

## 2019 Vivit Board of Directors Elections Candidate Interview Questions

Candidate Name: **Christopher J. Scharer**

1) How long have you been a Vivit member?

*I began with the Des Moines Mercury User Group (DMUG) and the Twin Cities Mercury Users Group (TMUG) in 2005 and transitioned to Vivit Worldwide in 2007 after HP acquired Mercury Technologies in 2006 (14+ years).*

2) Have you previously (or do you currently) hold a leadership position(s) in Vivit (example: Local Chapter Leader, Special Interest Group Leader, Committee Member, Vivit Director)?

*I hold/held the following positions with Vivit:*

- *Board of Directors*
  - *Vice President*
  - *Treasurer (currently)*
  - *Social Media Chair*
  - *Nominations Chair*
  - *Education Chair*
  - *Membership Chair*
  - *LUG and SIG Chair*
- *SIG Co-Leader (currently)*
  - *TQA-SIG*
- *LUG Co-Leader (currently)*
  - *Iowa*
  - *Nebraska*

3) Which of the Micro Focus Software solutions do you have experience with (or certifications in) and how many years of experience do you have with each?

<b><u>Solution</u></b>	<b><u>Experience (Years)</u></b>
<i>Agile Project Manager (APM)</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Application Lifecycle Management (ALM)</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Business Process Testing (BPT)</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Load Runner</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Quality Center (QC)</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Quick Test Professional (QTP)</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Sprinter</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Unified Functional Testing (UFT)</i>	<i>11</i>

4) What company do you work for, and what is your current role in your organization?

<b>Company</b>	<b>Position</b>
CJS Consulting	Owner/Consultant
TEK Systems (at John Deere Financial)	Senior SQA Test Automation Consultant

- 5) Have you previously (or do you currently) hold a leadership position, either at your place of business or in some other organization that you have been (or are) affiliated with? If so, what are (or were) your roles / responsibilities?

*As mentioned previously I currently serve as the Treasurer on the Vivit Board of Directors, Co-Lead the Iowa and Nebraska LUG Chapters and TQA-SIG Chapter.*

- 6) What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Vivit organization today, and how would you propose overcoming that challenge?

*There continue to be multiple challenges that face the Vivit organization and always will be. I feel the biggest challenge continues to be getting Micro Focus to properly use the Vivit channel to get feedback from our members rather than trying to simply use it as a marketing tool. I propose that we work more closely with our leaders and help the get their members to voice this concern from the bottom/up (i.e. sales reps) while we continue to try to get the message to the Micro Focus leaders from the top/down.*

- 7) What do you feel are your biggest strengths that you will bring to the Vivit Board of Directors?

*I feel my biggest strengths are my caring, volunteering, and wanting to see things work better for everyone. Having held several positions within the Vivit organization and used the Micro Focus solutions, I feel I have a very well-rounded knowledge of Vivit and Micro Focus.*

*Volunteering for these positions has allowed me to learn more about the IT industry, the Micro Focus eco-system as well as the demands of each position. I believe this has given me a wealth of knowledge that will assist me in providing Vivit members with additional value and support.*

*In addition, I developed the automated testing that runs daily against the Vivit web-site and provides reports about site issues, and member data statistics. Along with the daily automation are processes to pull data for webinar events/attendees using the Your Membership (YM) API and pull associated data from the GoToWebinar (GTW) site to automatically push event/attendee registration information to the GTW web-site to make registering for GTW events via the Vivit web-site more seamless.*

8) What do you hope to gain by being a member of the Vivit Board of Directors?

*This will be my fifth term on the Vivit board, and I would like to continue to grow Vivit (which was at 3,500 members when I joined the board in 2009 and is nearly 40,000 strong today). My vision is to see Vivit integrated with more products and see an even larger amount of information sharing to improve integration with all products (specifically open source). I also plan to continue to find areas to reduce Vivit finances so Vivit can provide more for its members. Vivit also needs to help drive Micro Focus and their support of open source integration as more and more organizations are embracing open source tools.*

9) If elected, do you foresee any issues giving of your time to meet your obligations to the Vivit Board of Directors? If so, what other obligations do you have that may interfere with your ability to meet your Vivit commitments or at a minimum, make your participation in Vivit Board of Directors matters inconsistent?

*No, I don't foresee any issues here.*

10) What is the state of your employment from a stability perspective?

*My employment is stable.*