Rotary Means Business Fellowship
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Candidates' Statements of Qualifications

Region #1: North America

Joyce K. Borda, candidate, RMB member since 2016, Lakewood Ranch, FL, USA

I am nominating myself to the RMB Board for North America. I am currently a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch (FL), having been inducted in July 2019. I currently sit on the Board of Directors. Prior to that, I was an active member of the Rotary Club of Port Orange-South Daytona (FL); inducted in December 2011. I served as Public Image Director from 2014 through 2017. During that time, through my team's effort, we were awarded the 2014-2015 Public Image Citation for RI Zone 34.

I am self-employed as Document Preparer (Independent Paralegal) having launched my document preparation business in May 2006. Prior to that time, I was a Paralegal for several law firms in New Jersey, Southeast Pennsylvania and Florida for a period of 32 years.

I earned a degree in Communications from Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey.

I have proven my ability to communicate the need for businesses to work together toward common goals. While sitting on the Board of the Port Orange-South Daytona Chamber of Commerce, I chaired a weekly networking group which promoted fellow businesses. Our meetings went from five members to 35 members within a couple of years and was very successful in helping each other succeed. It is my belief that Rotary's Avenue of Vocational Services certainly melds well with the purpose of Rotary Means Business Fellowship to support the success of fellow Rotarians.

Thank you for taking your time and consideration.

Mark Burchill – incumbent, Chair -- RMB member since 2009 – Santa Rosa, CA, USA

From 2009 to 2013, I chaired a small RMB group in California. Seeing the potential for RMB to provide a membership benefit for Rotarians world-wide I worked closely with Rotary International to create the Rotary Means Business Fellowship in 2013.

I have served as Chair of the RMB Fellowship since its approval, and have tirelessly promoted RMB to this day. I manned the booths at the Rotary International Conventions in Sydney, Atlanta, Toronto and Houston, informing Rotarians world-wide of this new opportunity.

We are truly an international organization with chapters on 6 continents. We recently chartered our 120th local chapter! Yet we have much work ahead of us.

While Asia and the Americas continue to show strong growth, we will need to put more effort into growing RMB in Europe and Africa. As we continue to grow, the Fellowship Board, under my leadership, has modernized and focused on utilizing Rotary values to nurture the Rotary Means Business Fellowship. At my suggestion, the Board adopted a Regional Representation model. This will give local chapters much more direct support, through Directors who live and work in specific regions.

My experience from the beginning of RMB will be valuable. I commit to tirelessly promote the RMB Fellowship as we grow and mature. I would like to remain as an officer of the RMB Fellowship for one more term, which would coincide with the 10th anniversary of Rotary International's approval of the Rotary Means Business Fellowship. I ask Fellowship members to return me to the Board of Directors for another term, so I can continue the work on bringing RMB to a new level.

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Region #4: Europe

Incumbent Fatos Axhemi did not file for re-election and no other candidates filed for election, so the position is declared open. The Board of Directors will search for a suitable candidate to represent Europe, and will appoint same.

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Prasad Sovani -- candidate -- RMB member since 2020 -- Pune, Maharashta, India

(English)

I am Prasad Sovani, a Professional Corporate Soft Skills Trainer based in Pune, India, but am a global citizen! I conduct training in 5 domains, forming an acronym POEMS, so my URL is poemstrainer.com

I completed my graduation in Mathematics and Masters in Economics and formally studied English, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit & German in school; French, Spanish, Russian & Japanese at the University and am presently studying Korean.

I worked for an Italian company in India and a German company in South East Asia, in the 1990s. (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines etc)

I got connected with Rotary when I was selected as a GSE Scholar to visit Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil in 2006. I joined Rotary immediately upon returning to India and served my club as President for 2009-10.

I am a member of Toastmasters since 1994, across 5 districts, serving as a District Governor in 2013-14. I was privileged to lead 5000+ members across 212 clubs. My district covered 89% of India. I led that district to the topmost status of President's Distinguished District!

I have travelled to 630 cities in 56 countries across all the continents and have conducted trainings in 27 countries. I have set myself a goal of visiting 1000 cities and 100 countries.

I founded RMB in my district and was recognized as 'The Biggest Reference Giver' by RMB District 3131, last year!

With my global connections and ability to connect with different cultures, I can help expand RMB in many countries where it is not present as of now.

In this pandemic, we need to maximise opportunities to help each other. I am working on it in my district and would like to extrapolate this globally with the help of senior RMBians.

(Espanol)

Soy Prasad Sovani (Pedro para Latinos), un entrenador de habilidades interpersonales de Pune, India. ¡Pero soy un ciudadano global! Realizó programas en 5 dominios, así he formado el acrónimo POEMS, por lo que mi URL es poemstrainer.com

Luego de graduarse en Matemáticas, obtuvo Maestría en Economía y estudié formalmente Inglés, Alemán, Francés, Español, Ruso y Japonés en la Universidad y ahora estudio Coreano.

Me conecté con Rotary como becario de IGE y visité Uruguay, Argentina y Brasil en 2006. Después de regresar, me uní a Rotary inmediatamente y me desempeñé como presidente del club durante 2009-2010.

Soy miembro de Toastmasters desde 1994, y me desempeñé como Gobernador de Distrito en 2013-14. Tuve el privilegio de guiar a más de 5000 miembros en 212 clubes. Mi distrito cubría el 89% de la India. Dirigí ese distrito al estado superior de Distrito Distinguido del Presidente.

Trabajé para una empresa Italiana en la India y una empresa Alemana en el Sudeste Asiático antes del año 2000. (Singapur, Malasia, Indonesia, Tailandia, Vietnam, Filipinas, etc.)

He viajado a 630 ciudades en 56 países de todos los continentes y he realizado programas de entrenamiento en 27 países. Sueño con visitar 1000 ciudades y 100 países.

Fundé la RMB en mi distrito y el año pasado se me concedió 'El Mayor Donante de Referencias' en mi club – 'RMB Distrito 3131'. Con mis conexiones globales y mi capacidad para conectarme con diferentes culturas, puedo ayudar a expandir el RMB en muchos países donde no existe hasta ahora.

En esta pandemia, necesitamos optimizar las oportunidades para ayudarnos mutuamente. Estoy trabajando para lograrlo en mi distrito y me gustaría elevarlo a nivel mundial con la ayuda de los veteranos de RMB.

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