

## Message #3 from the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Dear Devotees,

As of the end of the day October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the NEC received seven qualified nominations for BOT for the seven vacancies and three qualified nominations for BOD (HCC) for two vacancies. No nominations were received for the BOG. We received nominations both via email and in person.

The nominees for BOT\* for the HTS are:

Pankaj Kumar  
Tharunidhar Narravula  
Rajkumar Srinivasalu  
Poornachander Rao Chanubala  
Niraja Allena  
Smita Jain  
Sunita Singh

The Nominees for BOD\* for the HCC are:

Mattur Balakrishna  
V.V. Rami Reddy Muppidi  
Manoj Ajmera

No Nominations were received for the BOG:

The candidates have until October 18, 2024, to withdraw their nominations. We will have elections for BOD pending withdrawals.

A few important things to note.

- 1) There is still time to request absentee ballots if you are not able to vote in person on election day. Please ensure the name, telephone number, address and membership are listed.
- 2) The Certified membership list is posted in the link below. Please resolve any membership issues you may have ahead of the election day.

### Following are some important dates and deadlines:

#### Nomination Process

- Date by which candidates can withdraw their nomination 18-Oct-24
- Date on which final list of candidates (after withdrawals) will be published by NEC. 19-Oct-24

#### Absentee Ballots<sup>1</sup>

- Last date by which request for an absentee ballot should be received by NEC 19-Oct-24
- Absentee ballots to eligible members<sup>2</sup> to be mailed by the NEC 21-Oct-24
- Last date by which completed absentee ballot should be received by NEC 10-Nov-24
- **Elections Day 17-Nov-24, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

<sup>1</sup> Absentee ballots received after the last date will not be considered towards counting. If NEC decides that elections are not necessary, the absentee ballots will not be mailed out.

2 If your name does not appear on the membership database, and you believe you are a qualified member to vote, please contact the Membership Secretary – Smita Jain at 518-445-5678, [manojsmita@gmail.com](mailto:manojsmita@gmail.com). You can view the lists of Life and Annual members at: <https://www.hindutemplealbany.org/support-us/membership/>

### **Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)**

Mr. Kirthi Nagarajan, (518) 285-9794

Mr. Thiagarajan Subramanian (518) 275-9035

Mr. Jayakumar Thirumalai (518) 898-7394

### **Election Appeals Committee**

Mr. Arvind Salgam

Mr. Prakash Joshi

Mr. Anil Bisht

### **Election Guidelines 2024**

#### **Note on filing nomination**

Filing Nominations is past due.

#### **Absentee ballot request**

There is no need to fill in an Absentee Ballot Request form. Request can be made via email to [HTSNEC2024@gmail.com](mailto:HTSNEC2024@gmail.com). However, the following information is mandatory to receive the Absentee ballots. The person who needs the absentee ballots will have to make the request. **Any absentee ballot request from anyone else other than the member will not be entertained.**

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Membership: Life or Annual (Please verify before you request absentee ballot)**

**Telephone number:**

Please note the last date to request an absentee ballot is October 19, 2024.

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### **Election Process**

Elections will be conducted consistent with Article 6 of the constitution. Given the learnings during the past few elections the following guidelines will be adopted.

**Term of Office:** Members will be elected only for such a term that fulfils Article 6, Section 7 of the Constitution.

**Tie:** In case of a tie, a flip of a coin by the EAC Chairman will determine the winner.

**Absentee Ballots:** Every effort will be made to ensure return of absentee ballots. However, if the absentee ballots are not returned on time NEC has no option but to assume that requestor has not returned the ballot.