

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

Dear Devotees,

A very Happy Dussera to you all.

The previous message had announced the number of vacancies for each board.

The nomination deadline is now past. We received nominations both via email and in person.

As we indicated in message 1, there are five BOT vacancies, three BOG vacancies and one BOD vacancy.

We received six qualified nominations for BOT, (HTS) and two qualified nominations for BOD (HCC). No nominations were received for the BOG.

The candidates have until October 20, 2023, to withdraw their nominations. We will have elections for BOT and BOD pending withdrawals. Please note you can email the NEC of your intentions to withdraw by the end of day October 20, 2023 by email to

HTSNEC2023@gmail.com

Nominees for BOT for the HTS are:

Ragavan Vellayappan

Rithish Nair Rajendran

Sarika Agarwal

Sreenivasu Manga

Srinivasarao Vupputuri

Vishvesh Obla

Nominees for BOD for the HCC are:

Ashish Jain

Dr. Swatantra K. Mitta

A few important things to note.

- 1) There is still time to request absentee ballots. In the event any member is unable to attend in person, he/she can still request absentee ballots.
- 2) The certified membership list has been posted on the website. Any member that has paid their membership dues before the certified list was posted is still eligible to vote in the election provided proof of membership is presented¹.
- 3) In the event of an election additional details will be provided in the next couple of days.

Following are some important dates and deadlines:

- Date by which candidates can withdraw their nomination: **October 20, 2023**
- Date by which request for an absentee ballot² should be received by NEC: **October 21, 2023**
- Absentee ballots will be mailed by the NEC to the requestors: **October 23, 2023**
- Suggested date for absentee ballots to be mailed back to the NEC: **October 29, 2023**
- Date by which absentee ballot should be received by NEC: **November 12, 2023**
- Election Date: **November 19, 2023 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Nomination & Election Committee (NEC)

Mr. Kirthi Nagarajan, Chairman (518) 285-9794

Mr. Purushotham Bangalore (518) 321-4704

Mrs. Sreedevi Mandava (518) 429-5237

Election Appeals Committee

Mr. Gurinder Garcha

Mr. Prakash Joshi

Mr. Veerabhadra Bheemineni

¹ You can view certified members list at <https://www.hindutemplealbany.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/HTS-Members-2023-published-oct7.pdf>

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 – Smita Jain at 518-445-5678, manojandsmita@gmail.com

² Absentee ballot request can be made via email to HTSNEC2023@gmail.com. The person who needs the absentee ballots will have to make the request. Absentee ballot request from anyone else other than the member will not be entertained.

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 (or spouse) will not be entertained.

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Please note the last date to request an absentee ballot is October 21, 2023