

Executive Committee

2018-19

President

Sowmya Surapaneni
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Sowmya Surapaneni moved to Spokane in 2002 from Gudivada, situated in south of India. In 2003, she began an unimaginable career and managed Gordon/ Zales jewelry store in Spokane Valley for 3 years. She was nominated "Best manager of the year" for 2 consecutive years. She couldn't trade her special time with her kids and decided to take a break from her career. She turned into a photographer and enjoyed capturing her family's little stories and big adventures. Later she resumed her career and is in the Software testing field at Itron for the past 8 years now. She makes time to be involved in several community activities. She is currently the Vice-President of Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) at Liberty Lake Elementary School, spear heading to bring Invent Washington program to the school for the first time. Sowmya has also been successfully coaching Liberty Lake Elementary students for Math is Cool competition for 4 years now. She enjoys helping kids show case their talents and has been directing kids' theater Play/drama for Diwali events for last 5 years. She served as a Vice President for Spokane India Community (SIC) executive committee from 2016 - 2018. She is looking forward to serving SIC by taking SIC members input and obtain external support to come up with new program activities for the wellness of the committee.

Vice President

Justin W G A Botejue
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Justin Ashok Botejue was born and raised in Anaheim, California and moved to Spokane in 2012 to attend Whitworth University. Upon graduation, he had worked for the Mayor of Spokane and is now a senior project manager for the healthcare non-profit, Better Health Together (a subsidiary of the Empire Health Foundation). Under the tutelage of Ustad Rajendar Singh, Justin Ashok was trained in classical and folk Hindustani music, specializing in tabla drum performance. Justin Ashok is involved in several community initiatives and has served as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Spokane India Community Executive Committee through 2017. He looks forward to supporting ideas and programs that benefit SIC membership.

Community Outreach Coordinator

Sunil Kumar Lakkakula
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Sunil came from a small town named Chirala from one of the South-Eastern states of India. He came to USA in 2007 to pursue Master of Science in Electrical Engineering at Oklahoma State University. He recently moved to Cheney, WA in September 2015 after completing his Ph.D from Oklahoma State University to work with Eastern Washington University (EWU). During his graduate school, Sunil has been involved in many student and institutional organizations and served as a committee for few as Vice-President, General

Secretary and Design Contest Chair. Being inspired from the exceptional work of SIC to bring the community together, Sunil wants to serve as an SIC committee member for the year 2018-2019 given the opportunity and contribute to the continued growth of SIC.

Secretary

Rohit Gupta

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Rohit Gupta was born and raised in Ghaziabad, Delhi NCR, India. He is CA from India and CPA from US and has recently completed his MBA from Gonzaga University. After working with Jubilant Pharma & PepsiCo in Delhi NCR, India, he moved to Maryland in 2010. During his time in Maryland, he was involved in various volunteering activities with Hindu Temple of Eastern Shore and supported the committee in various new initiatives. In 2014 he moved to Spokane and currently working with Jubilant. He enjoys playing table tennis, exploring new places and spending time with family & friends. As a SIC committee member, he wants to serve the community with new initiatives to drive members engagement.

Joint- Secretary

Durai Sellegounder

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Durai Sellegounder is a postdoctoral researcher currently working in Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine WSU, Spokane Riverfront Campus. After completing his Ph.D. and a short stint of postdoctoral training in India, Durai joined WSU

Spokane in 2015. Durai was awarded competitive research fellowships and awards for his work in India. He is currently a core researcher with additional responsibilities in project coordination and lab management. Durai is self-motivated, enthusiastic and team player, willing to learn administration skills and he enjoys working with people.

Treasurer

Vasu Bhuvanagiri

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Born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh and raised in Hyderabad, Telangana, I finished my Pharmacy School in Karnataka before moving to United States in 2002 for Graduate School. I have lived in North Eastern United States Mostly Maine and New Hampshire since 2004 on a Job as Pharmacist after completing M.S in Chemistry at WIU. I have been a practicing Pharmacist with Rite Aid for past 14 years and gradually grew ranks moving to Spokane on next Work assignment. I was actively involved with Indian Student Association at WIU and served as their General Secretary for almost one year. I like to stay active as much as possible and my hobbies are playing Tennis, Hiking, Astronomy and Road trips with Family and Friends.