

KOA ELECTION 2008 ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nomination and Election Committee (NEC) of Kashmir Overseas Association (KOA) is pleased to invite nominations for the following positions (for a 2-year term) for the upcoming KOA election.

- *KOA President*
- *Director Zone 1*
- *Director Zone 3*
- *Director Zone 4*
- *Director Zone6*
- *Director Zone7*
- *Director Zone8*

The Zone Structure is as follows:

<http://koausa.org/zones.html>

<u>Zone 1</u>	Delaware (DL), New York (NY)
<u>Zone 2</u>	Connecticut (CT), Massachusetts (MA), Maine (ME), New Hampshire (NH), Rhode Island (RI), Vermont (VT)
<u>Zone 3</u>	New Jersey (NJ) and Pennsylvania (PA)
<u>Zone 4</u>	Washington DC, Maryland (MD), Virginia (VA), West Virginia (WV)
<u>Zone 5</u>	Arkansas (AR), Colorado (CO), Kansas (KS), Louisiana (LA), Oklahoma (OK), Texas (TX), Utah (UT)
<u>Zone 6</u>	Alabama (AL), Florida (FL), Georgia (GA), Missouri (MO), Mississippi (MS), North Carolina (NC), South Carolina (SC), Tennessee (TN)
<u>Zone 7</u>	Alaska (AK), Iowa (IA), Illinois (IL), Minnesota (MN), North Dakota (ND), Nebraska (NE), South Dakota (SD), Wisconsin (WI), Wyoming (WY)
<u>Zone 8</u>	Indiana (IN), Kentucky (KY), Michigan (MI), Ohio (OH)
<u>Zone 9</u>	Northern California (CA), Idaho (ID), Montana (MT), Oregon (OR), Washington (WA)
<u>Zone 10</u>	Arizona (AZ), Southern California (CA), Hawaii (HI), New Mexico (NM), Nevada (NV)

Membership Deadline for Election: October 15, 2008, 11:59 PM EST. (Please ensure that in case of cheques, these are postmarked October 15, 2008)

(Please become a KOA member before October 15, 2008 to be eligible to vote in this year's election)

Nomination Deadline: October 29, 2008, 11:59 PM EST

KOA election 2008 communique #1, issued September 28, 2008

Nomination Acceptance Deadline: November 7, 2008, 11:59 PM EST

NEC Announcement of Candidates

(nominated & accepted): November 8, 2008

DEADLINE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING: December 1, 2008

DEADLINE FOR PAPER BALLOTS: Postmarked November 30, 2008

Please note that the cutoff dates and deadlines are important and will be strictly adhered to, in order to make the election process a fair one and avoid any confusion due to "sent but not received on time" situations. The nominations which are not filled-in correctly or which do not reach NEC by the set deadline date will be rejected and declared ineligible for the upcoming election. Nomination acceptance forms which are not filled-in completely and correctly or which do not reach NEC by the set deadline date will be rejected and the associated nomination cancelled for the upcoming election.

Appeal:

Please make copies of this communiqué available to all those members who have either no access to this forum or to e-mail. Please forward this message to all those members of our biradari who may have access to e-mail but not to this forum. The active participation by our entire community in this country will strengthen the democratic process and bring the community together.

With greetings on the occasion of the forthcoming auspicious days of Navratri,
NEC 2008: Autar Mattoo (Chair), Hira Nakhasi (member), Sujata Qasba (member), and
Soman Dhar (member) - Ex Officio