

## POSITION STATEMENT

For

### R6 DIRECTOR-ELECT

Good day to you all...my name is Gora DATTA. It is my pleasure and honor to seek nomination as R6 Director-Elect candidate by my fellow IEEE Region 6 peers.

A bit about who I am!

I am an ICT (information and communication technology) professional with over 38 years of international experience and have been living in Irvine, Orange County for over 30 years. In the recent past twenty year I have specialized in Digital Health and am a pioneer in the world of Mobile Health standards.

I am serial international entrepreneur and the company that found 25 years ago, CAL2CAL, is still going strong. Besides my industry experience, I also traverse the world of Academia – I am a Visiting Scholar at University of California Berkeley, I am on the Management Board of Trustees California Southern University and on the Program Advisory Committee of over 6 other Universities and Colleges in California and even part of a School District's Advisory Committee. On my Professional front, I am work very closely with multiple County, State and Federal entities – and therefore I bring to you a perfect mix of industry, academia and government experience and expertise.

Now...about my involvement at IEEE...

I am a Member of IEEE for over 16 years however as a computer professional I am member of the Computer Society for over 28 years. Member of TEMS for over 7 years, EMBS for over 6 years, and also a WIE Affinity Group member for over 2 years. Besides being a member of IEEE Standards Association for over 5 years, I am also an active volunteer hold multiple leadership positions at HL7 (a Health Informatics Standards Development Organization) and also at ISO/TC215: International Standards Organization Technical Committee on Health Informatics TC215.

At IEEE, I have held and continue to hold leadership positions

- at local level for over 12 years – been Orange County Section Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and member-at-large,
- at Council level as Chair of Southern California Council,
- at Computer Society level (its Region 4 & 6 ExCom) and
- also, at IEEE Board Committee level – Future Directions Blockchain Committee for example and also Sustainability Committee to name a few.

I am also active at IEEE Conferences; was 2021 Chair of SusTech: technology for sustainability – a R6 flagship conference. Earlier was its vice-chair for couple of years. I also founded, for the first time in IEEE, a year-long Virtual Series called IEEE Healthcare: Blockchain and AI – concept now gaining traction but was unique when it was started in the early days of Pandemic in 2020. Currently I am the Chair or part of Organizing Committee of a few upcoming IEEE Conferences in 2022 and beyond.

I am Senior Member of IEEE and also a senior Member of ACM. I am Fellow at HL7 – a distinction that only 97 people of the world have – so far.

For the past 15 years, I have volunteered my time with various Standards & Professional organizations and bring to you a rich and diverse international experience of over 38 years.

As the R6 Director, I would like to see our Region expand from a niche and loosely connected divergent set of members & Sections, Councils, chapters to a cohesive and thriving group focusing on the following:

- ✓ Supporting Member's Career, Growth & Knowledge
- ✓ Promoting Innovation, Outreach & Globalization
- ✓ Developing future Technology Leader & Innovators
- ✓ Workforce development with mitigating skills-gap, upskilling & reskilling our members

My moto is: Earn, Learn and have fun!

Happy to expand on the moto and my philosophy if I get elected as Director-Elect candidate.