

**MultiService Forum
Board of Directors
Declaration of Candidacy**

Members of the Board of Directors will be required to commit significant time to achieve the objectives of the MultiService Forum. Please limit your response to one page.

Please complete the attached form and forward by email.

Due: No later than March 26, 2007
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PLEASE NOTE: Only Principal Members can run for board positions. All candidates must be willing to serve for a one or two year term, as determined by the membership during the ballot process.


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The Candidate should complete the declaration below and provide his or her answers to the questions outline below. The form should then be returned to the MSF via email by the date given above.

Declaration

I hereby signify my willingness to stand for office as candidate for the position of Director of the MSF. I agree that if elected, I will adhere to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the MSF currently in force and as may be amended by the membership from time to time.

Signature  Date 21st March 2007

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1) Please summarize your involvement with, and contributions to, the MultiService Forum to date:

Current positions – Member of the Board of Directors, Chair of Protocol and Control working group.

I have been attending the MSF since 1999 and I have been an active contributor on technical issues in the media/protocol and control and architecture working groups. My technical work in the forum has been primarily focused on QoS and gate control for the NGN but recently I have been involved in Service Level Assurance issues for NGN interconnect and certification testing.

I have held a leadership position since July 2001 when I was appointed vice chair of the Media working group and I became chair of the Protocol and Control working group in February 2002.

During my time at the MSF I have been involved in three GMI cycles and I was awarded Senior Fellowship in 2006.

2) Where do you see the MultiService Forum going in the next three years?

The great achievement of the MultiService Forum is that it identifies the gaps in the work being done by the industry and it provides expertise to fill those gaps. Since these issues are primarily involved in issues of implementation of networks it has remained focused on real world issues involving physical equipment. Many of these issues have been raised and driven by member company representatives contributing in the technical working groups. I see this contribution led approach critical in ensuring focus is kept as we move ahead.

As IMS starts to move into widespread implementation these gaps between standards practice and real world network engineering will continue to exist and the MSF should be able to accelerate network deployments by providing or proposing solutions to these issues. These issues may exist in the network domain or at the interface with the service domain, however the MSF must be ready to identify problems and move to resolve them. As always these solutions and architectures can only be verified by testing and they should be underpinned by strengthening our relationship with the key Standards Development Organisations.

In addition as NGN deployments become more widespread the MSF should move to assist network operators to achieve interconnectivity by providing enhanced testing and certification services. This can be achieved by providing a more agile interoperability test platform and by providing a certification program that will be cost effective for the industry and will look to address the scaling limits of interoperability testing in those areas seen as critical for the developing telecommunications landscape.

3) What will be the MultiService Forum's biggest challenges ahead?

The biggest challenge to the MSF is to maintain the momentum it achieved in GMI 2006 and to stay focused in the key areas for NGN development. Only by remaining relevant can the MSF

justify its existence and maintain its membership. This may be helped by improving our ties to other standards organizations such as 3GPP.

In the short term there are a number of challenges that must also be addressed, getting critical mass in a certification program and addressing the issue of a more agile interoperability test capability without exposing the forum to significant financial risk.

4) What contributions do you plan to make to the MultiService Forum over the next year? What are your personal objectives should you be elected?

Technically I intend to focus on QoS and SLA issues such as RTCP measurements as both of these areas are high impact on the industry. From a board perspective I would like to work to take a certification proposal forward to resolution, and hopefully to assist in the realization of the program. I would also like to see progress on the interop/GMI front and a strengthening of the relationship with 3GPP.

5) What advantages does and will the MultiService Forum gain by your contribution of resources, contacts or influence in the industry?

By technically contributing to the forum as well as being involved in leadership positions I believe that I can provide a bridge between the technical work of the members and the management work of the board. My industry contacts within the UK, ETSI, DSL forum, MFA and the IEEE ensures that I can identify areas of potential interest or overlap that the MSF should be considering.

6) Are you and your company willing to support a significant commitment of your time to the business of the Forum?

Yes

7) Business experience:

I have worked in both operator and vendor environments at a technical level and have 16 years experience in the industry. I am currently Head of Systems Engineering at Fujitsu Telecommunications Europe Ltd and involved in the realisation of a major NGN project.

8) Board and Committee experience, if applicable:

Co-opted MSF board member November 2006 - present
Protocol and Control WG Chair 2002-present
Media WG vice Chair 2001-2002