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JSMC Newsletter - October 2019

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## **2019 JSMC ELECTION**

The 2019 JSMC Election will be held at the Jain Center on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM.

The Judges of the 2019 Election Committee have approved the nominations of the following candidates. The elections will be held for 4 Trustee positions and 3 Executive Committee positions. The remaining 9 EC positions are uncontested, and one EC position does not have any nomination.

Profiles of contested and uncontested candidates are provided below.

Contesting Candidates			Uncontested Candidates		
Position	Number	Name	Executive Committee Position	Name	
Board of Trustees	10	Mahir D Taswala	President	Piyush P Gandhi	
Board of Trustees	11	Surendra Shah	General Secretary	Pragnesh J Shah	
Board of Trustees	12	Jayesh K Shah	Joint Secretary	Hitesh A Shah	
Board of Trustees	13	Harshad C Shah	Treasurer	Dinesh C Shah	
Board of Trustees	14	Vipul T Shah	Membership & PR Sec.	Manish H Shah	
Board of Trustees	15	Samprati J Shah	Education Secretary	Pradip K Shah	
Board of Trustees	16	Mayuri Zaveri	Religious Activity Sec.	Kanu Shah	
Board of Trustees	17	Sanjay B Shah	Food Secretary	Upendra S Dalal	
Board of Trustees	18	Manubhai M Shah	Joint Food Secretary	OPEN	
Board of Trustees	19	Kushalraj Singavi	Youth Secretary	Dimple J Shah	
Board of Trustees	20	Hitesh R Shah			
Vice President	30	Chandulal M Shah			
Vice President	32	Sunil F Shah			
Joint Treasurer	40	Ashutosh Gupta			
Joint Treasurer	42	Gaurav Jain			
Joint Treasurer	44	Rashmi C Shah			
Facility Secretary	50	Dilip A Shah			
Facility Secretary	52	Raj N Shah			

The Candidate Forum is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th, 2019 at 11:00am (sharp) at the Jain Center. All contesting candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and briefly present their goals for the Jain Society during the Forum. Delegation to any other representative or by any other means will not be permitted.

Uncontested candidates will be declared elected along with other candidates only after the election.

Sincerely,

2019 JSMC Election Judges

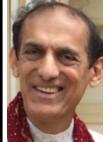
Kishor Shah, Sunil Jain, Bharat Kothari, Dhiren Solanki, Raj Trivedi

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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES**



Mahir Taswala [# 10] Board of Trustees

I have connection with JSMC since mid70's but my active journey with our society started with Bhumi Pujan on 24 November, 1990. By June of 1992, Jain Center with the Prayer hall was completed. Performance of Indra Mahotsav was planned for the opening of the stage. Jayshree and I were privileged to be the lead characters for the show along with my daughters, Shweta and Nirali and other members. Then came main Pratishtha of 1993 and 1995 where again we had actively participated in volunteering as well as for cultural shows. Society was in infancy stage and needed help in maintenance and financing. By grace of God, we were able to pitch in then too. Then came JAINA Convention and I served as a moderator and a volunteer.

By then society was growing and we needed to expand requiring large funds. Under the leadership of Sunil Jain, I was recruited in fund raising committee. It was a very successful campaign and with Ghee boli for expanded temple Pratishtha of 2009, society was set debt free. Besides the above, I had been a Judge for Decathlon for Pathshala; a leading member for more than three years in Constitution Amendment Committee; election Judge for 2015 JSMC election and team member of Guest Hospitality for nine days for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Currently I am serving in Advisory Council for JSMC. My vision for society is what would be of all the members of society which is to see that we meet the objectives set in Article three of JSMC constitution.

My twenty-two years' corporate experience ending as Project Manager has taught me to amicably work with diverse group of individuals to achieve desired results. That along with twenty-five plus years of involvement with JSMC affairs have definitely qualified me for the position I am seeking.



Surendra Shah [# 11]

**Board of Trustees** 

**RECORD OF MY SERVICES**: I am Surendra Shah, life member since 1987, and lifetime supporter of JSMC and now contesting the Election for continuation of my position as TRUSTEE.

- 1. Provided free of all cost complete sets of Blueprints for construction of our temple in 1990, 2006 and 2009
- 2. From Architecture Designing and building created huge live models of Shatrunjay Darshan during 2nd Pratishtha, Jal-Mandir during Jaina convention in Chicago, and most colorful huge model of ASHTAPADJI recently during 25th Anniversary celebrations. All three at zero cost to our Society.
- 3. Acquired pure Silver Aangi-Mugat ornament sets for all Pratimajis
- 4. Replaced old style Ceiling Tiles all over the temple with new Vinyl Gold painted Waterproof ceiling tiles.
- 5. Negotiated and purchased front lot parcel of land at a very economical price.
- 6. During 4 years session of my Trusteeship our gross income has jumped from \$1.34 million in 2015, to over \$ 2.0 million in 2018, and our net ordinary income from \$362,000 in 2015 jumped to \$ 943,000 as at the end of 2018., as per our Treasurers current reports.
- 7. We have started Medical Clinic, and Student Loan and Scholarship programs, and shall launch Food Court for the benefit of our Membership and temple visitors and guests.

#### **VISION FOR NEXT 4 YEARS:**

- 1. Build Dharamshala Aaradhana Bhavan, including Staff quarters, rental rooms, Bhojanshala and other such amenities for visiting traffic.
- 2. Building Canopy over current entrance to the temple
- 3. Extend Derasar Rangmandap, and make room for permanent models of Ashtapad and Shatrunjay darshan.
- 4. Strengthen our ties with Mahavir Mahila Mandal and Mahavir Senior Center



Harshad C Shah [# 13]

**Board of Trustees** 

My name is Harshad C Shah. I was born in 1950 in a Jain Family in Gujrat India. I have a B.COM degree in Accounting & Auditing. I am a life Member of JSMC since Forty plus years and also a Lifetime Supporter of JSMC. I have served JSMC as a volunteer in various capacity. I am also a part of committee member with Mahavir Senior Center. I am married and have a daughter and a Grand Son.





Jayesh K Shah (#12)

**Board of Trustees** 

As Trustee, I'd like to work to make sure that the Society is on good financial footing for years to come, that we spend less than we bring in. We need to spend money wisely and make sure that we include all members in our programs.

#### **Accomplishments**

Over the past many years, I have actively been involved as a <u>Volunteer at JSMC</u>. My accomplishments are as follows:

1982-1985: Sporadic volunteering while a student in Chicago

1989 - present: Actively volunteering at JSMC after moving back to Chicago

1993: Setup Network Registration for  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  JSMC Pratistha 1996 – 2000: One of the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  registrants for Adult Pathshala

2000-2010: Pathshala Registration Administrator

2004 - present: Initially led and co-managed AV for JSMC

2006: Designed the AV and Network infrastructure for the updated building expansion

2006-2007: Managed the installation of cabling for network and video

All - Present: Always available for any and all volunteering as required by JSMC teams. Assisting in Audio and Video; Derasar, Swamivatsalya, Mahavir Janma Kalnayak, Temple Anniversary, Paryushan, etc and other programs at JSMC. I was an early and current volunteer in Derasar crowd management during Paryushan.

#### **Professional & Personal**

In Chicago from 1981 to 1985 and since 1989. Have worked at many organizations including, AT&T, Siemens Communications, Orange Business Services, Avaya, GCI and Nouryon. I have been in Sales, Network Engineering and Network Architecture. For the past 13+ years have been a Project Manager managing budgets between \$50K to \$4M and managing resources in multiple countries.

I am married to Parul (Varsitap Tapasvi); Father to Hemali (U of I Medical Center) and Vishal (Enfusion). Both Hemali and Vishal were early members of Pathshala and Sutra Classes back in the 90's.



Vipul T. Shah [# 14]

**Board of Trustees** 

**My vision:** Long-term goals and vision for facility master plan (children park, multipurpose facility, landscaping, parking lot expansion), Innovative community and membership programs, functional excellence in BOTs, and sustainable financial growth. I want to increase focused initiatives to support youth, seniors, empowering women, and increase humanitarian efforts.

**2016-2019: President**, led groundbreaking and innovative achievements including:

- Brining unique Pooja/Poojans/Vidhans conducted by well-known dignitaries
- Welcoming Swadhays from all sects on Pathshala days
- Successfully leading team of 13 EC members with effective communication, great teamwork, trust, respect and joy
- Leading milestone JSMC <u>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mahotsav</u>
- Breaking all-time-high JSMC records for pledge collection, religious participation, volunteer participation, number of events & Tapasyas
- Relaunching improved JSMC Website
- Played instrumental role in renaming part of Route-59 Road as "Mahavir Swami Road" and obtaining <u>Proclamations</u> and <u>Resolutions</u> from State and Local governments
- Starting Free Medical Clinic
- Sound financials
- Hosting and supporting YJA Convention
- Leading JAINA activities Long-range team, Convention team, Jains Got Talent

**2012-2015: General Secretary**, made significant technology improvements including:

- Implementing online event registration for all events and sponsorship
- Converting JSMC office operations to an online, fully automated system. Modernizing the entire JSMC <u>backoffice</u> to enterprise scale secured and cloud hosted system
- Improved social presence with YouTube, Facebook, and Mobile App

**2010-2011: Membership Secretary**, improved Membership database by taking it online. Rejuvenated flagship events like Mela and Health Fair; and led many interfaith events.

2001-2009, led Publication/Media/PR team during Pratishtha Mahotsav, and JYFC events

**Personal & Professional:** BS Chemical Engineering, MS Computer Science. In Chicago since 1997, worked at Lehman Bros, Accenture, and at Microsoft for last 13 years as Director of Sales Specialist for Data & Artificial Intelligence. Husband of Reshma (Level 2 Pathshala teacher since 1994, JAB coach since 2011), Father of Anand (UChicago), Janvi (CaseWestern), and Ravi (highschool) – all JSMC Pathshala graduates/students





#### Samprati Shah [# 15]

**Board of Trustees** 

**Education:** B.E. Civil Engineering, M.E. Civil Engineering, MBA Finance and General Administration, Professional Engineer License, Realtor and Mortgage Broker

Work: Senior Civil Engineer at Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for 30 years (A Municipal Agency). Project Management, Budget Coordinator, Administrator, EPA Grants, Construction Management.

JSMC: Member and volunteer since 1973. Maintained Ghar Derasar at our home during 1973,1974 and 1975.

Host to visiting scholars/Sadhus such as Gurudev Chitrabhanu, Acharaya Sushil Muni (1976 or 1977), Jinji Maharaj, Shrutpragnaji and Sthitapragnaji and Nautambhai Vakil.

JSMC Secretary: 1994,1995 President: 1996, 1997

Board of Trustee: 1998 to 2004, BOT Chairman - 2004

Member of the Property or land acquisition team during late 1980s and found the land in Bartlett for the JSMC. Construction: Member of the Construction Committee during the first phase of Jain Center /Temple Construction.

Chairman/Project Manager of the Planning and Construction Committee for the Temple Expansion Project: 1999 to 2009.

Chairman Construction Committee: 2014 to 2019 Chief Election Judge: 2015, Election Judge: 2017

Advisory Council Member: 2 years

Average Donation to JSMC: \$5000+ since 1990

#### **JAINA Activities:**

As president and Secretary of JSMC established cordial relationship with JAINA by welcoming JAINA President Jagat Jain to Chicago. This was the turning point of relations between Chicago and JAINA. Hosted 1995 Jaina Convention along with our Pratistha Mahotsav on our property in 1995. Promoted Pathshala and Interfaith activities at the Jain Center as President and trustee. Established cordial relationship between various traditions (Shwetamber/Digamber, Sthankvasi and Shrimad) of Jain in JSMC.

Chairman/ Coordinator of Program Committee during 1995, 2001 and 2003 Conventions.

Convention Board Member: 1995, 2001 and 2003.

Recipient of JAINA Recognition Award at 2019 JAINA Convention.

#### Other Activities/Organizations:

India Development Service (IDS): Donor, committee member for many years. IDS provide service in India for Rural Development and helping poorest of the poor.



#### Mayuree Zaveri [# 16]

**Board of Trustees** 

**Personal:** Born and raised in a religious Jain family in Surat, I completed my Bachelors of Commerce from Sir KP Commerce College. After marrying Dr. Shailesh Zaveri, I migrated to the US. We instilled core Jain principles in our children who are now successful young adults in their fields, living the Jain Way of Life.

**Professional:** In the US, I embraced learning opportunities and became a certified Programmer, Nurse, Phlebotomist and Medical Coder. This enabled me to serve as Medical

Office Manager for 30+ years and provided me rich experience in Electronic Medical Records, Accounting, Payroll, HR, Inventory, Contracting, working with Attorneys & Insurance Carriers and also residential and commercial construction projects. In parallel, I gained expertise in medical procedures such as EKG, Stress Test, Echocardiograms, Ultrasounds and Laser Vein Ablation.

Spiritually, **Jain Swadhyay** has been very important in my life. I have studied many scriptures (Tattvärth Sutra, Jeevvichär, Samaysär, AshtPahud, etc.)

JSMC Experience: Since 1993, we have been active JSMC Life members. Since 2011, Dr. Zaveri & I have participated in the growth of the JSMC Health Fair as Core Members. Also, we are Core Member & Sponsor for the free JSMC Medical Clinic since August 2019. This had been our dream for long! Besides providing time and expertise to JSMC, we have been blessed to contribute to many projects & causes at JSMC and outside

**Goals:** Bring a unique perspective to JSMC governance that blends my life experiences as a woman, student of Jainism, medical professional, office manager and mother of three Jain Kids. My goals as a Trustee are:

- a) Rekindle our connection with young adults (ages 21-40) including those in interfaith marriages
- b) Devise innovative programs that make JSMC financially strong and self-sustaining
- c) Bring the essence of Jainism (Jain Way of Life) in daily lives





Sanjay Shah [# 17]

**Board of Trustees** 



#### **About Me:**

- Born and Raised in a Jain Family.
- Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the City University of New York.
- •Entrepreneur and Business Owner in the industries of Construction, Party and Equipment Rental, as well as various other industries.
- Oversee and manage overall strategy and growth of each business and actively participate in business decisions by interacting with team members at all levels.

#### Contributions to the Jain Community:

#### At JSMC:

- Active JSMC Life Member since 1992.
- Fortunate to be a Lifetime Supporter and a Donor for the 2009 JSMC Pratistha Mahotsav.
- Served as active Member of Fund-Raising Committee for 2009 JSMC Pratistha.
- Honored to lead as the Chair for the Facilities, Security and Parking Committee for 2009 Pratistha.
- Served as a Leading Member of the Constitution Amendment Committee from 2012-2015.
- Served as a Member of the Advisory Committee for the Board of Trustees from 2013-2015.
- Served as an Election Judge for two JSMC Elections in 2011 & 2013.

#### **Beyond JSMC:**

- Life Member at Jain International Trade organization (JITO USA).
- Actively involved in many social and charitable organizations and events outside of JSMC.

#### Goals if Honored to Serve as Trustee:

- To bring an innovative and unbiased perspective to the JSMC Board and leadership at JSMC.
- To take on responsibility for infrastructure projects and financial reporting.
- To help with long-term planning and contribute to establishing the long-term strategic direction of our Society.
- To impact the establishment and improvement of Operating Policies and Procedures, with the goal of increasing active participation among Young Adults and our Seniors.
- To initiate or improve programs to create a sustainable platform for Community Service.
- To sustain and enhance our financial and operational foundation so that it supports our long-term growth and is mindful of all of the needs of our Society and Members.



#### Manubhai M Shah [# 18]

**Board of Trustees** 

Born in a Jain family in India

Studied Engineering in Mumbai & USA.

Married to Hasmita Shah, Mumbai in 1975.

Two married Children and four grandsons.

Goal: I want to work and serve with a new vision with new ideas for our Seniors who are the Foundation of our amazing JSMC.

#### Jain Sangh Contributions:

- Brought and donated Mulnayak Bhagwan Shri Mahaveer Swami (murti), Samosaran (Trigdu) and Bhandar to be a a pioneer in the establishment of the Jain Society of Toronto Canada in 1975.
- Served multiple years in EC of The Jain society of Toronto Secretary and Construction Committee. Designed and managed Ghabara project.
- Directed with my wife Hasmita Shah first "Nem-Rajul" Jain drama in North America in 1988 with 22 young artist.

At present I am serving as a Jt. Secretary of Mahavir Senior Committee.

Moved in 1994 to Chicago and became an active life-member in JSMC.





Kushalraj Singavi [# 19]

**Board of Trustees** 

I am Kushalraj Singavi, have earned my Masters degree in Speech Language Pathology and Masters in Audiology in 1983. Currently I am practicing Speech Language Pathology in Joliet area. I am contesting for the positions of Trustees of Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago in the upcoming elections.

I have been a life member since 1996, and feel honored to have served as Membership Secretary in the Executive committee for four years and started Hindi Classes. It has been a privilege that in past 23 years the EC and BOT have trusted me and gave the responsibilities to be Judge for the elections, during Mahaveer Jayanthi Declamation

contests, during JSMC Raas Gurba Utsav, Stuti competition, and JSMC Member Recognition Awards committee.

I have volunteered at the JSMC Annual Health Checkup Camp as an Audiologist and Speech Pathologist since 1998. It has been a tremendous learning and practicing experience of Jain Philosophy since I was an adult class student in 1996 and then become the first teacher of Level Seven class around 2003 and continue to moderate this class along with other teachers. Being a part of Pathshala has provided me several opportunities to enjoy my hobby of theatre and stage activities for the last two decades as a director and performer along with other drama team members.

#### My vision.

- 1. Expand Medical Clinic test.
- 2. Build liaison with the local administration/village, State and Federal representative.
- 3. Actively interact with interfaith groups.
- 4. Promote humanitarian causes locally
- 5. Strengthen financial status.
- 6. Infrastructure improvements. a) Parking b) Children's playground c) Landscaping.

I am married to Susheela Singavi and blessed with Dr. Arun, his wife Dr. Meera, grandson Adiya, daughter Archana her husband Samit Sheth. I seek your support for my candidacy to the position of JSMC Trustee.



Hitesh R. Shah [# 20]

**Board of Trustees** 

I am holding the post of Board of Trustee. I am a proud to be JSMC lifetime member. I am a team player and like to work with team members. I am 1 of 4 running candidates for board of trustee and here is my biodata.

2016-present holding post of trustee, and the vice-chairman for year of 2018-2019. During the 25th anniversary I worked as a core team member and helped in planning in all major activities. Also, I am a liaison to EC and actively helping in all major events and also in construction activities and fundraising.

From 2012-2015 holding vice-president post led many religious and social activities. As a VP, responsible for all maintenance work, employee managements, payroll preparation, rental activities, and working with outside vendors.

From 2002-2011 held the post of food secretary. We've ordered food from outside vendors for all our events. During 2009 Pratistha I decided to start to prepare all the meals at Jain Center and during 2009 Pratistha we prepared most of the food at our Jain Center and served more than 25000 plus members with the help of volunteers. It continues today and we prepare foods for all of our Jain Center events.

In 1993-2001 from the first pratistha, I helped as a volunteer mostly in the food area My long-term vision is to facility expansion as needed. Make JSMC financially strong. Build strong relation with all sects. Helping in construction activities and Innovative youth and religious activity.



#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES (CONTESTED)**



Chandulal M. Shah [# 30]

Vice President

Education: B.Sc in Chemistry from Bombay University

B. S. Chemical Engineer from State University of New York at Buffalo

MBA -Rutgers University, NJ

Work experience: Process control manager with Sun Chemical Corporation for 25 years For last 17 years importing Organic Pigments from India & marketing in USA & Europe

Achievements: Flushing technology patent.

One of founding members in building Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton. (JCCD)

Three term Jaina director representing JCCD

Three term JCCD President.

JSMC: Provided volunteer service for last 6 years during Paryushana for Akashana Tapasvi



Vice President Sunil F. Shah [# 32]

I have been extremely fortunate to serve our temple as a Treasurer for 4 years and Joint Treasurer for 4 years. To continue my service and continue improving our JSMC, I have decided to contest for the position of Vice President.

I am incredibly devoted to our religion and its principles. I am strongly committed to the preservation and progress of our society. I would like to take this opportunity to share my accomplishments and goals going forward. It is my sincere hope that I will have your support in serving our JSMC.

#### **Goals:**

- Assist the President in exercising his duties, manage community services and events
- Manage employees and volunteer staff and provide effective operation of the facilities
- Maintain compliance with safety, environment and legal requirements
- Create and work in an all-inclusive environment involving members at all levels.
- Increase rental by using effective marketing and enhanced services
- Reduce facility related expenses by negotiating contracts and reduce office expenses and payroll
- Motivate youth, various groups and Senior Citizens in volunteering at community and religious events

#### Accomplishments: Past 8 years as a finance team lead,

- Maintained the financial records in a timely, structured and accountable manner
- Implemented the processes and ensured that all pledges and gheebolis were received and processed
- Developed transparent financial processes and ensured effective control
- Worked closely with BOT-EC team and planned, monitored and reported financial performance
- Managed the budget and improved procedures, analyzed operational expenses and reduced the expenses
- Consistently maintained No-Backlog status and low account receivables

I believe that I have proven myself with determination, dedication, and devotion. I am confident that I will be able to continue serving and promoting JSMC to the highest level. I am honored to be part of JSMC, and I hope I can count on you for your support.

## ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST PROCESS





Step 2

**Attach Supporting** 

Copy of State issued

valid ID or valid

\$10 Check, made

payable to JSMC

documents:

passport.







Step 1					
Download absentee					
ballot application from					
JSMC website					

Fill in JSMC membership details in the application. Sign the application.



Step 3 Mail your application before 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 along with supporting documents. Mailing Address:

Streamwood, IL 60107-2971

JSMC Election 2019 P.O. Box 849

If accepted, you will get an email with link (URL) after Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Click on the link to cast your vote.

Step 4

Make your selection and submit your vote before 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 5:00 PM

Step 5



Ashutosh Gupta [# 40]

Joint Treasurer



Born and raised in Nadiad. I completed my undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from India and came to US on my own in 2002 on a Student Visa to attend Loyola University of Chicago for my MBA in accounting and finance. I worked fulltime while pursuing my MBA to avoid any financial burden on my family back in India. I passed the CPA exam on my first try while working fulltime. Hard work and dedication have shaped me to be what I am today.

I am a controller for a manufacturing company called Hendrickson and responsible for \$2B financial statements along with strategic matters related to Accounting/Finance.

I am married and have two wonderful children, Arianna(8) and Rohan(6). All four of us are very involved in temple activities. Both children attend Pathshala, and my wife participates in dance performances. Both of us volunteer wherever is needed.

My reason to run for joint treasurer is to serve the temple, and I hope to get a chance to make a difference that will last for the future of our wonderful organization. An organization that gave me and my family a place to belong to, a place that gives us our identity.

#### **VISION AND GOALS:**

- 1) **EFFICIENCY:** Continue automating processes and streamline data aggregation. Find the right balance of automation and hard work with limited resources available.
- 2) **INTEGRITY & CONFIDENTIALITY:** Handle finance transactions with utmost integrity and confidentiality Develop and enforce strong internal controls and financial management policies.
- 3) ACCURACY: Prepare/present accurate financial statements in timely fashion.
- 4) FRESH PERSPECTIVE: Be a voice for JSMC members. Conflict resolution and problem solving with unbiased perspective.
- 5) **TALENT DEVELOPMENT:** Provide internships for high school and College kids with accounting aspirations. Also recruit/inspire and groom individuals to be part of JSMC's future Treasury team.



Gaurav Jain [# 42] Joint Treasurer

Personal & Professional: I was born and raised in a very religious Jain family in Mumbai, India. I completed my Bachelors & Masters in Commerce from Mumbai University along with Chartered Accountancy (CA) in first attempt. I have over 20 years industry experience in various accounting, finance & planning roles at companies such as Accenture, Nike, Qualcomm, Northwestern Hospital, Schlumberger and currently Walgreens. Over the years, I have gained valuable experience in various computer software systems including accounting and financial planning packages. My wife & I live within a mile of JSMC in Streamwood.

JSMC Experience: We have been active JSMC Life members since 2010. In the last 10 years, I have had the opportunity volunteer in many JSMC activities & events including the 25th Anniversary Celebration (Guest Hospitality, Co-Lead), Mid-west Jain Youth Conference (2011), guide on multiple School & College Tours to JSMC, and Finance / Security Volunteer in MJK, Garba, etc. My wife (Saloni Jain) is an active Aangi Volunteer for many years. We have also been fortunate to undertake various tapasya during Paryushan for the last 6+ years.

**Goals as Jt. Treasurer:** As a CA and Finance Professional living close to JSMC, I can bring a lot of expertise and time to continue and enhance the excellent treasury function that we currently have. Major goals that I have for this role are:

- a) Continue and improve upon the excellent Service levels that the Treasury team has already established at JSMC in Accounting, Audit, Donor Management, Payment Processing and Tax Compliance
- b) Work with the Membership Secretary to integrate JSMC Donor Database, Quickbooks and Member Database, thereby providing donation visibility on the Membership Portal
- c) Work with the EC team to enable additional ways for donor to make payments through handheld devices





Rashmi C Shah [# 44]

Joint Treasurer

My name is Rashmi C. Shah and running for the open Joint Treasurer committee member. Being a life member of the Jain Society since long time, I am excited to give back and provide excellent service to my community. This position particularly appeals to me because of its continued commitment to managing and developing JSMC.

My qualifications align with the requirements of this position: I worked at the Cook County Hospital as a Supervising Pharmacist for ten years. My role included effectively and efficiently increasing productivity and care by managing and leading over seventy employees. For example, I successfully cut costs associated to overtime.

I have contributed to JSMC as a participant and volunteer on numerous occasions. For example, I participated in the Pratishta of Ghantakaran Veer, Suvidinath, Shetrunjay-pat, and volunteered during the 25th year anniversary celebration at Registration Desk. My family and I are dedicated life-long Jain members, which my support undeniably shows. I am committed to Jainism and the supreme religion of non-violence. My personality and ethics are exemplary of Jainism and I am confident that these attributes will allow me to be an ideal Joint Treasurer.

This position is very important because the foundation and operation of JSMC relies on proper funding. For example, I have no outstanding balance with JSMC because I have executed timely payments for any donations made on my behalf. If I am elected, I promise that my personal views will never interfere or be a driving force for any decision-making. All decisions I make will be in the best interest of JSMC. Having this mindset creates a selfless vision and will provide the organization the best opportunities to succeed together as a society. My goal to assist Treasurer in managing incoming pledges, Bhandar Collection and invoice related responsibility and maintain accurate accounting.



Dilip Shah [# 50]

Facility Secretary

My name is Dilip Shah and currently, I am serving as Vice president for our JSMC. Prior to this term, I have served as a Food secretary for 6 years. In those 6 years I took many initiatives to make our food items hygienic and nutritious at the same time delicious and Kids friendly.

As a Vice President I have hired 2 new Pujaris for our temple. One of the biggest accomplishments that I have achieved is to bring The Bartlett Police Department on our premises to provide a safe environment during any big gathering (ex. Pathasala, Paryushan, etc).

#### My goals as a Facility Secretary are:

- Keeping up to date with maintenance and repair work wherever it's needed within our property/Premises area, as it's getting old.
- Fix water leakage issue ASAP especially in temple area.
- Working with EC and BOT to provide additional parking facilities within our property to avoid parking on the Grass.



Raj N Shah [# 52]

Facility Secretary

**Education: B. Com LLB.** Life Member since 1997.

Providing Volunteer Services since 1995 in various areas such as kitchen and food services, Garba Programs, Fun Fair activates, Fund Raising. I had collected highest amounts of Donations when we launched Lifetime Support even, I was not in comity that time. Coordinating Shrimad Rajchandra Programs.

Working as a joint food secretary since 2018. I have collected good amount of donation in 2009 Shrimad Prathishta. I have experience managing several properties for maintenance and operations. I have provided several maintenance people for JSMC and help save cost repair. I have worked for this in coordination with our Facility Secretary.

My Vision is to save money and get better service for our Temple and use my experience, knowledge and my contacts. I respectfully request your support and valuable vote to serve our Jain Society.



Piyush Gandhi President

My family has been fortunate to have received your Love and Support ever since we came to Chicago. The last one decade had been very fortunate for us as I got chance to serve JSMC, an opportunity that I've thoroughly enjoyed. Taking this commitment further, I seek your blessing to serve JSMC as **President** for the next two years.

#### Along with your support, I'll pursue to do the following

- Play a central role in providing an honest and transparent environment for our members
- Engage next generation by providing a platform for networking
- ✓ Work diligently to bring state of the art technologies to JSMC
- ✓ Create services targeted towards need of our Seniors
- ✓ Increase volunteer base and be mentor to people interested in serving JSMC
- ✓ Increase female participation at every level of JSMC

#### JSMC and Me

#### General Secretary (2016-2019)

- Lead various events like MJK, Paryushan, Das Laxana, Anniversary, Health Fair, Mela, etc
- Revamped JSMC's communication platform
- Ensured EC meeting minutes are accurately and timely published for membership
- Supported JSMC youths bid to host YJA convention in Chicago
- Increased JSMC's presence at JAINA by providing leadership at JAINA level

#### Membership Secretary (2012 - 2015)

- Published JSMC Directory 2014
- Increased membership to 1750+ families
- Brought greater transparency EC & BOT Meeting Minutes now available online

#### Youth Secretary (2010 - 2011)

- Initiated Social events with Spiritual flavor
- Midwest Youth Convention
- JSMC Mentorship Program, Monthly Dinner Meets, Career fair, Walk for Peace, etc.

Pratistha 2009 — Finance Committee Co-Chair and Lead Event Management Committee

Co-Editor of JSMC Directory 2008



Pragnesh Shah General Secretary

Pranam & Jai Jinendra!

My name is Pragnesh Shah, I am fortunate to serve JSMC for past 4 years as Membership/PR secretary and Executive committee member of 25th anniversary of JSMC milestone, and active volunteering since 2005. I was born in very religious family, blessed with religious wife, three kids are very active in many events and pathshala students of JSMC. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of my SEVA. I am very passionate JSMC member and taking this commitment further, I am seeking your blessing to serve JSMC as General Secretary for the next two years term.

#### My contributions to JSMC:

- Lead volunteer of photography team since 2006, I have captured many memories of our members.
- Lead Digambar coordinator from 2009-2015
- Fund raising subcommittee member 2009-2015
- Assisting in creating new membership portal & cleaning membership database
- Part of team member to major accomplishment of "Mahavir Marg" on partial road of route 59, this is a major accomplishment for Jains outside of India.
- As a PR secretary we have invited many local faith leaders, changed our relationship with Village of Bartlett President, trustee, police, fire and other village departments. Also, we have invited many local, state and national politician at JSMC.
- Many successful events lead such as Fund raising, Health fair, Bowling, Diwali musical party, Garba and many other events.

**Vision:** Serving as Executive committee member to establish and reinforce Jain values. In a General secretary role. I am planning to increase our volunteer base and be a mentor to member interested in serving OUR JSMC. I would like to continue bringing greater transparency in the functioning of JSMC. I will maintain and improve the exiting channels of communications to our members. I will work diligently to bring state of the art technologies at JSMC. I would like to increase Jain rituals as pooja and swadhyav.



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Hitesh A Shah Joint Secretary

#### **Service to JSMC:**

- Currently serving as a Facility Secretary for last four years.
- Lifetime member for over 20 years
- Active volunteer in multimedia and audio-video and Kitchen during entire year since 2002.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- As facility secretary done many projects to improve our facility.
- Convert all parking lot lights to LED light.
- Lead the A/V team is past and main contact for A/V.
- Designed, installed, and maintained the all A/V equipment in our JSMC.
- Saved almost over \$150,000+ using my detailed knowledge including the JSMC facility.

#### Vision:

- First, I like to improve our A/V system to provide the best sound for all of our programs.
- Take all necessary steps to improve the safety and security at our center.
- Improve our WI-FI to give us best connectivity anywhere in the building.
- Improve our communications at JSMC, like Mailing, Printing, Etc.
- Improve our security system; add more security camera in building and parking lot.
- Working very closely with all volunteers for all JSMC events.



My name is Dinesh C Shah. Married with Nayna and blessed with 2 kids and 4 grand kids.

I am very fortunate enough to have received your love, support and encouragement for my service as Joint Treasurer Last Four Year. A volunteer for more than 20+ years. I have decided to serve as a Treasurer.

#### Accomplishments:

- 30+ years of experience running Medical Supply business with 16 employees
- Managing budget, account receivables, Payments and financial statements
- Served as Joint Treasurer Last Four Year.
- Key contributor and coordinator in JSMC Health Fair for last 9+ years
- Played significant role in finance team during 2009 Pratishtha
- Served as a President of Jain Visa Oswal group of North America
- Actively involved in Fund raising and organizing medical camps in India as part of Gram Seva Foundation. Also serving as Board member.

#### Goals

- Continue follow current Treasury team tasks and improve wherever needed
- Work very closely with Joint Treasurer and other committee members
- Taking care of Payroll. Better Inventory System in Many areas to reduce Expenses.
- Increase transparency and share financial data
- Determine methods to reduce expenses

I can accomplish above goals with my business experience and dedication to JSMC. I am proud of JSMC.

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Since its inception in 1970, JSMC now has more than 1900 Jain families participating in year around religious, educational and socio-cultural activities. Over the past 49 years at JSMC we have been very fortunate to be blessed with many donors, leaders and volunteers like you who have contributed with heart and soul. To overcome our

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If you have not already pledged to become a lifetime supporter, we urge you to consider a donation of \$365 or more.

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Manish Shah

Membership & PR Secretary



My contributions to the JSMC:

- JSMC volunteer and active member for over 20 years
- Served as youth core team lead in 1993 during the first JSMC Pratistha Mahotsav and Infrastructure/

Transportation team lead during 2009 Pratistha Mahotsav.

- Served as Pathsala Art Teacher for 5 years.
- Served as Parking and Transportation team lead for 6 years
- Volunteered and helped organize many of the JSMC yearly lock-in's since 1996.
- Served Advisory Council for 2 years, 2015-2016
- Serving Construction committee for 2 years, 2018-2019
- Active Board member as a Treasurer for AMFP (Association of Medical Facility Professionals) 2016-2019

#### My tangible goals/Vision:

- Gather member feedback to improve/enhance current benefits.
- Provide resources and activities to our growing senior population and youth.
- Expand JSMC membership to young generations and collaborate with them to increase active participation.
- Continue enhancement of JSMC member portal initiated by the current Membership Secretary.
- Maintain JSMC's affiliations with external organizations by collaborating with them as initiated by current BOT/EC.
- Use my architectural experience by collaborating with Facility Secretary for improvement and enhancement of our current facility and future plans.

My passion of giving back, "Niswarth Seva," to the community has kept me involved in JSMC related activities since 1993. I hope that my proven dedication and devotion to the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago over the past years provides strong evidence that I will maintain the same energy and commitment, and more, to the Membership Secretary/PR role. I am ready to take on this challenge, with dedication, passion and humility.



Pradip Shah Education Secretary

#### Programs, Achievements for JSMC Päthashälä:

- Education Secretary at JSMC 2008-2015, 2018-19
- Growth of Pathashala from 135 Students in 2009 to 502 Students in 2019
- Adult Päthashälä teacher 1998-present Growth in enrollment from 8 participants in 1998 to 85 participants Awards:
- Recipient of JAINA Presidential Award at 2003 JAINA Convention, Cincinnati, U.S.A.
- Recipient of outstanding service for JAINA Education committee, 2005 JAINA convention, San Jose, CA U.S.A.

#### **JSMC Pathashala activities**

- Declamation Contest during MJK for last 20 years 75 Participants and Annual Stuti Competition since 2016 30 participants
- Paryushan Pratikraman for College Bound Students and Young Professionals 70 Participants
- Paryushan Pratikraman for JSMC youth 225 Participants
- Paryushana Parva Nava- Pada Pujan 40 Participants and Snätra puja For Päthashälä students
- Sutra Class -- 35 Students, 7 teachers and Hindi language class 16 students
- JAB At JAINA--- 1st and 2nd place trophy for last many JAINA Conventions
- Jain History Play 2009, 2011,2014 (75 participants each Play)
- JAIN Education Workshop
- Conducting College and High School students Tour for JAINISM -101
- Open book exam in 2016 in Gujarati and English on Jain philosophy for teachers and JSMC members

JSMC 25th Anniversary: Karmic Forces Play (60 participants), Created Bhagawan Mahavir swami Life Gallery and Dhyana Exhibit Vision:

To teach Jain Philosophy and instill Jain Values in JSMC children, youth, and adults so they can live a very fulfilling life and be a illustrative of Jain religion. Promote and Increase Swadhyay sessions. Increase Library Utilization. To engage Young Jain Professionals at JSMC

#### **JAINA Activities**

- Major contribution in JAINA Education books publication
- Coordinator JAB at JAINA 2001,2003,2007
- Coordinator of 1st Tirtha Puzzles, Flags JAINA Convention 2001
- Coordinator JAINA Päthashälä meeting Chicago 2001
- Coordinator 'Talk Back Live' Panel Jain Youth Issues Convention 1999
- 'Life to Liberation' Presentation Philadelphia Convention 1999





Kanu Shah

B.Sc. (Statistics) M. S. University of Baroda, India - 1977

M.S. (Computer Science) Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago - 1990

Occupation: Sr. Software Engineer

#### **Religious Activities:**

Education:

• Learned sutra up to VANDITU by rote (some of them are with meaning)

- Astha Prakari Puja (every weekend)
- Pratikraman (every Chaudash and each day of Paryushana)
- Paushadh on Samvatsari day
- Tivihar upvas on 5 Tithi (monthly)

Upendra S Dalal Food Secretary

I, Upendra Dalal enrolled as a life member or the beautiful JSMC organization long time ago.

People believe in doing religious activities in many different ways and is one of the main driving reasons for me to serve our JSMC Community in whatever role I am found fit.

I have served as a trustee in Shri Lavanya Jain Sangh for more than 25 Years. I have also served as a President for Lavanya Society.

I was elected as the Honorable Secretary in India's largest business organization known as the Maskati Cloth Market Association and the New Cloth Market Society. Also represented the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Panjrapole

Jivdaya Sanstha as a Co-opt Member.

I have served the beautiful JSMC organization as a JT. Food Secretary during the 2016-2017 period. I also served as a Food Secretary for the period of 2012-2019.

I carry good management skills and find myself fit to perform the role if given the opportunity. And I pledge to give my best, whole hearted contribution and selfless service to JSMC Community.



Dimple Shah Youth Secretary

My goal is to support the vision of the JSMC Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for the enhancement of the JSMC to promote Jain values. I am looking forward continuing seva by organizing religions & spiritual sadhana and health promoting events. Working with the younger generation to see the Jain Sangh grow stronger and bigger and be supportive of our community. As Youth Secretary my goal is to increase the level of engagement from young participants and volunteers in planning, organizing, and successful execution of various on-going and new youth activities. I believe that I can be a valuable addition to our Executive Committee

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- JAINA —LA Committee Member 2019 Planning logistics, events, publishing, coordinating with volunteers, local LA team and local Pathshala teachers to provide the best spiritual and learning
- JSMC, Chicago Youth Secretary Jan 2013 Jan 2015 Introduced new event in the society like Vegan day and Ahimsa walk, women's day for community's spiritual growth and Healthy lifestyle Proven Youth Secretary 2014 JSMC
- Jain Pathshala, Chicago Teacher Aug 2010 present Actively teaching kids about Jainism, Rituals, and Jain stories in pathshala class. Inspiring kids through teachings and stories of our Tirthankaras
- Jaina Education Committee, North Carolina Committee Member Aug 2017 present Actively participating in Jain book creation committee and Jain Education participant in Teacher's workshop

#### **SKILLS:**

- Comfortable with various age groups and team members
- Member of JAINA organization team
- Member of Jain education committee

#### **Profession**

IT consultant, Chicago; Mar 2001 - present Agile scrum master, IT professional in financial and Healthcare domain.

**Family:** Spouse - Jigar M. Shah, Environmental Consultant; Daughter -Maahi - Biomedical Engineering Student and Jain Chapter lead at UIC; Son - Sohum - JAB student in JSMC

**Religious Secretary** 



Diwali the festival of light is round the corner. Like this festival of light let us also enlighten our inner self. We are pleased to have **Shri Narendrabhai Koradia** from Nakodaji, Rajasthan India, with us for Diwali Celebration.



Tentative Diwa li Program Schedule						
Date	Time	Event				
Fri, Oct 25 to Mon, Oct 28	7:15 to 10:00 pm	Samadhimaran Mala at Shrimad Gyan Mandir				
Sat, Oct 26 (Kali Chaudas)	11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Pravachan on Navkaar Mantra by Nareshbhai				
	12:00 to 1:30 pm	Afternoon Swamivatsalya (JSMC thanks Anonymous Donor family for sponsoring Swamivatsalya)				
	1:30 to 5:00 pm	Ghantakarna Vir Poojan/Havan conducted by Shri Nareshbhai				
	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Youth Stuti Competition				
	5:00 to 7:00 pm	Evening Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship opportunity available for \$1,501. Up to 3 families can participate)				
Sun, Oct 27 (Diwali & Mahavir Nirvan Kalyanak)	9:00 to 10:30 am	Vardhaman Sakrastav Abhishek on Mulnayak conducted by Shri Nareshbhai				
	11:00 am to 12:30 pm	Youth Diwali Ashtaprakari Pooja				
	12:00 to 1:30 pm	Afternoon Swamivatsalya (JSMC thanks Alex & Heena Chen family for sponsoring Swamivatsalya - celebrating Jayan's 5th Birthday)				
	1:00 to 5:00 pm	Bhairav Parshvanath Poojan conducted by Shri Nareshbhai				
	5:00 to 7:00 pm	Evening Swamivatsalya (Sponsorship opportunity available for \$1,501. Up to 3 families can participate)				
	10:00 pm	Gananu Ganvanu (Only if confirmed RSVP received)				
	6:00 to 8:30 am	Mahavir Nirvan Ladoo				
Mon, Oct 28	8:30 to 10:00 am	Diwali Nasto (Sponsorship opportunity available for \$1,001. Up to 2 families can participate)				
	8:00 pm	Pravachan on Logass by Shri Nareshbhai				
Tue, Oct 29 (Bestu Varas)	7:30 am	Dwar Opening (Gheeboli will be conducted during Bhairav Parshvanath Poojan)				
	8:00 to 10:30 am	Navkarsi (JSMC thanks Sandio & Mira Vora family for sponsoring Navkarsi)				
	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Snatra Pooja and Navsmaran Pooja				
	12:00 to 1:30 pm	Afternoon Swamivatsalya (ISMC thanks Ramesh & Surekha Parekh family and Jagdish & Renuka Shah family for specialing Swamivatsalya)				
	7:30 to 9:00 pm	New Year's day Bhavna in Derasar followed by Aarti and Mangal Divo				

## Diwali 2019 Poojans





Ghantakarna Veer Poojan

As part of our Diwali Celebrations we will have Ghantakarna Veer Poojan on Kali Chaudas conducted by Shri Narendrabhai Koradia. You can participate with a Fixed Nakro of \$501 ea. for 3 Main Pithikas and \$51 ea. for Small Pithikas.

During this poojan labhartis will get an opportunity to do this special Abhishek on Mulnayak. There are 11 Alavs in this poojan that will be conducted by Shri Narendrabhai Koradia. Fixed Nakro of each Alav is \$201.

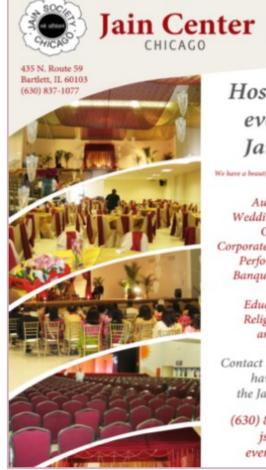
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Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5				
Download absentee ballot application from JSMC website	Attach Supporting documents: Copy of State issued valid ID or valid	Mail your application before 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 along with supporting documents.  Mailing Address:	email with link (URL) after Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Make your selection and submit your vote before 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 5:00 PM				
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Sunday 9:15 am Digambar Puja Saturday 9:00 am Yoga & Meditation

#### **Monthly Activities**

1st Sunday 11 am Navakar Jaap

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am Pathasala

1st & 3rd Sunday 11 am General Swadhyay

1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am Sutra Classes

1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am Hindi Classes 2nd Sunday 11 am ECBOT office hours

1st Tuesday 8 pm Executive Committee Meeting

3rd Tuesday 8 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

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