

Mr. Frank Islam Elected Board Member of TiE-DC 2008

In the beginning of December, TiE-DC Charter Members elected the new TiE-DC Board of Directors for 2008. A record number of Charter Members both ran for and voted in the election. Congratulations to the 2008 TiE-DC Board of Directors, and thank you to all members who ran and voted in the election!



2008 TiE-DC Board of Directors:

- * **President: Rakesh Gupta** of Aptara
- * **President-Elect: DP Venkatesh** of mPortal
- * **Jinesh Brahmhatt** of Merrill Lynch
- * **PV Boccasam** of Approva
- * **Teresa Carlson** of Microsoft
- * **Cynthia de Lorenzi** of Success in the City
- * **Frank Islam** of FI Investment Group
- * **Satish Jha** of Digital Partners
- * **Amita Shukla** of New Enterprise Associates
- * **Uli Werner** of EDC Consulting
- * **Steve Thomas** of TiE-DC

TiE-DC asked the 2008 Board members why they chose to get involved on the TiE-DC Board and what they hoped TiE-DC would accomplish in 2008, and here is what they thought.

Cynthia de Lorenzi: "Among the many reasons I wanted to get involved on the TiE-DC board a couple of the most compelling are TiE-DC's executive team the quality of the programs and impressive status of the membership. The executive team's vision and professionalism reflects the caliber of TiE-DC's membership and their commitment is apparent in how TiE-DC has grown.

It is my hope that in 2008 we will see an increase in membership, especially in the number of women who serve as leaders in our region who discover how great this organization is."

Uli Werner: "I chose to get involved with the TiE-DC board because I believe that you need to get really involved with an organization, otherwise you cannot leverage your membership to the maximum. On a regular basis I chose one organization that I think is worthwhile to get involved and this is TiE-DC, since I believe that the mission, the events as well as the membership have the greatest synergy with my own and that of my company.

I hope that we can continue to offer the same amount and quality of events we offered in 2007 and that the image and reputation of the organization continues to increase to even higher levels in order to attract new members, interesting speakers and good sponsors."

DP Venkatesh: "I felt that being part of a high powered team was a great way to move TiE-DC to the next level. After being on the Board for a year I am very excited to be President Elect and work along with Rakesh to make some waves in 2008.

I am hopeful that we will be able to grow our membership base and attract and retain more high caliber members as we have in prior years and also be able to showcase speakers and industry events of a greater magnitude in 2008."

Frank Islam: "I got involved in TIE-DC board because I can help this organization to get to next level. This is a great organization and we all have to be involved to make it more successful and more innovative. I would like to make TiE-DC more visible in the investment community as well as have more networking events."

Satish Jha: "I have been engaged with TiE activities for several years and was on the Board of another chapter a few years ago. I believe its simply a confluence of forces that bring myriad poibilities to converge on to something. Some of the continuing leaders of TiE were kind enough to rope me in and ask me to be more active. I could not do it last year and hope to have a bit more time at hand to support the Board level needs of TiE DC during the year ahead. I look forward to starting and energizing special interest groups, the Healthcare Roundtable, exploring entrepreneurial possibilities in the field of education and technology and starting The Young Entrepreneur (TYE) forum."

Jinesh Brahmbhatt: "With my 14 years experience at Merrill Lynch, as Vice President in the Private Banking and Investment Group and being a TiE-DC sponsor since its inception, I wanted to use my contacts and resources (as well as those of my partner, Xerxes Mullan) in order to help created more value for the organization. My goals for TiE-DC in 2008 would involve creating more membership value with events and programs that are out of the box. I would also like to involve more members in the organization."