

2018 Temple election for the Hindu Temple Society (HTS), Board of Trustees (BOT) & Board of Governors (BOG), and Hindu Cultural Center (HCC) Board of Directors (BOD)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 from 1:00 - 3:00PM

Message #1 from the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Dear Devotees,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is election time again and with the original constitution still in place we will follow the regular protocol for nomination and election for the BOT, BOD and the BOG. Election documents will be available soon on the temple web-site at www.albanyhindutemple.org. Please feel free to share this information with other devotees and temple members. It is in the interest of the members to participate in the election process since BOTs and BOGs play a vital role in governing the affairs of the temple and BODs in the governing of HCC. Through this election, temple members will elect BOTs, BOGs and BODs.

You can mail your nomination form by US Postal Service to HTS NEC 2018, PO Box 5879, Albany, NY 12205-5879. Alternately, you can email the scanned nomination form with signatures to Kirthivasan Nagarajan at HTSNEC2018@gmail.com before the deadline as well. You can also submit your nomination form in the main temple in person to a NEC member on the following dates mentioned below. Please note that in light of past experiences we request you not to drop the nomination form in the hundi. It is important that you bring photo ID to enable you to cast your vote. In the absence of a photo ID, the NEC may ask two voters with photo IDs to certify your identity.

Following are some important post-mark dates:

- Due date for candidates to mail nomination : **October 09, 2018¹**
- Date certified member list is available by : **October 13, 2018** (a preliminary list will be posted on the temple website by the end of September)²
- Date NEC will accept nominations in person at the DVD desk: **October 13 & 14, 2018 between 7pm – 9pm.**
- Date by which nomination should be received by NEC : **October 16, 2018**
- Date by which request for an absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **October 24, 2018³**
- Date by which candidates can withdraw their nomination : **October 30, 2018**
- Date by which absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **November 13, 2018**
- Election Date: **November 18, 2018 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

¹ Nomination forms are available on the temple website.

² If your name does not appear on the member list and you believe you are a qualified member to vote, please contact the Membership Secretary – Niraja Allena at 518-221-1107, niraja.allena@gmail.com

³ The form for absentee ballot request will be available on Temple Website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the NEC members. May God bless us all!

Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

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Mr. Sideswar Prasad (518) 783-6297 or HTSNEC2018@gmail.com

Mrs. Sridevi Mandava (518) 429-5237 or HTSNEC2018@gmail.com

Note on filing nomination

Nominations could be filed one of 3 ways.

- 1) Nominations could be handed over in person to a NEC member who will be present at the temple at specific times mentioned in NEC bulletin 1.
- 2) The nomination form could be mailed to the address in the NEC bulletin 1. However, the NEC requests that a scanned copy of the nomination form be also emailed to the NEC member.
- 3) Scanned nominations could be emailed to the NEC member.

Please note that nominations can **no longer be dropped in the Hundi** as was the practice in past years. The nomination form has to be filled in completely to avoid any confusion.