

Dear Saint Louis Telugu Community,

The TAS BOD has appointed the following members to serve on TEC to conduct fair, independent and transparent TAS 2024 Election.

- **Dr. Choudary Tarigopula**
- **Dr. Panduranga Rao Koya**
- **Mrs. Hima Bindu Potla**

### Abbreviations used:

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

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

- **Five EC positions, one each for a 2 year term (2024 to 2026 for ECP, ECVP, ECS, ECT and ECCS).**
- **Three BOD positions for a 2 year term (2024 to 2026).**
- **Two BOD positions for a 4 year term (2024 to 2028).**

### TAS 2024 Election Guidelines

1. Election Location and Time:

**Date: May 4, 2024**

**12 Noon to 4:30 PM**

**Venue: Hindu Temple Cultural Center, St. Louis, MO 63011**

2. All members eligible to vote and contest must be **current members on 3/31/24.**

- Two Primary adult members of each family and their dependent children of 18 Years of age or older with Life membership, family membership and individual membership are eligible to vote and contest for office.
- All persons eligible to vote and contest must be 18 years of age or above on or **before 5/4/24.**
- 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 before 3/31/24. Names should match their photo IDs.
- All persons eligible to vote and contest must be 18 years of age or above on or before 5/4/24.
- All parents whose dependent children are/ will be of 18 years of age on 04 May 2024 (Birthday on or before 04 May 2006) are advised to send the names of their children to: sttelugu@gmail.com before March 31, 2024 for their children to be eligible to vote/ contest.

3. Any eligible TAS member **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 nominated by a current TAS member of good standing and seconded by another TAS current member of good standing..

- Nomination forms can be found on [TAS website](#) or [here](#).

5. Completed nominations should be sent by the contestant to: **2024TASTE@ gmail.com** **from 4/2/24 to 4/12/24.**

- Contestants can be nominated for one position including BOD & EC.
- Incomplete nominations and nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Nominations can be withdrawn by the contestants, if desired on or before 4/15/24 by sending an email to [2024TASTE@ gmail.com](mailto:2024TASTE@ gmail.com)
- Contestants are advised to send one digital photo, brief introduction and plans for their intended term not exceeding 250 words with their nomination before 4/15/24.

6. A meeting of the contestants with TEC will be held on **4/19/24, 6 PM–8 PM at the Hindu Temple Cultural Center**. This meeting is open to all eligible TAS members. All contestants are advised to attend this meeting.

List of contestants with their photos & introductions and a sample ballot will be published on TAS website on 4/20/24.

If there are no nominations for a position, TEC will ask for nominations on 5/4/24 prior to the Election. Voters will be required to write the name of the last minute contestant of their choice on the ballot during the voting.

7. TEC will follow 2024 TAS Bylaws. TEC will be neutral and conduct fair, independent and transparent Election.

- TEC will resolve any unforeseen issues during the Election and their decisions will be final.
- By participating in the 2024 TAS Election all contestants, BOD and TAS members will follow TAS Bylaws and also 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 ballots will be permitted.
- Copying of the ballot, video/audiotaping or taking photos in the polling 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 event on 5/04/24.
- Vote will be counted as invalid if any voter votes for more than 1 contestant for each EC position (5 EC positions), for more than 3 contestants for BOD for a 2 year term, and for more than 2 contestants for BOD for a 4 year term.

9. **TEC will use TAS updated member/voter list as of 3/31/24 provided by BOD.**

The updated list will be sent to all eligible members. All the members are advised to check their membership status in the updated list.

10. Voter ID requirements

- ID without photo will not be accepted.
- Each voter must present one form of current valid original photo ID from any one of the following:
  - **US Driver's license**
  - **US / Foreign Passport**
  - **Photo ID issued by US government**
  - **Photo ID issued by US state government**

11. After counting of the votes, in the event of a tie for any position, there will be a **run-off election on 5/04/24.**

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

If you have any further questions, please contact TEC at: [2024TASTE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:2024TASTE@GMAIL.COM) or ask in the TEC meeting on 4/19/24, 6PM to 8 PM at the Hindu Temple Cultural Center.

**TEC requests all eligible TAS members to participate in the Election.**

We thank BOD officers, all TAS members and volunteers for their participation and cooperation in the Election.

Together, we will make our TAS stronger to serve all TAS members and their families.

Links on TAS website:

- [TAS Bylaws](#)
- [TAS 2024 Election Guidelines](#)
- [TAS 2024 Election Nomination Form](#)

Best regards,  
TAS Election Committee 2024,  
Telugu Association of St. Louis,  
St. Louis, MO