# Message #5 from the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Dear Devotees

Absentee ballots were mailed out on 11/03/18.  You should be receiving the ballots within the next few days.
The package sent to you had an instruction sheet, ballots and **one** stamped, self-addressed envelope.  If you are a family member and had requested 2 ballots, you should have received 2 ballots.  Some family members requested only one ballot.  Anyone with individual membership was mailed only one ballot.

Please read the following points carefully.

1)  Each return envelope has a unique identifier specific to the package that was mailed. It is important that you return the ballots only in the envelope provided with the unique identifier.  Any ballots mailed in a different envelope will be disqualified.
2) All members are requested to return the ballots by mail and not wait till Election Day to drop the ballots in person.  The ballots will be invalidated unless the return envelope with the unique identifier is used.
3) Please make sure that your choices are properly marked and you make no more than 5 choices.  Any overlap or any more than 5 choices will invalidate the ballot.
4) If you have not received the absentee ballot package before the 10th of November, please send the NEC a note.  The NEC will decide on the path forward.
5) The NEC will be collecting the returned envelopes every few days from the PO Box.  These envelopes will be cross referenced with the unique identification number.
6) All envelopes will be opened the day of the election during counting to maintain confidentiality.

We ask all the BOT nominees to send us a one page synopsis explaining why the General Body members should elect them by November 8th and they will be included in the future temple and HCC bulletins.

The contestants for BOT* are:
Amritesh Singh
Tarunidhar Narravula
Chandra Sekhar
Rohit Dagli
Veera Venkata Rami Muppidi
Neeraja Allena
Ravi Bhat

Nominees for BOG (now considered elected)
Kurthish Dharia
Srinivas Rao Mitta

Nominees for BOD (now considered elected)

Ved Shravah
Suryakant Kale

**Following are some important dates and deadlines:**

Date by which absentee ballot should be postmarked : **November 13, 2018**
Date by which absentee ballot should be received by the NEC:  November 17, 2018
Election Date: **November 18, 2018 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

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

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## Message #4 from the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Dear Devotees

The nomination withdrawal deadline is now over and we have a revised list based on the latest updates.  One candidate withdrew his nomination from both BOG and BOT.  As we indicated in our earlier messages, there are five BOT vacancies for three years each; two BOD vacancies for three years each and two BOG vacancies for three year each.   With the withdrawal, we have eight qualified nominations for BOT, two qualified nominations for BOD and two qualified nominations for BOG. **Nominees for the BOD and BOG are therefore considered elected**. Congratulations to the new BOG and BOD members.

We will have elections for the BOT on November 18th to fill the 5 vacant positions. Absentee ballot packages will be mailed out this weekend for those who requested it.  The packages will contain instructions and a pre-stamped envelope with a code identifier for the convenience of the members.   We will see the other members on November 18th.

We ask all the BOT nominees to send us a one page synopsis explaining why the General Body members should elect them by November 8th and they will be included in the future temple and HCC bulletins.

The contestants for BOT are:
Amritesh Singh
Tarunidhar Narravula
Chandra Sekhar
Rohit Dagli
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Neeraja Allena
Ravi Bhat

<u>Nominees for BOG (now considered elected)</u>
Kurthish Dharia
Srinivas Rao Mitta

<u>Nominees for BOD (now considered elected)</u>
Ved Shravah
Suryakant Kale

**Following are some important dates and deadlines:**

- o  Absentee ballots with instructions mailed by NEC:  11/3/2018
- o  Date by which absentee ballot should be postmarked : **November 13, 2018**
- o  Date by which absentee ballot should be received by the NEC:  November 17, 2018
- o  Election Date: **November 18, 2018 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

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

Dear Devotees

Hope you all had a wonderful Dusserra and are now looking forward to Diwali.

The nomination deadline is over and we have received few nominations both via email and

handed over in person. No nominations were mailed to the PO Box address.

As we indicated in our earlier messages, there are five BOT vacancies for three years each; two

BOD vacancies for three years each and two BOG vacancies for three years each.

We received nine qualified nominations for BOT, two qualified nominations for BOD and three

qualified nominations for BOG.

The candidates have until October 30th 2018 to withdraw their nominations. As there are only

two nominations for the two open BOD positions the candidates will be considered elected

unless they withdraw their nominations. We will have elections for BOT and BOG if there are no withdrawals.

We ask all the BOT and BOG nominees to send us a one page synopsis explaining why the General Body members should elect them, by November 11th and they will be included in the future temple and HCC bulletins.

The contestants for BOT * are:

Amritesh Singh

Tarunidhar Narravula

Krishan Luthra

Chandrashekar

Purushotham Bangalore

Rohit Dagli

Veera Venkata Rami Muppidi

Neeraja Allena

Ravi Bhat

The contestants for BOG * are:

Krishan Luthra

Kurthish Dharia

Srinivas Rao Mitta

Nominees for BOD are: (unless they withdraw their nominations they will be considered elected after October 30th 2018.

Ved Shravah

Suryakant Kale

**Following are some important dates and deadlines:**

- Date by which request for an absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **October 24, 2018;**

- 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**

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*Article 6 section 7 of the Constitution states that a member cannot contest for both BOT and BOG at the same time. In the event the candidate does not withdraw one nomination by the due date both nominations will be invalidate

## Message #2 from the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Dear Devotees:

We are pleased to announce the following vacancies.

**BOT (Board of Trustees): Five for a term of Three Years each**

**BOD (Board of Directors of HCC): Two for a term of three years each**

**BOG (Board of Governors): Two for a term of three years each**

Elections will be held to fill the vacancies based on the number of nominations received. We are looking for devotees who are interested in filling these vacancies and contributing to the temple and HCC management. The rules for the elections as well the election nomination form and absentee ballot request form are attached for your convenience. 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. You can email the nomination form to Kirthivasan Nagarajan at HTSNEC2018@gmail.com before the deadline of October 16, 2018. In the event of an election 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 dates:**

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

ᴑ Due date for candidates to mail nomination : **October 09, 2018₂**

ᴑ 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)₃

ᴑ Date NEC will accept nominations in person at the DVD desk: **October 13 & 14, 2018 between 7pm – 9pm.**

ᴑ Date by which nomination should be received by NEC : **October 16, 2018**

ᴑ Date by which request for an absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **October 24, 2018₄**

ᴑ Date by which candidates can withdraw their nomination : **October 30, 2018**

ᴑ Date by which absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **November 13, 2018**

ᴑ Election Date: **November 18, 2018 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

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**Please click here to download Nomination Form:**

**Nomination Form**

**Please click here to download Absentee Ballot Request Form:**

**ABR Form**

**Please click here to verify your voting status:**

**Voting Member List**

**Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)**

2 Nomination forms are available on the temple website.

3 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

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

# 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:

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• Date by which request for an absentee ballot should be received by NEC : **October 24, 2018[7]**

• Date by which candidates can withdraw their nomination : **October 30, 2018**

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**Note on filing nomination**

Nominations could be filed one of 3 ways.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.