



# **World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR)**

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To: Sikhs of the United States of America

Subject: WSC-AR Continues to Solicit Nominations to Governing Board

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The World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR), a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States, invites nominations from member organizations to fill five open positions on its Regional Committee.

Each member organization of WSC-AR can nominate up to five Sikhs. Each nominee must live within the United States and must be a Sikh who:

- has full faith in the Ten Gurus and Siri Guru Granth Sahib and believes in no other religion,
- is not less than 21 years of age, and
- has proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking Punjabi or English.

Nominations can be submitted by member organizations of WSC-AR on the appropriate forms by the deadline of December 3, 2004. Nominations forms were mailed to member organizations on September 10, 2004. Additional copies of nomination forms can be obtained by only member organizations by e-mailing [contact@worldsikhcouncil.org](mailto:contact@worldsikhcouncil.org).

The Regional Committee acts as the governing board of WSC-AR. It consists of 16 members elected by member organizations. Each member is appointed for a three year term. Every year about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> members of the Regional Committee are replaced with newly elected members.

For the last several years, the non-partisan election process successfully implemented by WSC-AR involves soliciting nominations from member organizations and the subsequent soliciting of votes on eligible nominees by member organizations. The eligible nominees that receive the largest number of votes are elected to the vacant positions on the Regional Committee.

Permission of nominee is not necessary to make nominations by member organizations. After the voting is completed, only nominees who receive the largest number of votes are contacted by WSC-AR. This process allows for a positive voting process. Canvassing for votes to member organizations is strenuously discouraged.

The voting process is expected to be completed by December 31 and the five new members of the Regional Committee will serve January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007.

The WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States. Its members include 28 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 7 other Sikh institutions across the nation.

Member organizations of WSC-AR are:

1. Gurdwara Sahib Fremont, Fremont, CA
2. Guru Nanak Sikh Mission, Livingston, CA
3. Sikh Gurdwara of LA, North Hollywood, CA
4. Sikh Gurdwara Riverside, Riverside, CA
5. Colorado Singh Sabha, Denver, CO
6. Guru Singh Sabha of Augusta, Augusta, GA
7. Sikh Study Circle of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
8. Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, Palatine, IL
9. Sikh Society of South, New Orleans, LA
10. Sikh Gurdwara of Michigan, Rochester Hills, MI
11. Sikh Society of Michigan, Madison Heights, MI
12. Sikh Gurdwara of North Carolina, Durham, NC
13. Garden State Sikh Association, Pluckemin, NJ
14. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Glenrock, NJ
15. Sikh Cultural Society Inc., Richmond Hills, NY
16. Sikh Cultural & Educational Society of Western NY, Buffalo, NY
17. Sikh Religious Society of Dayton, Dayton, OH
18. Guru Nanak Found. of Greater Cleveland, Richfield, OH
19. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, Bedford, OH
20. Guru Nanak Religious Soc. of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH
21. Tristate Sikh Cultural Society, Monroeville, PA
22. Mid South Sikh Sabha, Memphis, TN
23. Sikh Center of Gulf Coast, Houston, TX
24. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Richardson, TX
25. Sikh Gurdwara of North Texas, Garland, TX
26. Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Fairfax, VA
27. Sikh Association of Central Virginia, VA
28. Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, Brookfield, WI
29. Siri Guru Granth Sahib Foundation, Anaheim, CA
30. Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, KS
31. Sikh Youth Federation of North America, White Plains, NY
32. Sikh Coalition, New York, NY
33. Sikh Educational & Religious Foundation, Dublin, OH
34. Sikh Youth Federation of USA, Toledo, OH
35. Academy of Guru Granth Studies, Arlington, TX

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