

Rotary Means Business Fellowship Board of Directors Election, 2021 Candidates' Statements of Qualifications

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## **Alden Cunningham -- incumbent, Director -- member since 2014 -- Pennsylvania, USA**

During my six years on the Board, I have supported efforts to expand and make stronger the RMB Fellowship (RMBF). Actions toward that end include:

- Promoting and explaining the District Centered/Managed Model of RMB through a You Tube VLOG titled "DG VLOG Chat with PDG Alden Cunningham"
- Continuing to recommend that RMB attempt to get an article about RMB in Rotary magazine, which could be a very effective way to expand RMB worldwide
- Advocating for improved member search function to create effectively a "Yellow Pages" for local chapters and broader searches, which has now been accomplished
- Providing inputs for use by the Chair of the RMBF to develop the Policies & Procedures regarding general Director duties and the Member Services and Membership Development Committees responsibilities
- Responding in a timely way to requests for information by the Board Chair and other members of the Board
- Participating in Board meetings mainly via Zoom conference calls
- Recommending the RMBF Board reach out to RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta through our Indian Directors to have him include the RMBF in his messaging as RI President with specifics such as what we are/do and the benefits of the RMBF for RI
- Drafting an article with Board support for the zone 24/32 newsletter
- Participating with the RMBF Chairman and other Board members in supporting the Rotary Network's integration into the RMBF website specifically Mentoring
- Providing mentoring and guidance as appropriate to Chapters within my current geographic area of responsibility (Australia-New Zealand)

With two more years, I believe I can continue to contribute to the growth and vitality of the RMBF. Toward that end, I ask for your vote.

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Region #6: Asia

Satyanarayana Murthy Chittoory -- candidate -- RMB member since 2020 -- Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India

Lets build on Trust

I am 33 yo entrepreneur involved in manufacturing pharmaceuticals, vaccines and a three-star hotel. Rotary has been a great way to meet people and give back to communities. RMB completes Rotary Experience by providing professional/business growth opportunities. RMB helps us build on the years of trust built amongst ourselves in Rotary. I founded a new RMB chapter in our city and got elected as Founder-Treasurer. We were the first RMB chapter in Andhra Pradesh to register with the RMB Fellowship. Over the last year I saw how RMBians in this small city have leveraged their existing Rotary trust networks to create a synergy and how they have interacted with other RMBians across India and improved their businesses. This is the power of trust in Rotary which RMB builds on. Even Rotary is getting more bang for its buck due to RMB eco-system.

I want to serve as RMBF Director to create these ecosystems of trust in more and more clubs across the Rotary world ideally in every Rotary Club eventually allowing us to leverage national and international networks not just local ones.

I feel that am uniquely placed to for this position due to my extensive experience in international and national professional organizations, my education at MIT USA and my interaction with people all over the world due to my travels to over 25 countries in pre pandemic era. (continued on next page)

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Prasad Sovani -- candidate -- RMB member since 2020 -- Pune, 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.