



# KHNA Election Rules - Updated

## Election 2025

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# Election 2025

**Election will be held for the following governing bodies:**

- KHNA Officers (Executive Committee)
- KHNA Board of Directors
- KHNA Board of Trustees
- KHNA Ethics Committee (formerly Judicial Council)

**Eligibility criteria for all voters and candidates are as follows:**

- Should have attained the age of 18
- Shall be legal residents of North America - Those with citizenship, permanent resident status, student/work visa shall be considered legal residents. Visitors are not eligible to contest in election.
- Shall belong to Kerala Hindus or their descendants sharing the objectives of KHNA and abiding by the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of KHNA

KHNA Life Membership is mandatory for all elected positions, except for the Yuva and Youth representative positions on the BOD.

All candidates must be registered, fully paid, and meet the eligibility criteria 90 days before the KHNA Convention 2025.

All candidates are required to donate \$100 to KHNA for each of their nominations and submit proof of Zelle payment (Zelle ID: [khnasilver2025@gmail.com](mailto:khnasilver2025@gmail.com)) along with their nomination form.



# Eligibility For KHNA Officers (Executive Committee)

There are six Officers in KHNA - President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Joint Secretary and Joint Treasurer. These Officers will be elected by KHNA members during the biennial Convention.

- Life membership is mandatory.
- Must have met ONE of the TWO criteria below:
  - a. Any individual who has registered for and attended at least TWO of the last FOUR KHNA Conventions.
  - b. Any individual who has served at least ONE term (2 years) on the Board of Directors during any of the last four KHNA Director Boards.
- No officer shall be elected to the same position in consecutive terms.
- No officer shall be elected to the Executive office for more than TWO consecutive terms.



# Eligibility For KHNA Board Of Directors (BOD)

There are a total of 25 (Twenty Five) Board of Directors which includes 6 (Six) Officers from Executive Committee

- Life membership is mandatory except for Yuva and Youth representative positions.
- 22 Board Members will be elected by KHNA members during the Biennial Convention (6 Officers and 16 Directors).
- 3 Board Members will be nominated by the President from regions with no representation in the Board (No election required).
- Outgoing President automatically becomes the Ex-Officio in BOD with no voting rights.

Any individual who has registered, fully paid, and attended any of the previous KHNA Conventions may apply for the role of a Director.

- No director shall be elected to the same role for more than TWO consecutive terms.



# Eligibility For KHNA Board Of Trustees (BOT)

There are a total of 15 BOT Members (Trustees) that includes Trustee Board Chairperson, Trustee Board Secretary and Trustee Board Vice Chairperson. These Trustees will be elected by KHNA members during the biennial Convention.

- Life Membership is mandatory.
- Must have met one of the following three criteria:
  - Any individual who has served at least ONE term on the Executive Committee (as an Officer).
  - Any individual who has served at least TWO years on any previous KHNA Trustee Board.
  - Any individual who has served ONE term on the Board of Directors, registered for, and attended at least TWO of the past FOUR conventions..

Trustee Chairperson, and Trustee Secretary shall be elected in the Biennial Convention by KHNA Members based on the following criteria:

- Current Trustee Board members who have completed TWO years of service or were elected to the Trustee Board during the immediate past convention.
- Individuals who have previously served on the Trustee Board for TWO years or were elected during a previous KHNA Convention and served on the Trustee Board until the next Convention.

Trustee Vice Chairperson shall be selected by the Trustee Board members during the handing over ceremony.

Any Individual who has served on the Board of Trustees (BOT) for TWO terms, or a total of 8 years will be eligible to serve again only if there are no NEW qualified applicants for the vacant BOT positions.



# Eligibility For KHNA Ethics Committee

There are a total of 3 Ethics Committee Members that includes 1 Ethics Committee Chairperson and the 2 Ethics Committee members. The term for Ethics Committee is four (4) years.

- Life Member of KHNA
- Must have met TWO of the following three criteria:
  - Any individual who has served at least one-term in the Executive Committee (Officer).
  - Any individual who has served at least 1 term in BOD.
  - Any individual who has served at least 1 term in BOT.

The Chairperson and members of the Ethics Committee shall be elected by KHNA members during the Biennial Convention.