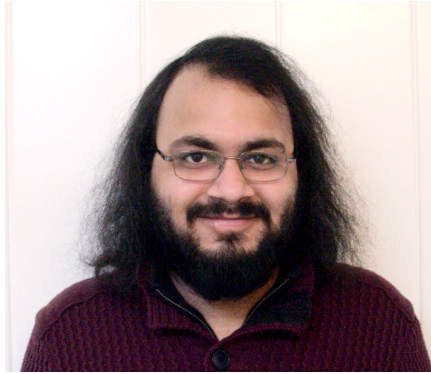


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## Candidate Statement



Greetings to all RASC Members. Please consider this as my Statement of Candidacy for the RASC Board of Directors in this year's election. If I am elected as a director, I will commit to upholding a high degree of professionalism on the Board and within the society. As a director, I will endeavor to support existing and future innovation, and promote the society by building a younger and more diverse membership that reflects the Canada of today. My rich experience in astronomy and as a scientific researcher positions me to uniquely assist the RASC in promoting astronomy education and discovery to the public.

As an Observational Astronomer, I began my research in astronomy in 2014. I have always been fascinated by the night sky. My passion for pursuing Astronomy and Astrophysics began when I was completing high school, and it was the driving force behind my chosen field of study in post-secondary education. I became an RASC member in 2016 when I joined the Prince George Centre. During my first year, I stepped into a position as Director where I delivered various presentations to the community on topics including Small Worlds of our Solar System and Astronomical Transients. During this time, I began conducting research in the field of Variable Stars. Today I am President of the Prince George Centre of the RASC.

After discovering my first Variable Star in 2017, I decided to monitor Supernovae discoveries by professional sky surveys. I began studying Supernovae and published papers in peer-reviewed journals in collaboration with well-known research institutions. In 2018, I launched an international research team (Global Supernova Search Team or GSNST), consisting of two researchers from Canada and France to search for Supernovae in the Universe. I am serving as Principal Investigator from Canada on this team. In the first year of scanning the skies, I discovered three supernovae and was moved to focus my research primarily on Time Domain Astronomy.

In 2019, GSNST grew to include researchers from India, Argentina and the United States. That year I was involved in international research projects with California Institute of Technology and Ohio State University. As a full-time researcher this has given me an extraordinary opportunity to achieve profound discoveries, establish successful collaborations and gain leadership experiences all over the world.

As an elected Director, I will work together with other Directors, the Executive Director and his staff, the National Council, our Centres, Committees and RASC members, to advance our society. I look forward to contributing to the unfolding legacy of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Thank you in advance for your support.

