

JSMC Newsletter - March 2017

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September 9, 2017

Jai Jinendra:

Pursuant to JSMC constitution ARTICLE XII, JSMC election shall be held on Sunday November 12, 2017 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. for three positions of The Board of Trustees (four-year term) and for all thirteen positions of The Executive Committee (two-year term) at The Jain Center We are glad to inform you that this year we will be introducing electronic voting system at JSMC to enhance members' experience and improve overall election process.

The Board of Trustees has appointed the following panel of Election Judges for the upcoming election:

1. Prabodh Vaidya (Chief Election Judge)
2. Samprati Shah
3. Dr. Mahesh Shah
4. Kekin Shah
5. Dhiren Solanki

The future of JSMC is dependent upon active participation of its members in the affairs of JSMC and the quality and dedication of its leaders. We invite all interested JSMC members to review the criteria for election nomination eligibility included herewith per the constitution and encourage to file their nomination for candidacy on or before Friday October 6, 2017 by filling out attached nomination form and oath statement. A candidate forum will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Jain Center.

Every nominee shall provide his/her own biography data (record of service to JSMC, relevant experience, accomplishments and vision) not exceeding 300 words via email to: jsmcelection2017@gmail.com no later than October 6, 2017. Nominee must also include a digital copy of passport size photograph along with the bio-data in email.

We urge and encourage you all to please attend the candidate forum and participate in the election to exercise your valuable right to vote on the Election Day. We also urge all members to please update your most recent information either on JSMC member portal or by contacting Membership Secretary.

We look forward to seeing you at JSMC on the Candidate Forum Day and the Election Day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mukesh M. Doshi, Chairman

On behalf of The Board of Trustees





2017 JSMC ELECTION CRITERIA

Pursuant to JSMC Constitution and by-laws, we reiterate following rules.

A. Qualification of Nominee:

1. To be nominated to contest for election, a proposed nominee must have been a Member in good standing of the Society for a specified period of time, as stated below, prior to assuming office at the start of the new term: a) For an Executive Committee position: minimum of three (3) full years; and b) For a Trustee position: minimum of five (5) full years of life time membership of JSMC
2. A nominee must be a Member of JSMC on his own accord and NOT a member by virtue of being an unmarried child of a Family Life Member under the age of twenty-five (25) years of age, must be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States, and must reside in Illinois, Indiana, or Wisconsin
3. Nomination of only one spouse shall be accepted for any open election position (BOT and EC). If both spouses fill out nomination forms for any open position both nomination forms will be declared null and void by the Election Judges.
4. A nominee for the election, who owes the Society One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more for any reason shall not be eligible to contest for the election, if the said amount is overdue, as per the payment terms or the financial policies of the Society, as of the date of nomination
5. A nominee for the election convicted of a felony (as defined by US laws) will be declared disqualified to contest by the Election Judges for ten (10) years after the date of such conviction
6. A nominee must not contest for more than one (1) position in any election. If two nomination forms are received from the same individual for two different positions in EC and/or BOT, both nomination forms will be declared disqualified by the election judges
7. An individual will be eligible to serve as a Trustee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive full terms
8. An individual can serve as the President of the EC for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each; and in any other position of the EC, for a maximum three (3) consecutive terms of two (2) years each
9. Individuals cannot serve more than twenty (20) years in lifetime as a Member of the EC and BOT combined

B. Eligibility to Vote:

1. Must be 18 years old or older
2. To vote in an election, a JSMC Member must have been a member of the Society at least for three hundred and sixty-five (365) days prior to the date of election
3. Each eligible family member can individually vote only once. Eligible family members are husband, wife and unmarried children between the ages of 18 to 25 years
4. The dependent child of a Family Life Member, who loses his membership due to his marriage or attainment of twenty-five (25) years of age, shall be deemed to be a continuing Member, and would be eligible to vote, if he becomes a member of JSMC within a period of one (1) year (365 days) after losing his membership

C. General Rules:

1. No write-in candidates
2. No absentee or mail-in ballot voting
3. Cannot vote on behalf of anyone else
4. To determine the member's voting eligibility and proof of age one of the following will be required: Photo identification of JSMC, current driver license, government issued photo id., or a current passport
5. Each voting member MUST vote for all three open positions of The Board of Trustees. A ballot containing less than three votes for the Board of Trustees will be declared null and void by the election judges. One cannot cast more than one vote for the same candidate
6. No campaigning or canvassing on Election Day within JSMC property
7. The election judges may implement additional rules as needed to execute smooth and fair election
8. Nomination can be withdrawn on or before October 29, 2017
9. You may refer Constitution and by-laws at <http://bit.ly/jsmcdocs>



2017 JSMC ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

I propose to nominate Mr./Mrs./Miss _____
_____ for the following position.

POSITION	TOTAL SEATS	CHECK ONLY ONE
Board of Trustees	1 OF 3	<input type="radio"/>
Executive Committee Members		
President	1	<input type="radio"/>
Vice President	1	<input type="radio"/>
General Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Joint Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Treasurer	1	<input type="radio"/>
Joint Treasurer	1	<input type="radio"/>
Membership & PR Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Education Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Religious Activity Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Food Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Joint Food Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Facility Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Secretary	1	<input type="radio"/>

PROPOSED BY:
 Name _____
 Signature _____
 Address _____

 Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 DOB: _____
 Email: _____

SECONDED BY:
 Name _____
 Signature _____
 Address _____

 Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 DOB: _____
 Email: _____

Proposing and seconding members MUST be life members for at least 3 years prior to November 12, 2017

Submit your nomination form postmarked **no later than Wednesday October 6, 2017**, via **CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED** to: 2017 Chief Election Judge Mr. Prabodh Vaidya, 9350 Cascade Circle, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Please also send an email notification of your mailing to: **prabodhvaidya31@yahoo.com** along with your biography data and a digital copy of your passport photo **no later than October 6, 2017**.

Candidate:

I, _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip Code

_____, accept the above nomination and want to serve the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago. I solemnly declare that I will adhere to JSMC Constitution and by-laws. I further understand that this is a volunteer service and I will work for the Jain Society diligently, honestly and to the best of my ability. I also agree to the rules of the Election as set forth by the Election Judges.

Signature _____ Email _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____



2017 JSMC Election Oath Statement

I, _____, am contesting for the office of

I swear and affirm under oath, that:

1. I have been a life member of JSMC for at least three/five years (circle one) prior to the date of election
2. I do not owe JSMC more than \$1,000 on any account, inclusive of any pledge or Gheeboli, that is overdue, as per the payment terms or the financial policies of the Society, as the date of this nomination.
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or any such other criminal offense within the last ten years
4. I subscribe to Jainism and am willing to sign a pledge affirming this belief

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Seal of Notary Public



******Official Use Only ******

Review by Election Judges

Form mailed on: _____

Form received on: _____

Approved / Disapproved

Date: _____

Prabodh Vaidya _____

Samprati Shah _____

Mahesh Shah _____

Kekin Shah _____

Dhiren Solanki _____

Deadline for mailing the nomination form, submitting photo and biography is October 6, 2017.



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Election 2017 Special Newsletter - Highlights

- Message from Chairman
- Election Rules
- Election Nomination Form
- Election Oath Statement