

# NYATS Election Notification for the term year starting April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Election Committee**

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#### Introduction

New York Albany Tamil Sangam (NYATS) is incorporated in New York State as a non-profit entity, and it has been in existence for two years. NYATS's current officers will complete their two-year term in April 2018.

The Election Committee is charged with the task of soliciting nominations & conducting elections for NYATS.

Election Committee is in charge of and responsible for any appeals, and it is charged with the task of resolving any disputes the candidates may have.

Accordingly, the Election Committee is inviting nominations for the positions listed below. The title and the number of positions open for nomination, applicable rules, deadlines, and nominating forms are provided as well.

NYATS website details here: [ <a href="https://www.nyalbanytamilsangam.com/election-2018/">https://www.nyalbanytamilsangam.com/election-2018/</a>]

#### **Important Dates:**

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018: Deadline for membership renewals and any updates to contact

details

March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>: Accept nominations for open positions

March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>: Withdrawal period

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018: Announce Slate of Candidates
March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>: Election/Voting period for 48 hours

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 @10 am: Results Declarated by Election committee

#### Nomination

A candidate nominates himself/herself. A candidate must be a NYATS member in 2017 and have the primary residence within the NY Capital Region. Nomination forms shall be accepted from 03/06/2018.

A candidate nominates himself/herself by sending a filled-in nomination form via email to the election committee. The nomination form must be signed and dated. The nomination form can be sent only through email as a scanned soft copy. The nomination email/form may also include a brief statement by the candidate (not more than 200 words) as an attachment. The statement will be posted on NYATS website. Please send your nominations to <a href="mailto:nyats.ec@qmail.com">nyats.ec@qmail.com</a>

Upon receiving the nomination, the election committee will confirm the receipt of the nomination by email. If you do not receive this confirmation within 24-48 hours, call one of the election committee members.

Upon verification of membership details, the candidate will be added to the slate of candidates.

The actual process of the electronic voting will be communicated as soon as it is finalized. The deadline for nominations is **03/12/2018**.

#### Withdrawal

All the nominated applicants can withdraw their nomination by the cut-off date specified. Withdrawal deadline is **03/16/2018**. Withdrawal must be sent in an email to Election Committee at <a href="mailto:nyats.ec@qmail.com">nyats.ec@qmail.com</a>

After verification of the nominations, the Election Committee shall publish and update the list of nominees and the slate of candidates on NYATS website.

#### **Open Positions:**

#### **Executive Committee Member – 15 positions**

A candidate may hold just one position at any given time. After the election results have been declared, elected board members shall elect officers namely President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **Voting**

Election for the 15 positions will be conducted, if there are more than 15 candidates. If such an election is held, each member may cast up to 15 votes. A member may choose to cast fewer than 15 votes, if he/she wants to.

It is anticipated that the NYATS election will be conducted via electronic balloting for 48 hours on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 and March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 (the mode of electronic voting will be announced if it is conducted).

Each member wishing to cast a vote in the election must have a valid email on file with NYATS (see board members' contacts below). In case of family membership, a separate email is required for each spouse to exercise two votes. Please contact the board members to provide/update your email addresses ASAP. We consider this to be members' responsibility to keep their contact details up to date with NYATS. Members are allowed to update details through MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

Details of voting procedures will be communicated to the NYATS members at a later date. The election committee anticipates completing the election process by March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. Elected candidates will assume office on April 15th, 2018. Should there be no need for elections, then the election committee shall consider declaring the results at an earlier date i.e., on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 instead of announcing the Slate of Candidates.

#### **Election Committee**

Following members are appointed to the Election Committee by the Board of NYATS. Please contact the EC by email at: <a href="mailto:nyats.ec@gmail.com">nyats.ec@gmail.com</a>

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#### **NYATS Board Contact:**

For membership issues please send an email to: contact@nyalbanytamilsangam.com.

Thank you,

Election Committee 2018. Annu Subramanian, Jayakumar Sivaraj, and Parasuram Sethumathavan