

## Vice President 2018-2019

### **Adil Engineer's Statement**

Dear ZANC members,

I have accepted the nomination for the Vice President position in the upcoming ZANC elections. ZANC is an integral part of mine and my family's lives and all ZANC members are like friends and extended family to us.

As part of the ZANC board, I have helped launch initiatives such as electronic payments for memberships and events via PayPal as well as a gradual migration to a more reliable e-mail service, Mail Chimp. I also maintain and monitor the ZANC yahoo groups distribution list, the ZANC website and the ZANC Facebook page.

During my tenure I have consistently advocated for fiscal responsibility and the ZANC corpus fund has increased year after year. Thanks to our combined efforts, ZANC's financial situation is stable and robust.

I have an active and a significant role in the new community center initiative. I am a part of the team that has been meeting with the PZO for a few years now as well as a part of the fundraising team. I'd like to continue serving the community's growing needs and for that I ask for your vote and support.

### **Minoo Italia's Statement**

Minoo Italia is a software professional living in the San Francisco Bay area for the last 20 years, currently working at Deloitte Consulting.

In the past, he has contributed to the Parsee ward for the aged at JJ hospital in Bombay. Some of you may remember the 2004 North American Zoroastrian Congress held in the Bay area, where he was the Chair of the registration committee. In this role, he was responsible for vendor relationship, registrations of all the participants and financials for the same. He was also a Trustee on the ZANC board.

Also, for the last few years Claudia and Minoo have been distributing food, milk, toys, etc. to a poor neighborhood in Ensenada during Christmas. A very fulfilling occasion for him was volunteering and supporting the Indian team at the Special Olympics in 1995. It was a humbling experience for him to walk along with the 500+ athletes from across the world, during the opening ceremony and 20,000 people cheering in the stadium.

Minoo has been fortunate to give back to the society. It would be his honor and pleasure to serve the ZANC community as the Vice President and build on the work done by his predecessors. He would appreciate your support in giving him this opportunity.

**Things get solved when you get involved !**

## TREASURER 2018-2019

### **Nazneen Spliedt's Statement**

Professionally I have worked as Controller for Hotels and Travel companies in the past. Since coming to the US in 1998, I have been involved with the ZANC community in various ways, joining as member and then serving on the Board as a member -at-large, secretary and finally President.

I wish to continue to serve the community, especially at this critical juncture in our history when we are embarking on an important journey to fund a new center, plus my aim is to make sure the community stays united and working together for the future of all of us and our children.

### **Ratan Mistry's Statement**

Ratan Mistry is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (Canada), and a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. For most of his professional career, Ratan has worked at the audit practice of a Big-four accounting firm, and presently works for a CPA firm in the Bay Area.

Ratan's desire to give back to the Zoroastrian community resulted in him serving as Treasurer of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) from 2010 to 2014 (the maximum allowable tenure for the position). During his term as FEZANA Treasurer, Ratan formalized FEZANA's accounting policies, and introduced best practices, processes and procedures to streamline the accounting and enhance fiscal discipline. These processes and procedures continue to be used at FEZANA. Ratan remains actively involved in Zoroastrian community matters through FEZANA, and is presently the Co-chair of FEZANA's Funds and Finance Committee where he formulates strategies to increase donation collections, and manages FEZANA's investments to minimize risks and optimize returns.

Ratan's interests include reading, traveling, volunteering and spending time with his wife, Pervin, and sons, Zehan and Jamsheed. Ratan has a passion to give back to the community and hopes that with his proven capabilities as the treasurer of a large not-for-profit organization, the ZANC community gives him the opportunity to serve as ZANC's treasurer.

## Member-at-Large 2018-2019 (Two positions open)

### **Freddy Dumasia Statement**

I am Freddy Dumasia and I have been in International Shipping and Logistics Management since the past 40 years.

I moved to the Bay area in 2006 and was honored to work with ZANC over a period of 2 terms in my capacity as a Board Member.

I hope I am given the opportunity to serve the ZANC Board once again.

We are a small but a great community, so let us all set aside our differences and strive to make it an even greater community.

Doing good for selfish reasons doesn't make you good. It just makes you good at being selfish.

### **Kathleen Chothia's Statement**

Kathleen Chothia is a resident of the Bay Area since the past 19 years. She is an active member of the community and has served on the board in the past. It would be her utmost pleasure and honor to serve the ZANC Board once again. She sincerely hopes she has your support.

Change is progress. Be the change. Make your voice heard. Cast the vote!

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### **Meher Mistri's Statement**

I was asked to serve on the Board in 2009 and gladly stepped up to serve at that time. Barring extenuating circumstances, I happily attend every function, every Sunday School and every meeting, helping out wherever and whenever needed. During my tenure on the Board, I have served many functions, from scouting and securing locations for functions, to helping coordinate Sunday School. I have done my best to solicit suggestions from the Community, bringing these back to the Board and incorporating them whenever possible. I also think it's important for the Community to have FUN together so adults and children alike look at Community gatherings as events that they want to attend! To that end, I initiated the tradition of the Games and Races Day at the annual ZANC Picnic. People now often tell me it's the one event of the year they and their children look forward to the most! I was also instrumental in having the March Navroze functions be more entertainment based, finding a fun, kid-centric DJ who really cares about entertaining the crowd with music, games, prizes, and props. I get many comments about this too being a favorite ZANC function for many families. Going forward I have other ideas I would like to see come to fruition, such as adding an Annual ZANC New Year's Eve Function to the calendar. And, of course, much work needs to be done towards the fundraising of our future Community Center and I am totally committed to this cause. Working with the capable members of the Board has been very fulfilling for me and, if reelected, would love to continue to serve.

### **Sanobar Mehta's Statement**

I am so excited to run for the opportunity to join the ZANC board as Member-at-Large! ZANC has provided my family programs and events that allow us to stay connected to our faith and build friendships among a larger community. I would love the opportunity to give back to our community by joining the board to help with established programs and generate new ideas for youth and senior programs.

I spent the last 17 years working in HR and IT, and a few years ago I decided to also start volunteering in our local school community. I strongly believe that anyone can have impact and no program, effort, or change is too small. I currently serve on 2 PTA Boards (for each of my children's schools) and also on Evergreen School District's Budget Advisory Committee. I enjoy rolling up my sleeves and getting work done, knowing that not all ideas and programs are always successful, but that's how we learn!

A year and half ago I also joined ZANC's Capital Campaign Committee for the new community center. It has been an exciting opportunity to meet more members of our community and realize the potential for bringing our community even closer together. I would like to be even more involved in serving our community and would love your vote to join the ZANC board!