

Dear MMNA Life Member,

<u>Sub:</u> Call for Self-Nominations for the National Executive Committee and Expression of Interest for MMNA Initiatives for the years 2025-2028

We hope that you had a wonderful Diwali; we wish you a very Happy & prosperous New Year! Pursuant to our email dated October 21, 2024 Maheshwari Mahasabha of North America (MMNA) would like to invite nominations from motivated and energetic members to serve as its office bearers in the National Executive Committee (NEC). NEC is a crucial link between the organization, its regional chapters, and members helping to design and coordinate programs, conventions, and a variety of socio-cultural activities.

High-level role descriptions of NEC members can be reviewed by visiting MMNA <u>Bylaws</u> (<u>relevant pages</u>). Nominees for NEC must be current life members of MMNA with a demonstrated commitment to MMNA's goals, should be able to commit the necessary time for the four year term, have interest and skills to serve the respective roles. Nominees are required to complete a self nomination form by clicking the link <u>MMNA Nomination Form</u>.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The NEC positions are as follows:

- **President** One position
- **Vice President** Four positions
- Secretary One position
- **Joint Secretary** One position
- **Treasurer** One position
- **Joint Treasurer** One position

A nominee must identify 3 (three) sponsors / references, who are MMNA life members. At least two members must be from the nominee's chapter. It is the Election Committee's (EC) goal that

the nominees are balanced with respect to chapter affiliation, area of interest, skills, past track record, etc. In addition to the nominations for the NEC, the MMNA EC would also like to take this opportunity to collect names and profile information related to 'The Expression of Interest for MMNA Initiatives'. Below is a list of MMNA's current and potential future initiatives:



If you are interested / passionate about serving on any of the MMNA Initiative team, please feel free to express your interest by clicking on the link to the form **Expression of Interest in MMNA Initiatives** Please note that, for these initiatives, the EC is simply seeking names and profile-related information from the members so that the new NEC can choose the right individuals for the respective roles. Please note that subsequent selection for these roles will be solely managed by the NEC.

The strength of our community lies in our commitment to support, uplift, and give back to one another. We encourage each of you to take an active role in sustaining and growing MMNA. With the incredible talent and leadership within our community, together we can make a lasting, transformative impact. We hope that you will nominate yourself to serve MMNA.

All nominations must be received by November 20, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact your chapter representative on the Election Committee, if you have any question(s) relating to the nomination / election process. **On behalf of the MMNA Election Committee:**

Anu Heda (New England)
Rajesh Kabra (North-East)
Padam Maheshwari (Mid-East)
Monty Rathi (South-East)
Vikas Bhutada -EC (Mid-West)

Chair

Sushma Pallod (South-West)

Devu Heda (West Coast [N])
Dev Maheshwari (West Coast [S])
Pawan Taparia (Northwest)
Dhaval Rathi (Canada East)

Self-Nomination Guidelines & Information:

Life Membership: If you are not yet a life member and would like to participate in the nomination and election process, you can become a life member by November 13, 2024. Doing so will allow you to nominate and vote, and you can lock in the current life membership fees of \$251. To become a MMNA life member, click here.

Timeline: The new NEC team is expected to be onboarded by Sankranti (January 14, 2025).

Nomination Process:

Nominations accepted starting: Nov. 6, 2024

Last date for accepting nominations: Nov. 20, 2024

Last date for withdrawal of nominations: Nov 23, 2024

MMNA EC will send an email to your sponsors / references to ask for their support for your nomination and request them to respond back with the confirmation.

Each life member can sponsor no more than 4 individuals.

For technical issues related to database updates or password resets, please contact **support@mmna.org**.