**CIRCULAR NO. 2/2022**

**Election of Office Bearers of the Governing Body for 2023-2024 Members** are hereby informed that the following persons will retire in January, 2023.

- President
  Dr. Shyam Sundar, Varanasi
- One Vice-President
  Dr. N.K. Soni, Ghaziabad
- Hon. Treasurer
  Dr. Charu K. Jani, Mumbai
- Six Governing Body Members
  Dr. C.L. Naval, Jaipur
  Dr. Nihar Mehta, Mumbai
  Dr. R.M. Chhabra, New Delhi
  Dr. R.N. Sarkar, Kolkata
  Dr. Devi Ram, Pune
  Dr. Naval Chandra, Hyderabad
- Zonal Members
  North Zone
  Dr. Atul Bhasin, New Delhi
  Dr. Ashok Kumar Taneja, Gurugram
  Central Zone
  Dr. G.D. Ramchandani, Kota
  West Zone
  Dr. Amit Saraf, Thane
  Mid South Zone
  Dr. Ravikeerthy M., Bangalore
  South Zone
  Dr. S. Chandrashekar, Chennai
  Mid East Zone
  Dr. Jayanta Panda, Cuttack
  East Zone
  Dr. Udas Ghosh, Kolkata

Dr. Shyam Sundar will remain in the Governing body as Past President for one year.

Therefore, election for the following offices bearers, elected members of the Governing Body for 2023-2024 will be held and nominations are hereby invited for them.

1. **One President-Elect**
2. **One Vice President**
3. **One Hon. Treasurer**
4. **Six Elected Members**
5. **Nine Zone Members** (one from each zone North West Zone, North Zone, Mid East Zone, East Zone, North East Zone, Central Zone, West Zone, Mid South Zone and South Zone)

Nominations shall be made on prescribed forms stating the office for which nominations are filled. The nomination shall be posed by one valid life member and seconded by another valid life member and duly signed by them and shall also be signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election and serve on the Governing Body if elected. Separate nominations must be submitted for each post.

Every member is supplied with a nomination form. The nomination form completed in all respects should reach the API Office not later than 31st May, 2022 along with a passport size photograph. For every post on the Governing Body, the nomination must be accompanied by a sum of ₹ 7,500/- + 18% CGST / IGST = ₹ 8,850/- (Rupees Eight thousand eight hundred fifty only) in favour of “The Association of Physicians of India” in the form of Demand Draft payable at Mumbai. The nomination paper NOT accompanied by the Bank Draft of ₹ 8,850/- will be deemed invalid. The fees for nomination is not refundable.

**Rules relating to Qualification for Election to Governing Body.**

1. President Elect: To contest for the post of President Elect the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 10 years and have completed at least two full terms of 3 years each in any elected position in the Governing Body.
2. Vice President / Hon. General Secretary: To contest for the post of Vice President/ Hon. General Secretary the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 5 years and should have completed at least one continuous full term of 3 years in any elected position in the Governing Body.
3. Hon. Treasurer, Member Governing Body and Zonal Members: To contest for all other elected positions of the Governing Body continuous membership of the Association for at least 3 years is mandatory.
4. A member shall not contest simultaneously for more than one post (i.e. President-Elect, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, Elected Member, Zonal Member of the Governing Body). Also member will not contest any post in the API or ICP or PRF simultaneously. Post means not only an office-bearer but also member of Governing Body or Faculty Council of ICP or Board of Research Foundation of PRF.

**Ballot Papers** will be posted to all the life members by 15th July, 2022 and the last date to receive the ballot papers back at API Office is 31st August, 2022. If any member fails to receive the ballot paper by 1st August, 2022, kindly intimate the API Office and a duplicate ballot paper will be supplied immediately only on written signed request and by post. If such members receive the original paper also, the same should be returned at once to API Office.

**Important**

Canvassing in any form and collection of Ballot Papers by contesting candidates and/or others is not allowed. If any candidate/member is found indulging in the same, he/she shall be disqualified from the election and shall be debarred from contesting elections for the next three consecutive years by the Chairman Election Committee.

Collection of empty ballots must be discouraged.

Disciplinary action should be taken against and debarred from contesting in three consecutive years.

The ballot paper must not be shared and if found action will be taken.

Instead, they are requested to send a passport size photograph, short biodata NOT MORE THAN 200 words along with the nomination paper which will be printed and circulated along with the ballot paper. Excess of bio-data beyond the first two hundred words shall be deleted.

**THE CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN HIS/HER BIODATA IS CORRECT.**

The results will be declared at the end of counting of votes and announced in the subsequent issue of JAPI. The report will be placed before the Governing Body for intimation.

**DEADLINES OF ELECTION PROCEDURE**

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Office for which the Candidate is nominated

Name of the Candidate

Address of the Candidate

Life Membership No :

Tel. Nos. Resi. Office Institution

Mobile: email:

Name of the Proposer

Address of the Proposer

Life Membership No :

Date Signature of the Proposer

Name of the Seconder

Address of the Seconder

Life Membership No :

Date Signature of the Seconder

CONSENT OF THE CANDIDATE

I am willing to stand for the election, and I agree to serve on the Governing Body of the Association in the capacity of the nomination mentioned above, if elected. I also certify that the information provided in my Bio-Data is correct.

Undertaking

I hereby undertake that I have held the following posts / not held any post of the Governing Body of API / Faculty Council of ICP.

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Date Signature of the Candidate