Hyder Ali



Hyder Ali is the current President of MAPS. He was elected as President in 2018. Hyder was one of the founding members of MAPS and was part of the team that took MAPS from its inception to its current facility and organizational structure. He also served as the first President since its founding in 2006 until 2012. Hyder Ali has been a strong advocate for inclusiveness, transparency and believes our actions speak louder than our words. His vision is to build a strong, vibrant and confident Muslim community that reflects our faith values and service-mindedness that is hallmark of the teaching of our Prophet Mohammed SAW. He aspirations are to build MAPS into an institution whose legacy will be felt for many generations (God Willing).

Ibrahim Abdul Rahim



I am Ibrahim Abdul Rahim. I am a father of two young children, living in Bellevue. I have been with Maps since the start, starting my contribution as a Sunday School teacher, and now on the board as General Secretary. Throughout the years, I have ran Maps Ready, for safety and preparedness for Maps. I helped launch the website redesign, and the Welcome Guide. I work closely with the Welcoming Committee and have helped with many events. It has been a rewarding experience to serve Maps in all these roles.

My vision for Maps, is for Maps to really engage with the community. I care a lot about the website, social media, and welcoming events. I care a lot about volunteering, and how to help others make an impact. With your trust, I would work to connecting Maps and the community, online and offline, new folks and seasoned ones.

Irfan Soomro

Irfan Soomro lives in Redmond, WA with his wife and daughters. He is an IT professional with 30+ year work experience in Fortune 100 companies. He holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from US and a master's degree in Business Management from UK. He has travelled quite extensively and understands the cultural diversity and importance of inclusiveness. Irfan has lived in Sammamish / Redmond since 2002 and is familiar with the growing needs and expectations of local community. Since the very inception of MAPS, Irfan has been part of it via regularly attending and participating in its activities and found MAPS to be a central place for himself, his family, and his fellow community members to learn Islamic teachings and apply it in lives of all those who visit it for activities, services, comfort and community impact. He is running for the board with the purpose of;



(i) supporting the Muslim community internally through initiatives that make the masjid, and the institution, a safe space for all those who find comfort in the Muslim Association of Puget Sound,
(ii) helping to take the institution to the next level and prepare it for future generations by focusing on Growth and Scale,
(iii) working to further strengthen MAPS position as a strong interfaith partner within PNW, and
(iv) being a partner of the BOD in supporting and furthering the MAPS vision.

Kiran Shaharyar



My name is Kiran Shaharyar and I am one of the nominees for MAPS Board of Directors. I was a board member as well as an active volunteer for AlSadaqa Organization, now known as Maps-AlSadaqa, since 2012. Currently, I am leading bi-monthly Maps-MCRC Meal Programs at the Issaquah Community Services with a generous group of volunteers and managers and went strong even during the pandemic. The reason why I want to be part of Maps board is to not only add value and my expertise to the new and existing programs, but also help create diversity that would welcome, especially our youth to willingly come to Maps to have great spiritual and emotional experiences. Explore and encourage new ideas that would help grow and unite our community at large. As a mother of two teenage girls and an educator of close to 300 students in Redmond area, I am passionate for our youth to find a place where they can feel inclusive and connected. And I strongly feel that Maps can be that place because of its core values.

Mohammad Nasir Vakil

I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to serve in multiple Islamic organizations in Texas and Washington. At MAPS, I served in MAPS BoD as a Secretary General in 2006-2007, Religious Affairs Secretary from 2011 to 2015, and Vice President from 2015 until 2018.

Future vision and proposed services for MAPS:

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal's professional tennis playing tenure is longer than MAPS' years of existence, but alhamdulillah even in such a short span of time while facing many challenges, MAPS has been able to deliver impact and earned recognition in the entire pacific northwest region. It is all due to the grace of Allah swt for blessing us with immense resources, high caliber community members, and passionate & engaged youths.



As we embark towards post-pandemic world, the primary focus and purpose of my candidacy is to help along **three dimensions**:

1. In the short term, have us gracefully traverse pandemic and land on the other side stronger with all of our staff, spiritually engaged community & youths, unimpacted social services, and in a financially sound state. We cannot afford to scale back our programs and offerings for a long duration rather we must learn to live with the pandemic safely conducting all of our activities in a responsible fashion. Furthermore, these are the times visionary institutions grow and take advantage of opportunities these periods offer us (remember the financial downturn that started in 2008 leading us to our permanent facility in 2011, which would have been very difficult, if not impossible)

2. Create and promote our organization to turn its focus from inward to outward serving the communities we raise our families in. Our focus has been inward for the most part, serving the needs of primarily Muslim community members. However, as we embark into the future, we must develop a mindset of unbiased services to humanity, which has been the hallmark of our traditions and cultures, let alone part of our core beliefs and teachings. More importantly, our services cannot remain confined to our facilities, rather community members should be prepared to serve in all spheres of public life

3. Balanced and principled execution in a divided nation along numerous socio-political issues in a modern world. This will require deep thinking, soul searching, and articulating our positions clearly without compromises and cultural misunderstandings. If these times are challenging, imagine what it would be like for our children in the next few decades. This would also require investments in nurturing our local scholarship relevant to current times and place

Educational and professional background:

Mohammad has a bachelor's in Computer Engineering from KFUPM, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and a master's degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. He currently works as a Technical Program Manager at Facebook in the AI/ML team.

Oraib Khalifeh Kabbani



Oraib Khalifeh Kabbani has been a member of MAPS for ten years. She holds degrees in Sociology and fictional writing.

Oraib served as a board member of the Interfaith Outreach committee (IOC) for the last six years. Through this, she has helped organize the interfaith Iftar as well as organize visits to MAPS. Oraib has hosted over 2000 students from private schools, public schools, and colleges, giving them tours and presenting them with basic information about Islam.

Additionally, Oraib has been a member of the Muslim Community Recourse Center (MCRC) for the last five years. She has been responsible for the furniture warehouse that has provided furniture and household items for over 500 families in the last five years.

Oraib has been behind the latest makeover in MAPS, working together with an interior designer to enhance the Multi-Purpose Room and unify the look of the hallways. Oraib also collaborated with an in-house artist to add calligraphy into the arches by the men's entrance.

Oraib is Palestinian, she is married and has four daughters and one son-in-law. In her free time Oraib is an avid reader and enjoys hiking, painting, and gardening.

Sara Mohamed



Born in Saudi Arabia to Eritrean parents, Sara Mohamed moved to Seattle Washington 28 ago. She has been married for 25 years and a mother of two smart and beautiful daughters. She began her career as a Medical Assistant at Harborview Medical Center and worked her way up to her current position as the Director of Operation Surgical Clinics at University of Washington Medical Center. She honed her leadership skills and received her MBA while working full time; successfully growing her career while passionately supporting her family. She is also widely loved and respected by her employees and those around her, she leads by example and known for her integrity and honesty.

She makes time to get involved in various volunteer opportunities, such as working with Mary's Place, MAPS MCRC, MAPS Amen, and helping wherever she is needed. She has been a member of MAPS since 2011. She served on the MAPS Board of Directors 2018-2020 as the Women Affairs Director. In this role she organized 2019 annual banquet, multiple women social events such Sisters Tea Party, Painting class, and organized first MAPS Women Conference that was held in January 2019. In addition, she launched

MAPS Committee of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion CDEI to address social issues that were raised by community members.

She thanks Allah SWT for giving her the chance to serve our Muslim community. She is looking forward to serving another term where she can build on the experience she gained and the relationships she built as a board and a community member.