

Venky Venkataramani

Candidate Statement

I learnt bridge in college 40 years ago. I love this game and bridge has helped me in my work in the investment industry for many years. There are many parallels to investing that include strategic thinking, planning for possible outcomes ahead, dealing with uncertainty by weighing the risk and reward of your actions and adapting your strategy to arrival of new information. I truly believe that playing bridge can be beneficial to people in their lives.

As a community, we all need to do something about the declining popularity of this game we love. If I am elected to the board of EMBA , I will commit to the following:

- I will actively seek to get more people interested in this game. I am voluntarily teaching a group of about 10-15 friends regularly and would continue to expand my efforts to get more people into bridge.
- I will bring my management and non-profit board experience to the EMBA board and constructively work with other board members in making decisions that will be beneficial to all members. In addition, I will be happy to take on any additional responsibilities to fulfill the needs of the board.
- I enjoy the social aspects of this game very much and will do my best to encourage the entire bridge community to be nicer and welcoming of the newcomers to the game
- Finally, our bridge community is dealing with the pandemic by playing bridge online and would like to engage in ideas to make this a better and fair experience for our bridge community.

I strongly believe we can make the bridge community stronger by working together. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and your vote.