

**2019 APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN TACIT FOR NOMINATION
TO BE ELECTED A DIRECTOR OF VANIX**

Q1. 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.

A. I believe that my qualifications and background in engineering, business and law, coupled with my deep multi-decade involvement in the technology, IT and communications sectors, make me a very strong candidate for a board seat. I also understand the IX business by virtue of my current role as a director and officer of VANIX and other IX-related activities, and I have already demonstrated my interest, commitment and ability to contribute to VANIX by ensuring that its governance is strong, and to roll up my sleeves as a volunteer and assist in other capacities as necessary as this organization moves towards greater maturity.

Q2. Why do you want to be on the VANIX Board of Directors?

A. I want to be on the board because I believe in the mandate of VANIX as well as peering generally. I also believe that I have the skills necessary to continue contributing to the strategic and governance evolution of the organization. As a result, I would like to continue contributing to the community that VANIX binds together.

Q3. What specific skills or experiences do you have that make you the best candidate for the VANIX Board?

A. As stated in my answer to Q1., my qualifications and background in engineering, business and law, coupled with my deep involvement in the technology, IT and communications sectors, as well as a deep understanding of strategic planning and governance make me particularly well-suited to continue being a director. I also take a collegial approach to this office, as I believe that a board is much more productive when board members listen to each other and cooperate with each other.

Q4. What do you feel are the top three challenges and opportunities facing VANIX during the next three to five years?

A. The biggest challenges and opportunities facing are: (1) challenge and opportunity – implementing a strategic plan, including maturing as an organization by developing the systems and processes needed to operate more efficiently and upgrading our core infrastructure; (2) challenge and opportunity - attracting new peers; (3) challenge and opportunity – working with other IXs and organizations to encourage more peering in Canada and contribute to the broader Internet ecosystem.

Q5. What specific actions do you propose to address one or more of these challenges and opportunities?

A. For each of the items listed in my answer to Q4, respectively, I propose as follows: (1) working with the other directors and our new administrative officer to implement a strategic plan,

including maturing the systems and processes of the organization, getting the funding necessary to update our core infrastructure, and ensuring that we have the required operational resources to function efficiently on an ongoing basis; (2) working with my fellow directors to refine our marketing strategy and business models to identify and target additional peers; (3) participating in outreach activities with other IXs and the broader community to strengthen the peering culture in Canada, as well as the broader Internet ecosystem.

Q6. Please describe your understanding of the role of a Director on the VANIX Board.

A. The role of a director is to govern and not to be involved in operations. Governing involves the discharge of director overall oversight and fiduciary responsibilities, engaging in strategic planning, being accountable for the performance of the organization to members and other stakeholders, and engaging in generative activities to meet future challenges. To that end, I will work with my fellow directors and our administrative officer to ensure that, as the organization matures, operational responsibilities continue to be moved away as quickly as possible from the board to appropriate operational resources. These resources may be a combination of our administrative officer and volunteers.

Q7. 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?

A. Yes and I have already demonstrated that in my capacity as a director and officer of VANIX to date.

Q8. 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?

A. Yes and I have already demonstrated that in my capacity as a director and officer of VANIX to date.

Q9. Do you agree to abide by the VANIX process for candidate nominations for the election of Directors that has been described to you?

A. Yes.