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**Gender:** Male

**Ethnicity:** Asian (Pakistan)

**Discipline:** Evaluation in Human Services, Education & Social Work

**Practitioner Focus:** Realist Evaluation & all paradigms utilizing big data from management information systems to investigate what works and for whom

**Geographic Representation:** New York State and England

**Area(s) of Work Application:** Lead Evaluator for SAMHSA grants in Chautauqua, Rockland and Herkimer Counties (NY State); Lead Evaluator for the City of Manchester (England) and consultant for Finland's Health and Social Welfare (THL)

**Nominee Statement:** I had the honor of being selected as a candidate for the AEA Board in 2012 by the Elections Working Group, then in 2020, then in 2021, then in 2022, and I am happy to be selected again now in 2026.

What can I bring that is unique for the AEA Board? AEA is the leading evaluation organization in the world, and other countries and continents have benefited enormously from the AEA as a shining example and a beacon for progress. I would work within AEA and abroad to help develop this standing of the AEA, and to contribute to the founding of a truly international evaluation body for the world within which AEA will play an important role. At this time of wars and world economic pressures when severe pressures are being placed on human services all over the world, the AEA can play an important role in helping countries to make informed decisions based on real time data analysis of what works and in what contexts to develop effective human services.

I have been a loyal and active member of AEA for over 30 years having presented in every conference, and I have been an active promoter of the AEA both in Europe and in the USA. As an active member within the European Evaluation Society, I have successfully recruited many colleagues from United Kingdom, Finland, and Sweden to join and attend the AEA's conferences. I was founder and co-chair of Social Work TIG in 2001, and re-elected again as TIG co-chair in 2011 (2001 – 2007; 2011-2014; 2016-2026). I have also served as TIG co-chair for Human Services Evaluation TIG (2014 – 2017; 2018-2026) and as AEA ambassador and discussant. I have distributed thousands of copies of TIG newsletters in European Evaluation Society, European Social Work Research Association, and International Association for Critical Realism conferences.

I am President of Realist Evaluation Inc., having retired as Director of Program Evaluation Center at State University of New York at Fredonia; I have had similar positions at University at Buffalo (The State University of New York), and University of Huddersfield, since 1991. I have extensive experience of evaluation of human services in USA, United Kingdom and in Finland. As lead evaluator of Chautauqua

Tapestry System of Care, I received the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services' Administration (SAMHSA)'s Gold Award for Outstanding Local Evaluation in July 2010. My books include 'Realist Evaluation in Practice' (2003, Sage) and 'International Perspectives on Evidence-based Practice in Social Work' (with Bruce Thyer, 2004, Venture Press). I also use the same approach in the city of Manchester (UK). I was awarded the honor of joining the inaugural class of Fellows of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) at its 2014 Annual Awards Presentation. My publications include *Single-Case Evaluation by Social Workers* (Ashgate, 1998) and *Realist Evaluation in Practice* (Sage, 2003).

My commitment to AEA is paramount. I will be able to attend all the AEA Board meetings, webinars, and other activities. The AEA can make a bigger contribution in providing evaluation resources and promoting evaluation, and I will do my best to help AEA to enhance evaluation all over the world. The integration of evaluation and environment is important for each country, helping to develop a diverse society free from discrimination. Timely use of the data is critical in targeting and developing human services and American Evaluation Association has been a world leader in working towards a just society. Most evaluators have the data and the opportunity to contribute to the common good and advancement of an equitable and just society, not only in the USA but all over the world, and I will ensure that this and the other guiding principles of the AEA make an international contribution for all!