

Hindu Vedic Society
of
Baton Rouge

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Proposition 1

Steering Committee (SC)

The purpose of the SC is to oversee the long-term vision by providing overall guidance and direction without getting weighed down by day to day operational details. The SC of the HVS is charged with ratifying the constitution, the bylaws and the amendments, and to ensure that the due process is followed in the selection of Board of Trustees (EBoT at large members) and EC members.

Number of positions: Five.

Term of Appointment: Four years.

If, for any reason, a member is unable to serve his/her term to completion or if a position cannot be filled by the regular process, the BoT will decide on a one-time procedure to fill the position.

Re-nomination Restrictions: All Members must wait a year to get re-nominated upon completion of the four year term.

Terms of appointment applies to all SC members.

To ensure continuity a staggered exit and only one SC person at a time will retire.

Selection Criteria:

- At most One member will be selected based on 'All time cumulative donation;
- At most One other member will be selected based on 'Last five year cumulative donation;
- At most One other member will be selected based on 'Last five year cumulative donation and EC service
 - In case there are more than two nominations for the position then election will be held within the EBoT to fill the position.

- Two members will be nominated by EBoT. Persons nominated by EBoT should be an:
 - (a) active member of the HVS;
 - (b) active member of EBoT or has served in the EBoT in the past years.
- In case there are more than two nominations for the two positions then election will be held within the EBoT to fill the two positions.

Ballot:

Approved: by general membership meeting March 2nd, 2014.

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Proposition 2

Extended Board of Trustees (EBoT)

The EBoT shall be comprised of 18 (eighteen members) which includes:

1. Nine (9) members at large. Members at large will have different terms and nomination procedures than the SC and EC members (see below).
2. Four(4) members of the Executive Committee (EC)
3. Five (5) members of the Steering Committee (SC)

BoT-EC-SC will collectively assume the role of the EBoT in the current constitution with equal vote for all (although different terms).

Number of positions: Eighteen

Term of Appointment: Two years.

Person nominated for EBoT membership must have been an active HVS member for two years immediately prior to the nomination year.

Re-nomination Restrictions: Members inducted via nomination have to wait a year before they can get re-nominated upon completion of the two year term.

Selection Criteria:

- Nine members at large can be nominated by any active HVS member
 - No self-nominations.
 - In case the number of nominations exceeds the number of open positions then election will be held at a HVS members' meeting to fill the open positions.

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Proposition 3

Executive Committee (EC)

The purpose of the EC is to run the day to day operation of the HVS/HVC. Provide feedback to the BoT and SC members. EC will call for elections.

Number of positions: Four (*President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary*).

Term of Appointment: One year.

However, the SC-EBoT (sans the EC) can, under extraordinary circumstances, extend the term of each EC position by a year for up to two years.

Re-nomination Restrictions: Upon completion of the term (or an extended term, if applicable) for a specific position in the EC, the member must wait for a year to get re-nominated for any position in the EC.

Selection Criteria:

- Any active member of HVS can nominate any other active member of the HVS for an open position in the EC.
- Each nominated position must be seconded by another active member.
- No self-nomination.
- If there is more than one person nominated for a specific open position then election will be held at a HVS members' meeting to fill the open position.
- At least 1 year of EBoT experience required.

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