

World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR)

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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 of America, invites nominations from member organizations to fill six (6) open positions on its Regional Committee.

Each member organization of WSC-AR can nominate up to six (6) Sikhs. Each nominee must live within the United States and must be a Sikh who:

- has full faith in only the Ten Gurus and Siri Guru Granth Sahib and believes in no other religion;
- accepts and follows the Sikh Rehat Maryada, in particular has not committed any of the four “Bajar Kurehats” listed in the Sikh Rehit Maryada;
- is not less than 21 years of age;
- has proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Punjabi or English; and
- believes in the aims and objects of the World Sikh Council - America Region.

Detailed specific qualifications and disqualifications for nominees are outlined in the WSC-AR articles of incorporation and bylaws (see www.worldsikhcouncil.org), especially Articles of Incorporation, Article IV, Clause D.

Nominations can be submitted by member organizations of WSC-AR on the appropriate forms by the deadline of October 16, 2006. Nominations forms were mailed to member organizations on September 29, 2006. Additional copies of the nomination form can be obtained by member organizations by e-mailing contact@worldsikhcouncil.org.

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

For the last several years, the non-partisan selection / 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. The nominations need not be from the member organization’s local Sangat or geographical area or restricted to members of WSC-AR but efforts should be made to select the most suitable persons from around the United States of America.

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 selection / election process. Canvassing for votes in any form is strenuously discouraged.

The complete selection process is expected to be completed by December 31, 2006 and the 6 new members of the Regional Committee will serve January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009.

The WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States of America. Its members include 35 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. New England Sikh Study Circle, Boston, MA
11. Sikh Gurdwara of Michigan, Rochester Hills, MI
12. Sikh Society of Michigan, Madison Heights, MI
13. Guru Nanak Foundation of Jackson, MS
14. Sikh Gurdwara of North Carolina, Durham, NC
15. Garden State Sikh Association, Bridgewater, NJ
16. Guru Nanak Sikh Society of Delaware Valley, Sewell, NJ
17. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Glenrock, NJ
18. Sikh Sabha of New Jersey, Lawrenceville, NJ
19. Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh, Las Vegas, NV
20. Sikh Cultural Society Inc., Richmond Hills, NY
21. Sikh Cultural & Edu. Society of Western NY, Buffalo, NY
22. Sikh Religious Society of Dayton, Dayton, OH
23. Guru Nanak Found. of Greater Cleveland, Richfield, OH
24. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, Bedford, OH
25. Guru Nanak Religious Soc. of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH
26. Sikh Sadh Sangat, Easton, PA
27. Philadelphia Sikh Society, Millbourne, PA
28. Tristate Sikh Cultural Society, Monroeville, PA
29. Mid South Sikh Sabha, Memphis, TN
30. Sikh Center of Gulf Coast, Houston, TX
31. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Richardson, TX
32. Sikh Gurdwara of North Texas, Garland, TX
33. Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Fairfax, VA
34. Sikh Association of Central Virginia, VA
35. Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, Brookfield, WI
36. Siri Guru Granth Sahib Found., Anaheim, CA
37. Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, KS
38. Sikh Youth Federation of North America, White Plains, NY
39. Sikh Heritage Foundation, Long Island, NY
40. Sikh Educational & Religious Foundation, Dublin, OH
41. Sikh Youth Federation of USA, Toledo, OH
42. Academy of Guru Granth Studies, Arlington, TX
