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Nomination forms for the Saturday, September 12, 2026, election shall be post marked on or before Friday, August 14, 2026, mailed by regular or certified mail with the United States Postal Service as per the court order dated 7/23/26, (emails not accepted). The Election commission will collect the mail from the India Association P.O. Box 6282, St. Louis, MO 63006 on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Any nomination forms received after 6:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026, will not be considered as valid.

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To,

**Mail to Attn: Election Officer
India Association of St. Louis
P.O. Box 6282, St. Louis, MO 63006**

Bylaws ARTICLE VI (Eligibility) & IX (Elections)

ARTICLE VI (ELIGIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

1. Members running for election to the Board of Directors of the Association shall have been life members in good standing (Article IV Constitution, and resourceful and motivated members only. Also, those who were suspended or revoked their status/role are not eligible for Board of Directors position) for a period of two (2) years continuously inclusive of election year
2. Members who have been elected/nominated to the Board of Directors may be re-elected for one additional term. After completion of the second term, he/she is not eligible for re- election or nomination for a period of two (2) years.
3. No more than one person from the family, as defined in the By-laws Article II, will be eligible to be a Board of Director Position for the India Association of St. Louis.
4. Members of the board shall conduct their personal affairs in such a manner as to avoid any possible conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board.
 - a. When there is a decision to be made or an action to be approved that will result in a conflict between the best interests of IAS and the Board member's personal interests, the Board member has a duty to immediately disclose the conflict of interest so that the rest of the Board's decision making will be informed about the conflict.
 - b. It is every Board member's obligation, in accordance with this policy, to ensure that decisions made by the Board reflect independent thinking.
 - c. Any member who is simultaneously serving in another organization should call a joint meeting with other organization board to discuss issues of interest.
 - d. Any Board Member having a conflict of interest shall not vote or use his or her personal influence to address the matter, and he or she shall not be counted in determining the

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Incomplete, and illegible nomination forms will not be accepted.

quorum for the meeting.

**Bylaws ARTICLE IX
ELECTIONS**

1. An Election Commission, comprising of three respected members of the Association, shall be appointed by the incumbent Board of Directors for a period of twelve months, starting from November 1, every year. One of these three shall be designated Chief Election Commissioner, and the other two as Election Commissioners.
2. The Election Commissioners will formulate a nomination form that would be published in Newsletter/website. If valid nominations are received by the deadline set forth by election commission, exceed the number of vacancies of the Board, an election by will be conducted on the day of Republic Day Celebration by the Election Commission. The President in consultation with his/her Board will allocate the funds required for the election.
3. The Election Commission shall discharge the following duties:
 - a. The information regarding the elections will be given to the Board of Directors in the form of a letter that may be published in the newsletter/website/email so that the information is provided to members at least fifteen days before the deadline for the receipt of nominations.
 - b. The Election Commissioners shall receive the nominations individually, sent by mail addressed to the Election Commission c/o the India Association address.
 - c. The Election Commission shall determine if the nominations were postmarked before the deadline. They will open sealed envelopes carrying the nominations in the presence of the Board and determine the eligibility of the nominees.
 - d. In the event no nominations or fewer nominations than the vacancies are received, the Election commissioners may contact qualified individuals in consultation with the Board. If the Board suggests more names than vacancies, the selection of the candidates equaling the vacancies shall be made by the Election Commissioners. Their decision in this regard is final and binding.

I, as a nominee, acknowledge that I have read and understood the Nomination Form, including the eligibility requirements, election rules, and instructions contained herein. Also, I understand that by signing below I consent to this nomination form and its contents. I voluntarily accept this nomination and agree to comply with the IAS Constitution, Bylaws, and the decisions of the Election Commission. I also understand that incomplete and illegible nomination forms shall not be accepted.

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

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