

Kiranmai Bitra

Elected for Board of Directors 2024-2028

I am Kiranmai Bitra, currently a lifetime member of TAS. I have been an active member of TAS for over 15 years.

Over the years with passion to preserve our traditions and culture, I was closely associated with the Telugu community and association. I have actively participated in organizing multiple events bringing the community together especially women. I ran a campaign among women for enrolling memberships and encouraging them to participate in the events.

I served as Arts and Crafts coordinator for 2016 - TANA maha sabhalu and organized to showcase our Telugu culture in the form of arts and craft.

I served as TANA Woman's Coordinator of Midwest-South Central region for the period 2022-2024. Organized multiple events including Woman's Day Celebrations.

I conducted sessions for kids in my community encouraging them to learn how to read and write Telugu.

If elected as TAS Board of Directors, I will abide by the TAS-By laws, discharge my duties faithfully and transparently. I will strive to improve membership by running campaigns and encouraging youth and new families in St. Louis and continue to spread our traditions and culture. Will work together with the Executive Committee and BOD to establish and align TAS with local and national non-profit organizations to support our local community.



Kurmanadha Rao Chadalawada

Elected for Board of Directors
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I am Dr.Kurmanadha R Chadalawada one of the contestants for 4 year term Board of Directors.

Some information about me is as follows:

I am a Primary Care Physician serving the St. Louis community for the last 30 years. I have been an active member of TAS since 1994 and now I am a life member. I was actively involved in TAS activities all along. Gave input to EC and Board. I also served as a BOD in the past.

I was the Convener for the TANA convention held in Saint Louis in 2017. 8000 to 10000 Telugu people from all over the world attended the convention. There were 300+ volunteers who worked hard under my leadership at the convention. Together we made the convention a grand success and was applauded by prominent Telugu people from all over the world.

I was born and raised in several cities in Andhra Pradesh as my father used to get transferred every 3 yrs. I got exposed to several different cultures and slangs of Telugu. I love every one of them. They are all unique. Finally, I did my MBBS in Rangaraya Medical College in Kakinada and finished my MD in the USA. I took care of many Telugu patients, especially parents who come for a visit.

I am passionate about Telugu history and culture. I demonstrated my leadership in the community and in my work. I think I am well qualified to be a BOD. I request all the members to vote for me in the coming elections and I will prove to be worthy of your vote.



Venkateshwar Gouni

Elected for Executive Committee President 2024-2026

It is my distinct pleasure to announce my candidacy for the position of President of Telugu Association of St Louis. Having served as TAS's Vice President in the past, I have had the privilege of witnessing the impact our organization has had on our community. Now, I am honored and privileged to step forward and continue our journey together to preserve and enrich Telugu culture.

Throughout my tenure as Vice President, I have worked diligently alongside our dedicated team to advance our mission and uphold our values. Now, I am ready to leverage this experience and passion to lead our organization to even greater heights.

As President, my vision is clear: to further strengthen our organization's impact and reach. I am committed to fostering collaboration, and inclusivity in all that we do.

I believe in the power of collective action and the importance of listening to the voices of our members.

As President, I will prioritize transparency, communication, and engagement, ensuring that every member has the opportunity to contribute and be heard. Together, we will shape the future of our organization and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

I am deeply passionate about our mission and dedicated to serving our community with integrity and compassion. With your support, I am confident that we can continue to make a positive impact and create lasting change.

Together, we can build a brighter future for the Telugu Association of St Louis and the communities we serve.



Satya Kishore Yerapotina

Elected for Executive Committee Vice President 2024-2026

My name is Kishore Yerapotina who is the contestant for Executive Vice President (EVP) in upcoming TAS elections.

As an active and pivotal member of the St. Louis Telugu community, my journey has been marked by an array of significant roles including active participation in various committees within the Telugu Association of St. Louis (TAS).

I actively volunteered in several committees, including Security and Hall Management during the TANA 2017 convention held in St. Louis. I have played a significant role as a key contributor to the Janmabhoomi Bhoomi Committee. My contributions have not only enhanced our community activities but have also assisted in improving various schools by digitizing classrooms and libraries in our homeland. I have also volunteered significantly at the temple, participating in various events such as Maha Kumbhaabhishekam, as well as regular monthly and yearly events.

Finally, the ethos of service resonates through every fact of my life, guiding my actions and decisions. It is more than just a motto, it is a principle that I live by, continuously seeking out new avenues and opportunities to contribute positively and enhance the well-being of our community. My dedication to service is evidence of my belief in the power of collective effort and the impact it can have on fostering a supportive, vibrant, and thriving community environment.



Ashok Singirikonda

Elected for Executive Committee Secretary 2024-2026

I am Ashok Singirikonda, I live in Ballwin. I have been married for 15 years to Manasa, and we are blessed with 2 Kids Shiva (11 yrs.) and Vyshnavi (4 yrs.).

Several times in the last 8 years I have volunteered in TAS and other Non-Profit organizations and led a few community events.

I am looking forward to serving TAS and want to do my best to serve the community during my tenure.

My Commitment:

Maintain transparency in TAS related correspondence with Members, EC and BODs.

Will conduct and maintain the records of all TAS meetings and have them available in a timely manner.



Udhay Anjeneya Satyanarayana Gajula

Elected for Executive Committee Treasurer 2024-2026

I am Udhay Gajula aka Satya Gajula. I have been part of STL Telugu and Hindu Community since 2017.

I am fascinated by serving our community in assisting Operations (Stage decorations and Hospitality) and other community events.

Here are my key contributions to our Telugu community and Hindu Temple Of St Louis as well.

As a co - chair in Operations committee in the Hindu Temple Of St Louis Maha Kumbabishekam, Involved in building the Balalayam and every architecture that was built. Also worked in post Maha Kumbabishekam activities. Aparting from building the architectures, I did my services as a volunteer in the Yagasala.

As a chair of the hospitality committee, I owned the complete devotee experience during the Maha Kumbabishekam.

As a volunteer and Operations committee core member I have catered my services for various needs for the Hindu Temple Of St Louis and TAS Operations, food and cultural events.

Actively involved in TAS cultural programs planning, stage management, stage decorations and TAS cultural events.



Madhu Bhagavatula

Elected for Executive Committee Cultural Secretary 2024-2026

I am Madhu Bhagavatula, I am originally from Hyderabad, Telangana. I am married to Rajasekhar Tangirala and have one daughter, Nidhi who will be attending college in the fall .

I am a hard-working and driven individual who isn't afraid to face a challenge. I'm passionate about everything I do and would describe myself as an open and honest person who strives for fairness and equality.

I am fun loving and enjoy being spontaneous, adventurous, and seeking out new experiences . I love every experience and adventure as it allows me to continue to see the beauty in life and continue to see the world through a new and creative lens which I carry over, and inspires my collections in my boutique.

I'm happy and excited to work with and represent you all as your cultural secretary once more!



Sreenivas Atluri

Contestant for Election for Board of Directors
2024-2026



Harish Kumar Dhanalakota

Contestant for Election for Board of Directors 2024-2026

I have been a resident of St.Louis for over 25 years. I have strong inclination towards the cultural activities, community services within St.Louis. Following are some of my key contributions to our Telugu community.

As a Co-Chair for Audio/Video committee in The Hindu Temple of St Louis Maha Kumbhabhishekam, managed audio/video needs for the 3 day events and provided live-streaming to the community members who cannot attend the event due to personal reasons.

As a volunteer and Technical committee member I have been managing audio/video needs for The Hindu Temple of StLouis and TAS cultural events.

Actively involved in TAS cultural programs planning, stage management and stage setup for all TAS events.

Organized Math Kangaroo competitions in St.Louis to promote competitive spirit among kids from 2014 to 2020.

Served as a mentor/coach for a Robotics team in Marquette high school to help the students in winning First Technology Challenge competitions and advanced to state level competitions.

Load coach for First Lego League Robotics teams to educate kids and prepare them for Regional/state level competitions.



Venkata R Makkena

Contestant for Election for Board of Directors 2024-2026

I am Venkata Makkena, and with a heart full of hope and dedication, I present my candidacy for the Director position at Telugu Association of St. Louis (TAS), a beacon of service and cultural preservation within our Telugu community. My journey is deeply interwoven with our rich Telugu heritage, having been actively involved in cultural, educational, and community service initiatives both within and beyond our diaspora.

Originally from Ongole, Andhra Pradesh, I have been living in St. Louis area for 24 years and participated in various community activities and contributed to the charity, spiritual and cultural upliftment.

My Plans as Director:

- Cultural Preservation and Promotion: Launch innovative programs/workshops that celebrate and educate our youth about our Telugu heritage, ensuring our language and traditions flourish for generations to come.
- Community Engagement: Strengthen our community bonds through inclusive events and initiatives that cater to the needs and talents of all age groups, fostering a sense of belonging and mutual support.
- Partnerships for Progress: Build strategic partnerships with other organizations and stakeholders to amplify our impact and bring valuable resources and opportunities to our members.

I am committed to transparency, accountability, and innovation. By contesting for this Position, I aim to not only uphold the values of TAS but to also drive transformative change that echoes beyond our immediate community. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant future for everyone we serve.



Srinivas Parvataneni

Contestant for Election for Board of Directors 2024-2026

Out of my 22 years stay in USA I have been living in St. Louis for the past 18 yrs. My wife and I have been married for almost 20 years and we are blessed with 2 kids, Suhas (12yrs) and Sloka (9 Years).

My mission is to work with TAS and with every member of the committee to make it more accessible and friendly. I believe my experience as a Vice President for TAS from 2017 to 2019 will benefit future activities of the Organization.

Community Service:

- I have been Involved in various fund raising events for various causes and conferences which includes TANA, Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital and many more.
- I've raised more than \$25K for Bright Life Foundation, which is a non-profit organization serving orphan kids.
- I've donated to various charity organizations both here in USA and in India including old age homes, education to the poor and needy students, school supplies for needy & school building funds.
- Donated \$8,000 to build water purification plant to provide safe drinking water to my village in India
- Served as a treasurer with Bright Life Foundation.
- Served as a volunteer for TANA 2017 convention.
- Serving as a Volunteer for Hindu Temple for the past 5 years

My Commitment:

- Streamline the TAS By-laws to avoid any future issues.
- Develop objectives by building TAS as a role model organization.
- Conduct more charity events and fund raising programs to help people in need.

