Candidate:

Dr. Jennifer M. Schopf (TACC/UT, USA)



Motivation:

I am self-nominating for the GNA-G Leadership Team in part because I believe I would bring some added, and different, expertise from other LT members. I have participated in GNA-G since its founding and was the original working group chair for the Routing Working Group, one of the first groups to be formed and to help define new group process after GNA-G started.

In addition, I've been involved in leadership positions for other groups not dissimilar to GNA-G. I just completed two years on the Executive Committee for the Coalition for Academic Supercomputing Centers (CASC, http://www.casc.org)), a US member organization for educational institutions supporting compute or CI needs for research. As part of my time at CASC, I was responsible for the oversight of a new set of By Laws and in making sure they were clear and would work for members. I also defined new procedures for adding members, which resulted in a substantial increase in member organizations during my time. In addition, when I was at Argonne, I spent more than five years on the Steering Group of the Global Grid Forum when it was first starting. During that time, I worked with the founding Chair, Charlie Catlett, to define many of the process and procedures as it began.

In both cases, we made sure to focus on openness and fairness. For example, with the CASC new member procedure, we shifted from a form which requested information such as the core counts for a machine at an institution, to one where a potential member instead needed to describe how their institution was aligned with the mission of the organization.

I've been a tenure-track faculty member, a DOE lab scientist, an international visiting researcher, a member of both US and UK funding agencies, have worked at a not-for-profit, and am now a researcher and Director of Networking Partnerships at the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) and adjunct faculty member at the University of Texas at Austin. Throughout my career, I have worked in various aspects of cyberinfrastructure, not only from the networking point of view. After nine years at Indiana University, where I expanded their International Networking program significantly, my current position is still focused on data movement and I work with many of the international partners making use of the TACC resources. I believe this breadth of experience could add a different viewpoint on how GNA-G can serve its community going forward.

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Seconder:

Francis Lee (SingAREN, Singapore)

Motivation:

I would like to second Jennifer nomination to be part of the GNA-G leadership team.

I have worked with her over the many years on the TransPAC project. One of the many things she has done for the community is the formation of the APOnet community. She took the initiative to

| start the discussion and later crafting of the APONet MOU. She has shown her leadership in leading it over the past 2 years. |
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| She would be an asset to GNA-G. |

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| Edward Moynihan (Indiana University, US) | The primary focus of my career has been to coordinate international research and education networking community initiatives, including the initial Global Network Architecture group and the NREN CEO Forum. I've been a proactive advocate and champion of the GREN and the GREN principles since the founding discussions, and believe my leadership experience in our community positions me well to help organize and drive the GREN and the GNA-G forward. |
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| Jørgen Qvist (NORDUnet, Denmark) | I would hereby like to nominate Edward Moynihan from Indiana University to the vacant position in the GNA-G Leadership Team. I have worked with Ed in various settings over the years and believe that he will be a valuable addition to the Leadership Team. |
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| Chris Wilkinson (Internet2, USA) | - |

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| Candidate: Alex Moura (KAUST, Saudi Arabia) | My objective is to support the Global Research & Education Network (GREN) by working together to better align our resources and make the intercontinental connections more efficient for global science collaborations and transnational education. As a participant of the GREN for several years, I believe to have experience and knowledge that would be beneficial to the |
| | leadership board, and I will be honored to participate as a member of an organization from the Middle East. I am passionate about the mission and goals of the GNA-G and am committed to working collaboratively with other members to achieve them. I understand that this is a big responsibility and there are many qualified candidates for this position, and I am confident in my abilities and willing to put in the effort to make a positive impact. I will strive to be a leader that is honest, transparent and approachable with clear communication and decision making. |
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| Hirotaka Sato (APAN-JP, Japan) | I would like to nominate Mr. Alex Moura for the GNA-G leadership team. His ability to unite the community and move things forward can be explained in his work around AER. (Asia-Pacific-Europe Ring: https://connect.geant.org/2022/03/07/greater-networking-collaboration-between-asia-pacific-and-europe-with-renewal-of-aer-agreement) |
| | After he took his KAUST job in November 2021, he is playing the role of connecting Europe and Asia. Although he came from South America, which is the most distant place for Asia, he quickly became familiarized himself with the Asian GREN community. By doing so, he successfully brought the KAUST's 2x100Gbps circuits to the AER community smoothly. Because of his work, the stability of the Europe-Asia link has almost doubled since then. Moreover, he made KAUST's appearance more in the community by enabling AutoGOLE/SENSE, and Science DMZ by bringing more support from KAUST. |
| | I can confidently say his strong passion for uniting people in the community would benefit future GNA-G collaboration. |
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| Francis Lee (SingAREN, Singapore) | I am happy to support Alex' nomination to GNA-G leadership. He has been an active member of the Asia Europe Ring community and been actively working on SC22 demonstration and network set-up. |
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| Eduardo Grizendi (RNP, Brazil) | It's a pleasure for me to support the nomination of Alex Moura. |
| | I'm Director of Engineering & Operations (Chief Eng&Op Officer) of RNP, the Brazilian NREN, participant of GNA-G. |
| | Alex worked a long time at RNP, initially in my Eng&Op team and, later, in R&D team. Even in another team, we had several projects and activities together. All of times, Alex demonstrated technical competence in network engineering and sensibility in the relationship with the R&E community, as an articulator and project coordinator. He has organizational skills, responsibility, and commitment to everything he does. |
| | I take the opportunity to express my admiration for the work carried out by this Committee, very important for all of us of R&E networking |
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| José Luiz Ribeiro Filho (RNP, Brazil) | I do support Alex' nomination for the open position in the GNA-G leadership |

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| Richard Klinger (Canarie, Canada) | With over a decade of working in the R&E community, I understand the current challenges and opportunities we are all facing. I have a proven track record of aligning stakeholders through relationship building, strategic planning, and thoughtful decision-making. Additionally, I am currently involved in running the Global eXchange Point MOXY in Montreal, previously worked on LHCONE deployment within Canada and am an active member of the SKA-NREN Forum. I would be honored to contribute to the success of the Global R&E Network and welcome intercontinental travel along with meetings in any time-zone. |
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| Pieter de Boer (SURF, The Netherlands) | I'm happy to support Richard in his nomination bid. |