

Ron Grant

- 1. Provide a statement of up to 1,000 words in length indicating why you should be elected as a Vanix Director and include relevant biographical information.**

I am the existing Chairman of the Vancouver Internet Exchange, and as an initiator of the Public Exchange I feel that I still have work to do to make the Exchange viable for the future.

I am a Consultant to a number of Participants, primarily Skyway West (who plays hosts to the VANIX Core switches in MMR6B) and I know most of the current Participants. I am a Network Architect with 20 years of direct experience in the ISP business.

- 2. Why do you want to be on the Vanix Board of Directors?**

I like building things, and building the VANIX has been very enjoyable, and I would like to continue doing so. Specifically, because I want to continue the work we've started, though I am interested only in a one year term because I think that beyond that, it would be selfish to continue, as I have served for three years already, counting the informal committee.

- 3. What specific skills or experiences do you have that make you the best candidate for the Vanix Board?**

My experience with the existing Board, and with the informal organization that preceeded it, and the many years of association with the companies that preceeded that (Peer1/BCNET). As a Network Architect of decades of experience, I am an asset to the Technical team and with my ability to work with many others I am able to join the Technical and Governance teams together.

- 4. What do you feel are the top three challenges and opportunities facing Vanix during the next three to five years?**

- 1) Creating a workable set of Operating Procedures that make connecting to the Exchange as simple and attractive as possible
- 2) Growing the Exchange, and promoting it to more and varied organizations as the logical place to connect in Western Canada.
- 3) Adding features to the Exchange as per user demand.

- 5. What specific actions do you propose to address one or more of these challenges and opportunities?**

I want to create a single central point of software systems on our management servers to host websites, electronic forms, and databases, to make operation and Membership of the Exchange simple yet powerful.

I want to attend several key conferences and promote the Exchange to other organizations, and reach out to potential members at other Exchanges. I would also like to organize at least one more Member event during the year.

I want to promote better use of our resources for Members, with the provision of Private VLANs, better visibility into switch traffic, a change to 9000 MTU.

I want to research some blue sky projects, like a Provincial Exchange Network, or connection to undersea Fibre for the Salish Sea Exchange, or connecting Exchanges across Canada, or launching more pay-per-use services within the Exchange itself.

6. Please describe your understanding of the role of a Director on the Vanix Board.

The Director of a Canadian Not-for-Profit Corporation has a well defined role in providing good governance to the organization so that it may serve the Members of the organization. This includes attending Board Meetings and being a part of decisions that affect the financial health of the Exchange, as well as decisions that affect the Members of the Organization.

7. If elected as a Director, can you make the required time commitment to contribute significantly to Vanix in accordance with what is generally expected of Directors?

Yes.

8. If elected as a Director, are you prepared to abide by the Vanix Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Board Resolutions and Policies as amended from-time-to-time?

Yes.

9. Do you agree to abide by the Vanix process for candidate nominations for the election of Directors that has been described to you?

Yes.

10. Do you wish to be considered for a two-year or one-year term?

Prefer a one year term.