



## Board of Director Candidate Bios

### Ashish Nachane

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To: The secretary,  
Maharashtra Foundation

Respected Sir,

I, Ashish K Nachane a resident of Livingston New Jersey, USA since August 2009 and a Citizen of the United States since 2004, would like to be considered for a member of the Board of Directors, Maharashtra Foundation.

By way of background, I am a Business Analytics professional and have worked within various industries including Finance (Retail and Institutional Banking), Financial Services, Ecommerce as well as Retail and Non-profit organizations such as Teach for America. I ran my own corporation sine 2004 through 2013 before settling at my current role as a Director Business Analytics.

Passionate about giving back to the community, I joined Marathi Vishwa in December 2013 as Board of Director, was elected General Secretary in 2015 and lead Marathi Vishwa as a one term President in 2015/2016. During my tenure at MV, I got to know about Maharashtra Foundation and it's cause and have always been fascinated by MF and the dedication of its' board to various social causes.

I would truly appreciate the opportunity to serve on MF board where I can help bring my professional experience of identifying opportunities of process improvement to streamline processes where it may be necessary. I request you to please consider my application. Feel free to reach out to me via email [ashish.nachane@gmail.com](mailto:ashish.nachane@gmail.com) / phone (847) 800 6002. In case you would need any more information.

Thanks!

- Ashish Nachane.

## **Vinita Deo**

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My name is Vinita Deo and I am applying for a position on the Maharashtra Foundation (MF) Board of Directors.

I discovered my calling for understanding people's needs about 25 years ago, and this led to my professional career in market research which involves understanding people's feelings and emotions, their unmet needs and then working with product and services developers to create them. My work requires me to be empathetic, and this will help me as a board member of a non-profit such as MF. Currently, I am the global head of Market Research at Apple, Inc.

In the past, I have been treasurer and then president of the Marathi Mandal Triveni in Cincinnati. During my tenure as President, we introduced the initiative of ensuring children participation in all programs. This became a norm after that and the Triveni programs became culturally relevant to them.

Over the last three years, my husband, Niranjana Deo has been a member of the Marathi Vishwa, NJ board. As his spouse, there have been several opportunities to support community programs and events. There are two initiatives that he launched that are especially close to my heart: MV Outdoors and MV Green.

With respect to MV Outdoors, I am personally into health and fitness, and I anticipate working very closely with Niranjana in continuing to host runs and hikes for the Marathi community in NJ, and potentially launch new programs.

MV Green is still very much in its infancy and I am helping him promote 'going green' at the Marathi Vishwa events. While a lack of large-scale composting facility is obstructing advancing this further with the support of our community, we can certainly make our events more sustainable one step at a time. I personally made some lifestyle changes about 8 years ago to reduce my carbon footprint and take sustainability very seriously.

While all social causes are important, I am most passionate about issues related to children, elderly, animal cruelty and sustainability. I aspire to have an impact on a broader community, and as such I would love to be on the MF Board of Directors. I hope you consider my application for this position.

## **Mukund Satwalekar**

Hon. Secretary & Vice president,  
Maharashtra Foundation,

I am interested in joining as a board member of Maharashtra Foundation (MF). I have been actively involved with MF as its member for over 20 years and later as a life member for over 10 years.

Whatever I have achieved in my life is mainly due to solid educational background I received in (Pune), India and then advanced education I received in US followed by material well being in US.

I consider it my duty to do my bit in my golden years, though I fully understand I cannot repay all the good that has been given to me by both the countries.

I have contributed to some of the MF sponsored projects of my choice in the past. Outside MF, I have also personally searched NGOs in India and US involved in the areas of my interest and made contributions over last 14 years. I consciously make an attempt to split my contributions 50-50 between US & India.

I was a committee member (VP) of Association of Indians in America (AIA), a nationwide US organization, in its early years when it was founded in mid 1970. I mention it only to show that I can work as a team member to serve and succeed for a common cause.

My primary areas of interest are: Education, Health, Sanitation, Water Conservation and clean environment. I believe they are all very closely interrelated. If we provide clean water, sanitation and clean environment it improves peoples' health. Good basic education is essential to be productive member of the society.

If given an opportunity to be a member of MF board I can not only easily handle some of the mundane duties such as mailing lists update, website update, events coordination etc., but, with every other member's concurrence I would make an attempt to bring focus to the projects that MF supports in India, to maximize the positive impact on the people it is intended to serve by ensuring we are not spread out too thin among other things.

Thank you.

Mukund Satwalekar