



TAMA ELECTIONS 2018

TAMA 2017 Board and Executive Committee announces the below schedule for conducting elections to elect candidates for all TAMA positions as defined in the current TAMA constitution/by-laws, including the Executive Committee for 2018 and Board of Directors (2018-19 term).

Date	Activity
Nov 6, 2017	Start Date to file nominations for all TAMA positions*
Nov 13, 2017 9PM EST	End Date and time to file nominations for all TAMA positions*
Nov 14, 2017	Election Committee verifies and approves nominations
Nov 15, 2017	Election Committee approved nominees list posted on TAMA website
Nov 17, 2017 9PM EST	End Date and time to withdraw nominations for all TAMA positions* Withdrawals are by Email
Nov 18, 2017	Final list of nominees, approved by Election Committee, posted on TAMA website
Dec 02, 2017	Election Day

*TAMA positions include 2018 Executive Committee and 2018-19 Board of Directors Positions for which elections may be held.

Executive Committee:

- President
- President-Elect
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Cultural Secretary
- Education Secretary
- Literary Secretary
- Media Secretary
- Technology Secretary
- Event Secretary
- Sports & Youth Secretary
- Community Services Secretary
- Women's Services Secretary

Board of Directors:

- Five (5) Board of Directors with a term of two years

Election Committee:

Board of Directors have appointed below Life Members as the Election Committee that shall oversee and conduct the elections:

- Sri. Ram Maddi (Election Committee Chair)
- Sri. Srinivas Lavu
- Sri. Shyam Padamatinti

Guidelines for Board Nominations:

1. Candidates should be proposed and seconded by TAMA life members only.
2. Please e-mail a scanned copy of your duly completed nomination form to **elections@tama.org** by 9:00 p.m. eastern standard time, **November 13, 2017**.
3. Nominations received after the above mentioned time will be rejected.
4. The candidate must remit a non-refundable amount of **\$200/-** with TAMA by 9:00 p.m. eastern standard time, **November 13, 2017**. Please pay the amount online at the TAMA website.
5. Candidate must send a copy of receipt along with the nomination form duly signed to the members of election committee at **elections@tama.org**
6. TAMA Election Committee will verify with your proposers via the provided telephone numbers.
7. The person contesting for the position of Board of director should be a Life Member of TAMA since **2014**.
8. Anyone who served for 2 consecutive terms for the same TAMA position is not eligible for contesting third time for the same position.
9. In case of withdrawal, Please e-mail a scanned copy of your letter to **elections@tama.org** by 9:00 p.m. eastern standard time, **Nov 17, 2017** for withdrawal.

Guidelines for EC Nominations:

1. The person contesting for the position in Executive Committee should be a Life Member of TAMA by **June 30th 2017**.
2. Candidates should be proposed and seconded by TAMA life members only.
3. Contesting position should be mentioned as listed in the TAMA Constitution and By-Laws.
4. The candidate must remit a non-refundable amount of **\$100/-** with TAMA by 9:00 p.m. eastern standard time, **November 13, 2017**. Please pay the amount online at the TAMA website.
5. Candidate must send a copy of receipt along with the nomination form duly signed to the members of election committee at **elections@tama.org**
6. Nominations received after the above mentioned time will be rejected.
7. No one should contest for more than one position in the same election.
8. TAMA Election committee will verify with your proposers via the provided telephone numbers.
9. Anyone who served for 2 consecutive terms for the same TAMA position is not eligible for contesting third time for the same position.
10. In case of withdrawal, Please e-mail a scanned copy of your letter to **elections@tama.org** by 9:00 p.m. eastern standard time, **Nov 17, 2017** for withdrawal.
11. To contest for the **President-Elect** position, the contestant must have served in Executive Committee/Board **for at least 2 years**.
12. To contest for the position of **Secretary** or **Treasurer** for Executive Committee, the contestant must have served in Executive Committee/Board **for at least 1 year**.

Further details about the elections will be posted on **www.tama.org** and sent in the upcoming newsletters.
For more information contact elections@tama.org

Guidelines for Campaign:

The TAMA Board has provided us with guidelines regarding the campaign for the elections for the 2018 Board / EC positions. They are as follows:

- a) TAMA will not distribute Telephone numbers and email address of TAMA members to the contestants or anyone.
- b) Elections committee is requesting all contestants not to make phone call or emails to TAMA Members soliciting support to vote for themselves or other contestant during this election. Please respect the privacy of all TAMA members during this election process.
- c) All the contestants will have a fair and equal chance to reach the TAMA members for soliciting vote through TAMA NEWSLETTER containing the profiles of the all the contestants.