to continue the work we've started on NANOG's educational program, moving it beyond its pilot class into a sustainable program.

I'd also like to continue moving NANOG into a broader industry role. In the last two years we've gone from an organization that puts on a few big conferences and runs a mailing list, to an organization with local meetings (NANOG on the Road, which is kicking off this fall in Portland), a Best Common Operational Practices group (in conjunction with ISOC and other NOGs) that can provide guidance on design issues, and our education program. I'd like to continue looking for ways for NANOG to be of service to the industry.

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

I have volunteered a lot of time to various NANOG projects in the past. I've been busier than I'd ideally like with other things recently, but hope to be able to continue doing that in the future.

**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.**

As a new parent with a busy and hands-on day job, I don't have the time to travel the world to various NOG meetings that I once did. But I hope to be able to continue giving time to NANOG, which is my home network operators group.

**8) Board and Committee experience, if applicable:**

NANOG Board, 2011-present.

NANOG membership chair, 2011

NANOG Governance Committee chair, 2010

NANOG Communications Committee, 2005

NANOG Reform Group, 2004-2005.

Signature: Steve Gibbard

Date: September 3, 2013