

To: ADAMS members

The election committee solicits nomination (including self) for the four non-officer positions of the Board of Trustees. Please refer to the ByLaws on ADAMS website for eligibility criteria (links below in letter)

Note: nomination form and bylaws are available online with links provided below.

Assalamu Alaikum wa rehmatullahi barakatuhu,

Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem

As per the provisions of ADAMS by-laws, the next Annual Election at ADAMS shall be held [on Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM](#) for four (4) Board of Trustees positions this year.

The following ADAMS Board of Trustees non-officer positions are up for election:

Br. Rizwan Jaka

Br. Ahsanullah

Br. Mir Ali

Br. Bob Marro

Note: US postal Letter mailed wrongly mentioned Ehsan Baig which should be Mir Ali.

ADAMS Annual General Body Meeting shall be held [on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM](#) to Dhur prayer ([around 1:30 PM](#)). Both events shall be held at Adams Center Sterling branch located in Virginia. The Annual General Body Meeting shall include a presentation of ADAMS financial statements and an introduction to the candidates running for election to each of the four Board of Trustees positions.

As noted above, these are the important dates related to the election:

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| Sunday, May 07, 2017 | – Annual General Body Meeting. | 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM |
| Sunday, May 21, 2017 | – Annual Elections | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM |

If you are interested in nominating someone for the Board of Trustees position, please review the eligibility criteria and descriptions for the Board of Trustees position before doing so. Please discuss the nomination with the potential candidate before nomination and include a working phone number in clear legible English so the election committee can reach the nominated person. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Please refer to the ADAMS ByLaws for the eligibility criteria and position descriptions for the Board of Trustees listed on ADAMS official website :

https://www.adamscenter.org/?page_id=35

ARTICLE IV: Board of Trustees.

Nominations MUST be received no later than [8:00 PM on Saturday, March 11, 2017](#).

Nominations must be deposited in designated boxes at ADAMS Center Sterling Branch. Nomination forms may also be mailed via USPS or submitted online (<https://tinyurl.com/AdamsElection>). The basic requirement for board members is:

1. The nominee must be a member of the ADAMS Center for the last 3 consecutive years.
2. The nominee must have documented service to ADAMS as a trustee, officer, committee chair or a committee member for at least 3 (combined) years.

The following are general voter eligibility guidelines:

1. He/she must be 18 years of age or older.
2. He/she must have held a minimum of two (2) continuous years of membership by [March 31, 2017](#) to be eligible to vote.
3. He/she must vote in person and will be required to present a US government issued photo ID (e.g., Driver's license, passport, etc.). Absentee votes are acceptable only in special circumstances, e.g., work related, illness, out of town. Proof of absentee voting eligibility must be provided to the Election Committee.
4. Official ballots for absentee voters must be obtained in advance from the ADAMS election committee ([before 6:00 PM, May 16, 2017](#)). Absentee votes MUST be returned to Election Committee by postal mail or in person no later than [3:00 PM on May 20, 2017](#). A photocopy of a US government issued photo ID must be included with the absentee vote.

Summary of Important Dates(all date & times refer to local Virginia time):

- **Only active members since March 31, 2015 are eligible to vote.**
- **[Saturday, March 11, 2017](#): All nominations must be received no later than [8:00 PM](#) at the ADAMS Sterling Branch.**
- **[Thursday, March 31, 2017](#): Deadline to renew membership in order for current members to be eligible for voting.**
- **[Sunday, May 7, 2017 \(10:00 AM\)](#) to Adhan for Dhur Prayer): General Body Meeting at ADAMS Main Center**
- **[Tuesday, 6:00 PM](#), May 16, 2017: Deadline for obtaining official ballots for absentee voters from the election committee.**
- **[Saturday, 3:00 PM](#), May 20, 2017: Deadline for submitting absentee ballots to the Election Committee**
(personally, or by US Postal Service mail).
- **[Sunday, May 21, 2017](#): Election day (Voting Hours: [10:00AM - 3:00PM](#))**

May Allah bless you and your family and allow us all to work together to strengthen ADAMS as a model democratic Islamic organization. Ameen!

Was Salaam,
ADAMS Election Committee 2017
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