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# President

## Nominee: Amir Komeily (SSP ’07)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

My name is Amir Komeily and ever since I attended SSP 2007 in Beijing, I’ve been involved with ISU. I want to share my experiences with others and make them aware of this great program. I have participated as an instructor for COM DEV’s optical and structural workshops at SSP for four years. I participated in numerous road-shows in different Universities trying to promote ISU. I joined CAISU two years ago. As the current president of CAISU I’m looking forward to an exciting year for ISU this year. As all of you know SSP 14 will be held in Montreal this year. As the next president I would make every effort to have a very successful SSP. We can be proud to have the best alumni organization in the world. This was very evident to me when I got invited by ISU to give a presentation on the success of CAISU and how other countries can copy us. I find CAISU to be essential to promote ISU in Canada, and as the president I would work hard to make it succeed.

I humbly request for you to vote for me as the next president of CAISU, thank you.

Amir Komeily

# Treasurer

## Nominee: Dexter Jagula (MSS ’08)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

Greetings! My name is Dexter Jagula, and I’m an ISU MSS ’08 graduate. I am currently running for the position of Treasurer for 2014-2016. I have served on the CAISU Board of Directors (BoD) for three years, and most recently as Secretary for the last two years. As a result of my experience on the BoD, I am very familiar of the inner workings and operations of CAISU as a whole. Being Secretary has given me signing authority for the purpose of issuing cheques for payments and reimbursements, which is one of the many duties required as Treasurer. I am an entrepreneur and currently self-employed, which has given me experience in proper book-keeping and maintenance of budgets and finances. I have had a chance to speak with the previous Treasurer of CAISU and fully understand the specific duties as Treasurer including the reimbursement process, reporting responsibilities, and filing responsibilities to the Federal and Provincial Governments as a Non-Profit Organization. Apart from my experience and abilities I am known to be organized, timely, honest, and above all accountable. I hope the this brief platform is sufficient to garner your vote for me as the next CAISU Treasurer. Thank you very much!

## Nominee: Farnaz Ghadaki

Statement of Interest/Platform:

As a business strategist and consultant, I’m responsible for managing budgets from $10,000 to $2Million. Being a detail-oriented and organized person, I keep excellent track of records, manage accounts receivables and payables in a timely manner, AND more importantly I plan and implement financial strategies.  I’ve managed well-budgeted projects and initiatives at various NPO’s, including at [CSCA](http://spacecommerce.ca/), [SGAC](http://spacegeneration.org/) and [ASX](http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/), resulting in cost reductions by 50% or more, and increased sponsorship donations by upto 5-fold in one year. As a CAISU member since 2011, I have actively supported CAISU, including holding an [ISU roadshow at UofT](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NYAAStarfest/conversations/topics/554), assisting in marketing and program development for [NSAW2012](http://www.caisu.org/nsaw/2012/), and facilitating participation of CAISU in ASX Symposia and CSCA Annual Conferences.

As a highly motivated individual, a team player and creative problem-solver, my priorities as treasurer include:

-providing more benefits and opportunities for members, e.g. financial assistance via grants and competitions, sponsored local gatherings, etc

-seeking new sponsors and partners to support CAISU’s missions including fostering space education and research in Canada

I’m in a unique position to fulfill these goals as I have expertise in strategic planning, cultivating sponsorships and partnerships, marketing and public relations, and a vast national and international network of contacts.

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# Secretary

# Membership Director

## Nominee: Karanjeet Singh (MSS ’04)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

I would like to serve the caisu board as a membership director for the upcoming term. I have been fortunate to serve caisu board since 2008 as secretary, 2010 as central regional director and then membership director most recently.

I am looking forward to enhance the membership of CAIsU by being prompt in having them on the distribution list swiftly.
In addition to my duties I have been very active in organizing NSAW 2010, NSAW 2012 and looking forward to NSAW 2014 and IAC. I have also attended various discovery conferences, ASX conferences and Canadian space commerce conference representing CAISU. I look forward to the next two years as membership director.

## Nominee: Melissa Battler (SSP ’13)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

I am running for Membership Director. I’ve led several space advocacy groups, and one of the things I feel most strongly about in working with CAISU is increasing communications with members. The better we know our members, the better we can motivate them. The success of the organization is greatly increased by effectively engaging our members.  Ensuring that we know who are members are and what motivates them helps to maintain strong relationships with them and facilitate effective, efficient communications.

I have a diverse academic and leadership background. I attained my PhD in 2013 from Western University's Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration (CPSX) in London, Canada, and attended SSP13. I participated in NASA Ames Astrobiology Academy (2004), founded four space advocacy groups (2001 – 2008), was President of Mars Society Canada (2005 – 2007) and was a Canadian Space Agency Student Ambassador (~2002 – 2012). I’ve led nine Mars mission simulations, including a four-month simulation in the Canadian High Arctic. My goals include promoting space exploration activities nationally and internationally, inspiring and training future astronauts, and continuing the search for life on Mars. I currently work as Senior Academic Program Designer at CPSX, developing graduate and undergraduate courses and programs.

# Western Regional Director

# Central Regional Director

## Nominee: Bill (SeungBeom) Hamm (MSS ’13)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

I have become an ISU alumnus in 2013 after I completed an MSc degree in Space Studies, and I am currently pursuing another MSc degree in Geomatics in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management at the University of Waterloo. As I am a new member, physically located in the central region of Canada, I would like to run for Central Regional Director in order to get more involved in CAISU and coordinate ISU related activities, such as outreach. In addition, I will be a Teaching Associate of the SSP in Montreal in 2014, and I will be able to help with outreach activities around the central region with such a motivation. For my short background, I am originally from Seoul, South Korea and completed a BSc degree in Earth System Science in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences—with double minors in Chemistry and Management—at McGill University in Montreal. I have leadership/communication experiences as a Rep. of International Students, VP Communication, Peer Educator, and so on. Now, throughout the program in Waterloo, my goal is to gain spatial literacy and visualization skills that are applicable in multiple disciplines, such as earth sciences, social studies, and STEM fields.

# Member at Large

## Nominee: Marianne Mader (MSS ’07)

Statement of Interest/Platform:

I have been the Central Regional Director, CAISU for the past 2 years. I am now seeking the Members at Large position. My primary motivation is Community Building; specifically, I aim to support and facilitate a collaborative, engaged CAISU membership. Communication is a key aspect of this effort: as a Member at Large, I would listen to members and share their issues, needs, ideas, and interests to the Board of Directors.

My primary goals are to:

1. Connect the CAISU members with each other, as well as the broader Canadian and international space communities,
2. Assist collaborative projects that further the goals of CAISU to promote the cause of peaceful space activities and to advance space education and space research in Canada.

*Who am I?*

In a nutshell, I’m a planetary scientist who strives to enable space exploration and to engage the public in this endeavour. I've collaborated with UWO’s Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration, CSA, NASA, and MDA working to develop field strategies (both human and robotic) for planetary exploration. True to ISU's core philosophy, I have a background and expertise in numerous fields including: space sciences, public engagement and youth outreach, human performance in remote environments, and non-profit management.