

NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE BLIND, INDIA

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To

All the Life/Ordinary/Institutional Members of the National Association for the Blind, India

Dear Members,

Sub: Election to the Executive Council of NAB, India 2018

1. This is in continuation to our Notice and Agenda Ref. No 17, dated 30th June 2018 regarding the Twenty Third Ordinary General Meeting [from 2.00 p.m.] and the Election [from 9 a.m. to 12.00 noon] on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at the Head Office- National association for the Blind, India 11/12 Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai-400 030.
2. Vide tile above Notice and Agenda and as per Clause 7(1) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of NAB, India already circulated , we had requested the eligible members to forward their nominations for the posts of President, 5 Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, 6 Honorary Secretaries, 2 Honorary Treasurers, 15 members elected from amongst individual (Life/Ordinary) members of whom preferably 8 shall be from amongst the Blind as per clause 7(1)(f), 5 Representatives of Institutions classified as NAB Activities and 10 Institutional Representatives, for election to the Executive Council of NAB, India for the next four-years [i.e. 2018-2022].
3. The nominations invited vide the above mentioned letter from the life members of NAB, I on or before 29/07/018. The nominations so received were scrutinised on 30/7/2018 and after scrutiny and withdrawal as on 31/7/2018. The final list of nominations were comprising of 2 nominations for the post of President, 14 for Vice Presidents, 2 for Honorary Secretary General, 16 for Honorary Secretaries, 4 for Honorary Treasurers, 34 for Executive council members, out of which 22 persons are blind, 6 for Institutional Representatives and 4 for Representatives of NAB Activities. The final list of candidates for various posts with their proposer and seconder are attached herewith.

4. It may be noted that there shall be no election for the institutional representatives and representatives of NAB activities as we have received only 6 nominations for institutional representatives and 4 for the representatives of NAB activities.
5. We are forwarding this circular along with acknowledgement slip and, self addressed stamped envelope an envelope containing the Ballot Papers. Please ensure that no damage is done to the Ballot papers and the envelope containing these Ballot papers, the acknowledgement slip and the self addressed stamped envelope. Candidates are requested to forward their brief write-up not exceeding 10 lines by 14th September, 2018 and the same shall be displayed on the website of NAB, India www.nabindia.org
6. After going through the circular, you are requested to fill in and sign the acknowledgement slip and finally cast your vote using the ballot papers provided herewith, by placing a cross in the boxes against the names of the candidates of your choice. The names of the candidates are listed in English alphabetical order with Hindi Script. You have to follow the directions written on the ballot papers.
7. Please note those Ballot papers, where votes are being cast for more persons than stipulate will be rejected.
8. In case you propose to cast your votes through postal ballot, please make sure that:-
 - A) The Ballot papers are completed by casting your valuable vote;
 - B) The Ballot papers are sealed in the envelope provided marked as "Ballot Papers";
 - C) The acknowledgement slip attached to the Ballot Papers, requiring Member details, is filled in, signed and completed;
 - D) The sealed envelope containing the Ballot papers and acknowledgement slip are placed in the self addressed stamped envelope, sealed and
 - E) The self addressed stamped envelope is forwarded to the Election Officer at the address mentioned on the self addressed stamped envelope, which will complete the voting process by postal ballot.
9. The Election Officer will take on record the details contained in the detached acknowledgement slip accompanying the postal ballot and make an entry in the Voter Register to the effect that the member, whose details are contained in the acknowledgement slip has cast his/her vote. Postal Ballot, which is not accompanied by the acknowledgment slip, shall be rejected and the vote cast by the member, who has failed to forward the acknowledgment slip, shall be declared as null and void by the Election Officer. Members may please note that the envelope containing the duly completed acknowledgement slip and sealed envelope of ballot papers is forwarded to only to the address mentioned on the self addressed and stamped envelope.
10. In case a member is casting his/her vote through postal ballot, it should be ensured that the completed Ballot papers duly sealed together with the signed acknowledgement slip should be forwarded by post in the self addressed and stamped envelope so as to reach the Election Officer not later than September 29, 2018. You may drop in your postal ballot sealed envelope in the box put at the head office also before the 9:00 a.m. on 30th September, 2018.
11. You may also opt to cast your vote in person on September 30, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12.00 noon while joining the OGM. You are requested to carry with you the Ballot papers forwarded to you along with your proof of identity [which may include NAB Membership Identity Card, passport,

voters identity card, disability card, pan card, or any other official document with photograph affixed and certified], which will be required to be produced to the Election Officer at the time of voting, failing which, you shall be disqualified from voting.

12. Braille Ballot papers on request shall be made available at the Premises of election only on the date of election. Braille- ballot papers shall be furnished only after the member returning the printed ballot papers and after establishing the proof of identity or furnishing an undertaking to the effect that the member has used only the Braille Ballot Paper for voting.
13. The members can cast their Vote either by using the Ballot Paper received from the Association or by Braille ballot paper [vide Para 11 above] or by obtaining a duplicate Ballot Paper from the Election Officer on the day of election. Duplicate Ballot Paper shall be issued by the Election Officer only after proper and satisfactory self identification by the member and after furnishing an undertaking to the effect that the member has used only the duplicate Ballot Paper for voting. Duplicate Ballot papers shall not be forwarded to members by post or by any means of communication. Further, based on the details contained in the Voter Register, if it is found by the Election Officer, that a member has indulged in any malpractice in the election process by way of multiple voting by the use of the original, Braille and duplicate Ballot papers to cast the vote, the member shall be expelled from the membership of the Association under Rule 6(3)(f) of NAB Constitution and his/her vote shall be declared as null and void.
14. Please note that under the following circumstances the votes cast shall be rejected in case:-
 - a) The duly completed and sealed ballot papers are forwarded to any address "other than what has been indicated on the self addressed stamped envelope. No Ballot Paper shall be directly forwarded to NAB, India.
 - b) The Ballot Paper is not accompanied with the acknowledgment slip, duly filled in and signed;
 - c) Voting has been done for more candidates in some categories than stipulated in Para 2 above. You are free to vote for lesser number of candidates than stipulated under different categories. However you are free to vote for lesser number of candidates;
 - d) The casting of votes by placing crosses in the boxes provided against the names of the candidates is illegible, ambiguous, unclear, cancelled etc.;
 - e) Stationery materials other than what has been forwarded with this circular are used while voting;
 - f) The voter is unable to establish his/her proof of identity at the time of casting their votes in person and
 - g) The Election Officer is of the opinion that a member has indulged in any malpractice or has disrupted the election process.
15. Voters are requested, not to leave any trace of their identify on the ballot papers as also on the envelope marked "Ballot Papers" (Name of the Voter, Membership Number, etc.), in order to ensure confidentiality of the vote.
16. The decision of the Election Officer in case of all Election disputes is final and binding.
17. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in the smooth conduct and successful completion of the ensuing Election with total transparency and equity for which the present NAB Management will remain obliged.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

PRADEEP KUMAR TEWARI

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Encl.: 1. Final list of candidates

2. Ballot Papers (7 Nos.)

3. The acknowledgment slip

4. An envelope marked "Ballot Papers"

5. Self addressed stamped "envelope."