

Dear TAS members,

TAS Elections 2018

Abbreviations used:

TAS	Telugu association of St. Louis
TASB	Telugu Association of St. Louis Bylaws
TEC	Telugu Association Election Committee
BOD	Board of Directors
EC	Executive Committee
ECP	Executive Committee President
ECVP	Executive Vice President
ECS	Executive Secretary
ECT	Executive Treasurer
ECCS	Executive Cultural secretary
US	United States of America
DOB	Date of Birth
ID	Identification

The BOD of TAS has appointed the following members to serve on TEC to conduct fair, independent and transparent TAS Elections 2018:

1. Dr. Choudary Tarigopula
2. Dr. Venkateswara Rao Dharmavarapu
3. Mrs. Rukmini Chilakamarri
4. Mr. Visweswara Rao Kaza
5. Mr. Ravinder Kunta

TEC invites nominations from eligible TAS members for the following positions:

1. Two positions each serving a four-year term 2019-2022 for BOD.
2. Five EC positions each serving a two-year term 2019-2020 for ECP, ECVP, ECS, ECT and ECCS.

The following guidelines will be followed for TAS Elections 2018:

1. Election Location and Time:

**Kirkwood High School,
801 W. Essex Ave,
Kirkwood, MO 63122
11/17/18, 2 PM-6.30 PM.**

2. All members eligible to vote and contest must be current members **on 4/30/2018** (Life membership, Family Membership & Individual Membership).

- Two Primary adult members of each family and their dependent children of 18 Years of age or older with family membership are eligible to vote and contest for office.
 - **Life members and individual members** are eligible to vote and contest for Office.
 - All persons eligible to vote and contest must have **attained 18 years of age on or before 4/30/2018.**
 - Members who are on Extended Family membership and on Student membership are **NOT** eligible to vote or contest for office.
 - All members are advised to update their membership information including the full name of the spouse and DOB of their children, who **will attain 18 years of age on 4/30/18.**
 - Membership information **should be updated before 10/24/18** by completing the enclosed form.
3. Any eligible TAS member including members of BOD and EC can **contest for any but one position only.**
- TEC members and their family members are eligible to vote but **NOT** eligible to contest.
4. Each nomination must be supported and seconded by one current TAS member each.
- Nomination forms will be available on **TAS website** (TAS Elections).
5. Completed nominations should be sent by the contestant to: tastec2018@gmail.com **from 10/22/18 to 10/30/18.**
- Nominations can be withdrawn by the contestants **on or before 11/1/18** by sending an Email to: tastec2018@gmail.com
 - List of contestants will be published on TAS website **on 11/4/2018.**
6. A meeting of the contestants with TEC will be held in the Hindu Temple priest quarters **on 11/3/18, 10 AM-12 Noon.**
- All contestants, supporting and seconding members are advised to attend this meeting with **their photo ID.**
 - Nominations will be verified by TEC during the meeting. Meeting is open to all TAS members.
 - Each contestant should submit a check for \$100/- payable to **TAS** during the meeting towards the nonrefundable nomination fee.
 - Contestants who do not pay the fee by **11/3/18, 12 Noon** will be ineligible to contest in the Elections.
7. TEC will resolve any unforeseen issues during the Elections and their decisions will be **final.**
- By participating in TAS Elections 2018, all contestants, BOD, EC and TAS members agree to abide by TEC's decisions.
8. No form of absentee voting, voting by mail, electronic voting or proxy voting will be permitted.
- No duplication of voting ballot will be permitted.
 - Copying of the ballot, video/ audiotaping or taking photos in the voting booth will not be permitted.
 - Each voter is eligible to cast one ballot during the election.

- Each voter will receive only one ballot and the voter is responsible for proper and careful use of their voting choices.
- Ballot will be counted as invalid for any inappropriate writing on the ballots during the voting.
- Each contestant is allowed to send one observer at the time of counting of the votes.
- No campaigning or solicitation will be allowed at the election site on 11/17/2018.
- Vote will be counted as invalid if voter votes for more than 2 contestants for BOD and 1 contestant for each EC position.

9. TEC will use TAS updated member/voter list provided by BOD/EC.

- Please contact ECS for the current updated TAS members list, if needed.

10. Voter ID requirements:

- ID without photo will **NOT** be accepted.
- Each voter must present one form of original photo ID with DOB from **any one of the following**:
 - ID issued by US government
 - ID issued by US state government
 - Local Election authority
 - Current Valid US/ Foreign Passport
 - US Driver's license

11. In the event of a tie for any position, there will be a run-off election on 11/17/18.

12. At the end of the Election, TEC will count, finalize, announce and submit the results to BOD.

If you have any further questions, please contact TEC at: tastec2018@gmail.com

TEC requests all eligible TAS members to participate in TAS Elections 2018.

We thank everyone for their participation and cooperation.

TEC 2018,

Telugu Association of St. Louis