



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:

NANOG Program Committee

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 would have been an R.F. Engineer, but discovered Internetworking while working at Motorola in 1994. That R.F. experience wasn't completely lost, a bit later I was at

Shaw Cablesystems working with Glen Larwill when we launched Cable Modem Internet, grew to 100,000 subscribers while I learned how to drive a 7507 with default free full routing table. The Internet survived and I held various Network Engineering/Architect/Technical Manager roles with Shaw Cablesystems, GT Group Telecom, and the Ontario Research and Education network ORION.

I was involved as a member representative with CANIX, the original Canadian Internet Exchange in Toronto Circa 1998, and later offered moral support with TORIX. (Hi Jon!)

I hosted NANOG 25 in 2002 in Toronto, and have attended NANOG several times.

The allure of Silicon Valley summoned, and in 2007 I moved to Mountain View, working as a Network Planner, and later Strategic Negotiator for Google on their Europe, Middle-East and Africa network. I worked on an extensive latency reduction program, mapping the edge of the Internet in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, identifying key locations for network, front end and CDN infrastructure, always making sure that it would scale to Vijay's satisfaction, and that the location would work for Maurice's peers.

25 countries and 500,000 air miles later I did a brief stint working for Najam at Facebook where I did about 3 years work in 12 months. I planned and acquired the European transport network to connect the Lulea DC, and did the initial planning and site selection for the global deployment of Facebook's in-house CDN. In my spare time I negotiated a submarine cable investment in APG.

In 2012 I ran off to San Antonio, TX and now work at Rackspace US, Inc as Sr. Manager, Network Strategy and Sourcing. I'm manage planning and acquisition of network interconnecting data centers in Texas, Illinois, Virginia, London, Sydney and Hong Kong. Any day now we'll have a consolidated AS, and will be better known around the Internet as 12200.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

8) Board and Committee experience, if applicable:

Signature:  Date: October 6, 2013