

Board of Directors Candidate Applications

1. Applicant's Name: Dr.Vijay Bhosekar

Applicant's Interview Questions:

2. Gender:

Man

3. Do you identify as a member of a visual minority, black, Indigenous person, or person of colour?

Yes

4. Do you identify as LGBTQIA2S+ (Asexual, Bi-Sexual, Gay, Intersex, Lesbian, Transgender, Two-Spirit, Queer)?

No

5. What languages do you speak/read well? (Select all that apply)

English

Other: Hinid

6. Please provide a brief summary of your previous experience with COG or any other organic organizations (i.e., membership, Board Member of COTA, OFC, etc.):

Board member- Canadian Environmental Network, SDG; Community Climate Council; Mothers to Daughters

7. In which province/region do you currently reside? Ontario

8. Is this the region in which you expect to live for the next three years? Yes

9. Please identify your career areas or profession by selecting from the list below:

Academic/Researcher

Agronomist

Consultant

Policy or Regulatory Expert

Scientist (not ties to academic institution)

If you selected "Other/None of the above" please specify your industry: _____

10. Is your application supported by the organization you are employed by or representing?

Not Relevant

Cover Letter:

Having proven stewardship and visionary leadership skills, team-centric with conceptual thinking and strong intellectual abilities, goal-setting and public relation skills, blend of cross-cultural experience and understanding of strategic and performance planning, as well, extensive experience building consensus participating in diverse stakeholder bodies, I would present my candidature for the position.

To provide you a further insight of my profile, practical work experience at University of Guelph, Rodale Institute, (Volunteer Board of Directors - Condo Corp, Community Climate Council, Mothers to Daughters and Canadian Environmental Network) provided me experience leveraging in these areas given below:

- (a) Governance: knowledge overseeing and directing institutions, liaising project sites across North America – South East Asia provided me ability to build consensus across diverse stakeholders with management focussed approach.
- (b) Financial oversight and planning: overseeing Condo budget as President; at Guelph – liaison budget with Canada- CIDA and South East Asia gave me the oversight strategy for best fiscal planning with limited resources.
- (c) Risk Management: extensive experience assessing risks with ability to articulate information to diverse stakeholders and minimising losses.
- (d) Legal: practical work experience interpreting policies and legislations in my diverse jobs, provided me insight compliance for effective understanding of the programs.
- (e) Developing and operating business: job experience provided me leverage to seek new partnerships across Continents, setting strategy, governance and vision with transparency and openness for diverse benefits.
- (f) Strategic planning: being prolific goal setter with proven value as strategic advisor across my diverse profile facilitated me as an asset to any organization.

Having deep understanding of social and community partnership across diverse organizations with capacity building (education, client relations and research) and advocacy with commitment to success and sustainability, working effectively within diverse committees (not for profit and government actors), demonstrating my integrity and independence through non-partisan approach.

My extensive working knowledge with diverse community projects, building strong relationship with multi - stakeholders across my professional careers, demonstrated my superior interpersonal skills, strong analytical skills, tact, and diplomacy to accomplish the formulated policy objectives well within the stipulated deadline. My curriculum vitae showcasing my strong academics and governance accomplishments possessing high ethical standards and integrity, coupled with transparency in evaluating diverse sustainable projects would be a strong asset to the position.

My strong sense of humour influencing and motivating a diverse arena would all serve me well for this position. I thrive in collaborative work environments where I have honed communication and team-building skills. My resourcefulness, enthusiasm, and willingness to listen have served me well during my tenure. I enjoy a fast-paced, action driven environment where I can use both my interpersonal and analytical skills to solve problems.

Having lived experience as a member of racialized person community would have a sound understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion for making practical and meaningful solutions. Furthermore being well versed with diverse community requirements, as well, as passion and dedication to improve and enrich the values and vision for community engagement would be a great asset to the organization. In addition, familiarity with non-profit governance and International exposure would be a double-double asset, bringing unique ideas to the table facilitating better practical decisions. My experience to date, my passion for what you do and my eagerness to contribute to a high calibre organization are the reasons, I have chosen to apply for this role.

Thanks for taking the time to review my credentials.

Sincerely,

Vijay Bhosekar