



அட்லாண்டா மாநகரத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam

A Non-Profit 501 (C)(3) Organization

www.gatamilsangam.org

GATS Newsletter 2017.10.21

GATS 2017 Election Updates

We invite nominations for the **Executive Committee (EC)** and for the **vacancies in the Board of Directors (BOD)**.

Executive Committee (EC) POSITIONS: Serving Year 2018

- 5 officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Director)
- 10 Executive Committee members.

(All EC positions are 1-year service term)

Board of Director (BOD) POSITIONS: Serving year 2018 thru 2020.

- 2 BOD Positions with 3-year term.

As per the guidelines in the GATS by-laws (available at

<http://www.gatamilsangam.org/images/bylaw.pdf>) regarding election and voting procedures

nominations are invited on behalf of the aspiring volunteer candidates willing to serve GATS in the EC and BOD. Any member of GATS in good standing as of September 1, 2017, meeting all the requirements as stipulated in the by-laws, is eligible to contest for any of the positions in the Executive Committee or the two positions for Board of Directors.

Guidelines:

- A member can nominate only one candidate for a single post.
- A candidate can be nominated for only one post.
- Executive Committee Candidates must be active members in good standing and who have been a paid member of the Sangam for 2 consecutive years as of September 1, 2017 or a life member in our Sangam for at least 12 months by September 1, 2017.
- Board of Directors positions require at least 5 consecutive years of paid membership as of September 1, 2017.

Current Nominations Status as of Saturday, the Oct 21st, 2017

All the nominations below have been validated and accepted for respective positions listed against each candidate. So far, nominations have been received and accepted for 2 BODs, 5 EC Officers and 7 EC Members positions (1 EC Member nomination - Not accepted).

Position Title	Candidate Name
Board of Directors	Mr. Sendil Karpanna
Board of Directors	Mr. Gnana Prakash Soosai
President	Mr. Ganesa Saravanan Rajaram
Vice President	Mr. Jayasarathi Munuswamy
Secretary	Mr. Kumaresh Nataraj
Treasurer	Ms. Ramya Rajkumar
Communication Director	Mr. Arunkumar A. C
Executive Committee Member	Ms. Padmavathi Gajendra
Executive Committee Member	Ms. Pavithra Puthucode Natarajan

Executive Committee Member	Mr. Raghu Jayachandran
Executive Committee Member	Mr. Sinthanaiselvan Elavarasan
Executive Committee Member	Mr. Arvind Jasti
Executive Committee Member	Mr. Vathanasegaran Gnanasekaran
Executive Committee Member	Mr. Siva Ganesan

Nomination Form

Please use the following link to download the nomination form. Fill all the fields as requested in the nomination form and sign.

<http://gatamilsangam.org/images/2017/election/GATSNominationForm2017.pdf>

Before nominating a candidate, please ascertain candidate's interest and willingness to serve the Sangam. This is very important to avoid embarrassment, surprise and anxiety to the nominee. Nomination should be sent to Election Committee at

Electioncommittee@gatamilsangam.org

Some important dates you can look forward to in this Election:

October 07, 2017 - Nominations are open

October 25, 2017 - Last day for Submitting Nominations with the Election Committee

November 2, 2017 - Last day for Withdrawing Nominations with the Election Committee

In case where multiple candidates are nominated for one position, ballot polling will be conducted. Further information regarding the ballot and voting procedure will be available after the deadline for nomination.

Election Day is Sunday, the November 12th, 2017.

Election will be held during the 2017 Deepavali Function organized by GATS.

Election Committee will announce the results of the GATS 2018 Elected Executive Committee Members and Board Members to the GATS General Body members on

November 12th, 2017 the election day or through Email and Website notification by

November 19th, 2017.

Update Member Information in GATS Member Portal

In order to cast your votes during the Election, we request you to access the member portal by accessing members.gatamilsangam.org.

Login and navigate to My Account

>>>> View Contact Dashboard

>>>> Edit Contact Information (under Your Contacts / Organizations)

>>>> Update your contact phone and current address.

For adding spouse information to GATS portal, please send an email to treasurer@gatamilsangam.org

Sincerely,

GATS Election Committee 2017

John Amirtham(Chief Election Officer),
Sengodan Anbazhakan, Election Officer,
Thomas Rayalu, Election Officer