



Namaste, my name is Anurag Joshi and I am seeking reelection to the board of trustees for HTCC.

I have had the honor to serve as a board member for the last three years and been actively involved as the treasurer for the IHCC during the construction project. The last three years working as a board member and being very actively involved in the Cultural center project has given me a great appreciation for how as a board member I can serve the temple and community.

I have been a member of the Ames/Des Moines community since 1993 when I came as a graduate student to ISU and have stayed on in the area to make it my home. I work at Athene as Senior Vice President, Risk Management. I am married to Sunaina and have two children (Animesh and Shreya). As I look back, I realize that the temple has provided an anchor point for my family, keeping us connected with our dharmic ethos and the greater Indian community.

I recall as a student driving to Minneapolis, Omaha, and Chicago to visit a temple before we were blessed by the generosity of the Sahai's and other area leaders that led to the building of the temple. I have been involved with the temple since its inception and have helped in small ways along the way. I have watched as the temple activities grew over the years and became the focal point for the Indian community in the central Iowa area through the hard work and direction of the board and efforts of countless volunteers. As a practicing Hindu I felt immense pride in being able to point to my place of worship when talking about faith with neighbors or colleagues at work.

The opportunity to work as a member of the board of Trustees for HTCC has been a wonderful way to repay my gratitude to the temple. As treasurer for the India Heritage and Cultural Center fundraising and financial data team, I have worked closely with Viren, Sreedhar, Mohan and other members of the group to strategize, plan and execute the fundraising effort to not just raise the capital to fund the community goal of a cultural center but more importantly engage the community so they see this as their project and join with the efforts. I am currently helping with tracking and managing the expenses for the IHCC project and ensuring we have adequate finances to pay invoices as they come due and plan for future expenses. Using my financial background, I created tools online to help with tracking the fundraising campaign, individuals being approached, status of conversations with them as well commitments to become founding members. Dynamic management views were created to get a quick, easy, and timely insight into the underlying fundraising campaign data sets as well as expense management.

I firmly believe that one can help a cause by giving time or giving money. In this stage of my life I want to give my time and expertise to the temple and in turn the larger community. With my background in the financial industry, I will bring those skills and contacts to help our temple grow strong and financially secure. I feel the Temple and Sanatan Dharma have a lot to offer to central Iowa and I would continue the work towards integrating the temple further into the local community.

I look for the continued support of the Indian community to give me another chance to serve the community and the temple by serving on the board.

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