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Prasad currently serving as an Advisory Board of Director on the "Dallas Conventions & Visitors Bureau", Advisory Board of Director on "Dallas Kids Read", Executive Vice-President of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), Texas State Coordinator of the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) and Chairman of the Steering Committee of "Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Dallas" project.

The World Affairs Council, founded in 1951, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization offers the public and its more than 3,000 members opportunities to learn firsthand from world leaders, policymakers, ambassadors, journalists and world affairs experts.

It presents over 100 programs annually to enlighten and entertain North Texas. In addition to impacting more than 100,000 students each year through its International Education Initiative, the Council coordinates visits to North Texas of delegations and leaders from around the globe through the administration of its International Visitor Program and the City of Dallas Office of Protocol.