



அட்லாண்டா மாநகரத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam

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

www.gatamilsangam.org

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GATS 2017 Election - Call for Nominations

Calling for Nominations to serve in the Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD) for the year 2018.

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.

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.**

Sincerely,

GATS Election Committee 2017

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