

May 20, 2021

Chair of Elections
NAMI
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Dear Chair of Elections,

NAMI Central Texas is proud to nominate Rajeev Jain, PhD, MBA, as a candidate for the 2021-2024 NAMI Board, as verified in our affiliate's Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2021.

Rajeev brings a range of expertise and experience to the board from two professional careers. He has 10+ years of post-MBA experience in corporate finance, strategic planning, marketing, information technology and advanced analytics functions, in addition to driving organizational change and collaborative decision-making at local, national and global scales. Prior to earning his MBA, in his post-PhD career as a specialty consultant in water resources engineering, also spanning 10+ years, he worked with local, state and federal agencies, citizen groups, and corporate entities bringing objective expertise in multi-stakeholder settings. During his environmental consulting work he has had first-hand experiences with a wide diversity of local communities (urban, rural or remote). Rajeev has spent time within and working collaboratively with organizations of all sizes and growth trajectories, ranging from Fortune 25 global corporations to small consulting firms and startups.

Rajeev's personal and professional experiences directly meet five of the six priority areas specified in NAMI's 2021 Call for Candidates: 1-diversity (of race, geography, corporate experience and his personal commitment to cultural humility which seeks to understand and to serve); 2-high-level financial oversight and management at all levels; 3-human capital management; 4-direct risk management experience and 5-knowledge of the philanthropic community and track record with donor cultivation. During his years of volunteer leadership on a non-profit board, he also had board-level oversight of a program for teaching financial literacy to incarcerated women. As cited in the Call for Candidates, Rajeev meets all four of the leadership experience recommendations: 1-prior leadership experience on non-profit boards; 2 and 3-national-level leadership within corporate communities; and 4-his appointment to serve on NAMI Central Texas Finance Committee following his prior service on our affiliate's DEI Work Group.

Most importantly, Rajeev meets the essential human characteristics: He cares deeply about the cause of mental health and the challenges to getting help. As an immigrant from India, he is intimately familiar with the cultural gaps that exist and the cultural competencies that are sorely needed to meet the needs of families and individuals of color. Through his experiences as an environmental consultant, he has learned and addressed the distinct challenges, the human needs and the important interplay between local grassroots realities and regional or

national efforts to meet those needs. He has lived in five states in the last 30+ years and professionally interacted with audiences across almost all fifty states.

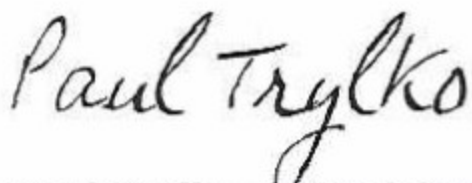
Like so many of us, Rajeev has come to NAMI volunteer service because NAMI was here to meet his needs as a family member. And, also like many of us, he quickly reached out to affiliate leaders to express his strong desire for giving back by sharing his time and his skills as the needs or opportunities arose. Not surprisingly, when affiliate board members and senior staff discussed our responsibility to support NAMI's efforts by nominating candidates for national director positions, Rajeev's name quickly came to the surface. In addition to his passion for our mission, Rajeev also possesses skill sets and experiences that we believe would be of great value at the level of the national board –especially as NAMI experiences an unprecedented surge of growth, along with NAMI National's increasing commitment to field development, strategic deployment and technology innovations, all areas highly visible in Rajeev's personal and corporate experiences.

We thank you for the opportunity to nominate Rajeev Jain as a 2021 Candidate to the NAMI Board of Directors. We also want to acknowledge and thank NAMI state and affiliate leaders who dedicate their time to learn about all candidates and to choose those they believe will bring what's needed to the 2021-2022 National Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors
NAMI Central Texas

Signing on behalf of the Board:



Paul Trylko, retired CEO
Amplify Credit Union
President, Board of Directors
NAMI Central Texas



Manuel Quinto-Pozos, JD
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