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ELECTION COMMISSION 2024

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## RULES FOR FOMAA 2024 ELECTION

1. The attached nomination form must be used for nominating candidates to the Executive Committee, National Committee and National Advisory Council.
2. The secretary's letter has all the details of the venue and time of the General Body meeting and National Advisory Council meetings.
3. Self-nominations are allowed provided the President and Secretary of the organization approve the nomination.
4. Elections will be held for the following positions:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. General Secretary
  - d. Joint Secretary
  - e. Treasurer
  - f. Joint Treasurer
  - g. Regional Vice Presidents - 12 (one per region). Elected by the delegates of each region.
  - h. Committee Members 26. Elected by the delegates of each region.
  - i. Youth Representatives (6) between the ages of 18 and 30
  - j. Women Representatives (6)
  - k. National Advisory Council Members:
    - i. Chairman
    - ii. Vice-Chairman
    - iii. Secretary
    - iv. Joint Secretary
5. Nomination fees are set as follows: \$1,000 for President, \$750 each for Secretary and Treasurer, \$500 each for Vice President, Joint Secretary, and Joint Treasurer, \$250 each for Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs), National Committee Members, Women's Representatives, and National Advisory Council Officers. There is no nomination fee for Youth Representatives
6. The completed nomination form with all required signatures should be mailed to the Chairman of the Election Commission, Mr. John Uralil, 6 Carriage Lane, Centereach, NY, 11720 Copy of nomination forms can be emailed to: fomaaelection2024@gmail.com on or before June 29, 2024.
7. An individual can only be nominated for one position and must be an authorized and registered delegate to attend the meetings.
8. All delegates to the General Body meeting and National Advisory Council meeting must register for the convention and must carry a valid picture ID for identification (such as Driver's License, Passport or State issued ID).
9. The President and Secretary of each member organization must approve the nomination of candidates for election and the delegates list by signing the appropriate forms. Delegate list.

must reach the Fomaa General Secretary by June 29th, 2024 (40 days) prior to the general body.

10. All contested elections will be conducted by secret ballot.
11. Nominations can be withdrawn with full refund 30 days prior to the election or by July 8th, 2024, with written notification to the chairman of the election commission.
12. In case the candidate withdraws the nomination on or before the July 8th, 2024, deadline or if the Election Commission disqualifies the candidate, the nomination fees shall be refunded.
13. Any nominations received after the due date of June 29, 2024, will be disqualified.
14. Candidates List will be published on July 20th, 2024.
15. Member Associations must be current with their membership dues. Membership dues are (One hundred dollars <sup>\$100.00</sup>). It is the responsibility of each organization to check with the FOMAA Treasurer to make sure their organization's membership is up to date. Delegates will not be allowed to attend the General Body meeting without the payment of dues by the organization they represent.
16. No proxy vote is allowed, and candidates must be physically present at the General Body meeting and National Advisory Council meeting to be voted and elected.
17. It shall be the responsibility of the nominees to see that their nominations have been received by the Chairman of the Election Commission. The Election Commission Chairman will confirm receipt within two days by email.
18. Once the election is announced, the candidates are advised not to use any FOMAA intellectual properties to do any kind of campaign. Candidates should restrict themselves from making any social media groups similar or duplicating FOMAA's social media accounts.
19. The campaign at the Convention venue should be limited without any banners, posters, flyers, digital and audio/visual effects.
20. Only voters are permitted at the voting premises and no campaign is allowed by any candidates at voting premises.
21. No individual shall be a delegate, contest or eligible to hold any representative position in FOMAA if he/she a delegate in any other Malayalee Origin of National Federation/Organization in Americas, currently with similar objectives as FOMAA, as a delegate or delegate with voting rights as it shall be a conflict of interest of FOMAA. This is not applicable to Religious, Political, Keralite Regional, and Professional organization.
22. Photographing or video graphing is strictly prohibited within the voting booth area and during the voting process to ensure voter privacy and the integrity of the election.
23. Each delegate participating in the vote must register using a unique email address or Mobile number on the delegate form. This email address or the mobile number will be used for the sole purpose of sending an individualized passcode required for accessing the electronic voting platform. It is essential that each email address or mobile number provided is valid, accessible, and used by only one delegate to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the voting process.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. Sincerely yours,

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