



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:

The NANOG 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.

As of this meeting I will have served on the NANOG program committee for one year. I currently serve on two non-profit boards as well as having recently left the board

of Spectrum Networks (it was acquired) where I had served as a member since the founding of the company.

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.

I run both engineering architecture within the Spectrum unit of Wave Holdings as well as founded and run the company for the first six years of its existence. Today I serve mostly as a bridge between technical planning and business functions within wave; this combined role allows me to straddle both the technical and business portions of the company, bringing technical and business strategy together at a high level.

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

Wave Holdings provides various connectivity circuits including everything from dark fiber, to cable modem based Internet service all the way up to multiple 10G IP circuits to large customers (IE the Spectrum Networks group, which I run). As a medium sized provider, we are very well aware of many of the nuances of operating a large-scale service provider and are willing to bring those learning experiences to the table.

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

The only conflicts can think of would be marketing related, but up to now neither Wave nor Spectrum have sponsored any NANOG related activities. The only exception to this is that Spectrum provided the initial seed money to fund newnog, but that was because we believe in the importance of the NANOG mission and its preeminent role in the community. In the future, if Wave sponsors I don't expect that I will take an active role in the relationship between Wave's marketing team and NANOG if I am elected to the board due to the conflict that could create.

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

I mainly plan on contributing as much time as possible to presenting a balanced and forward looking view to the NANOG board. I am a firm believer that cooperation is what makes the Internet work and the importance of the role NANOG plays in bringing together operators cannot be understated. I also really want to push the educational mission of NANOG as I believe that for me, NANOG has been the best source of educational material relevant to my job that I have encountered, continuing and expanding this legacy is important to me as a way of helping to train the next generation of network engineering talent.

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

I am hoping that I can bring the influence of a regional operator (we are west cost specific) and generally good business planning to the board. My biggest personal goal though is to help guide NANOG policies such that they continue to make sense for its mission to train the next generation of engineers and participate in

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 have high level corporate support for attending all future NANOG meetings and calls while active in the running of NANOG, we view this as a great way for our company to give back to the community. In the past I have had to miss some calls but have made most and have been at all NANOG meetings since starting to serve on the PC.

8) Board and Committee experience, if applicable:

I was on the board of Spectrum Networks (AS11404) from founding until acquisition September 1st, 2013. I am currently also on the board of a non-commercial radio station (KMIH-FM) and serve on the board of a large condominium association (260 units). I am also currently on the NANOG program committee.

Signature:



Date: September 20th, 2013