



# *Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, Inc.* (World Hindu Council of America)

Nomination Committee Office

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## **Governing Council Election-2008: Nomination Form**

Thank you for your interest in serving on VHPA's Governing Council.

Please be sure that you meet the necessary qualifications and criteria and then send the enclosed papers duly completed to:

**VHPA – Nomination Committee**  
42 Lancaster Road, Glastonbury CT 06033

***The deadline for receiving completed forms is September 10, 2008.***

We regret that we cannot accept the nominations electronically. The nomination committee reserves the right to accept/reject any nomination and its decision in this regards is final.

Please contact me if you have any questions ([nominations@vhp-america.org](mailto:nominations@vhp-america.org), 860-633-3029)

Thank you.

Brotherly yours,

**Nikhil A. Buch**

Nikhil Buch  
Nomination Officer



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### **Instructions for Nomination form for the Central Governing Council Member (for Three Year Term: 11/2008-10/2011)**

- (1) All the persons who sign this document must be members of VHP of America in good standing as of the first day of the year in which this form is signed. (Note: Your membership number appears on the Hindu Vishwa label; or you can get it from Shree Sharad Patel, Office Manager at [vhpsp@yahoo.com](mailto:vhpsp@yahoo.com), 713-261-9400)
- (2) This nomination form becomes invalid if any signatory is not a member.
- (3) This nomination form becomes invalid if all the persons signing this form are not from the same Region (as defined by VHP of America). See the list of the Regions at the bottom of this sheet.
- (4) Exception to #2 & # 3 can be made for regions where there may not be enough members or members may be scattered over distant states (Please contact 732-744-0851, [gensecy@vhp-america.org](mailto:gensecy@vhp-america.org))
- (5) This form should be accompanied by
  - Signed Nominee's Consent form
  - "Talent survey: Governing Council membership nominee- 2007
  - Signed "Governing Councilor: Requirements, Qualifications and Expectations" document
  - Two passport size photos (Also send one photo electronically)
- (6) A nomination is not complete if any of the above forms are missing.
- (7) Completed form must reach the nomination office by midnight, **September 10, 2008**.
- (8) Use one set of forms for each nominee.
- (9) Copies may be made, if needed; copies should be made on white paper and if a form is two sided, copy should be two sided too.
- (10) We regret that the forms sent electronically cannot be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Ramesh R. Patel (860)-828-4360; Email: [vhpseva@hotmail.com](mailto:vhpseva@hotmail.com)

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#### **Following is the State wise Region list for your reference.**

<b>Region 01</b>	<b>(New England):</b>	<b>CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT</b>
<b>Region 02</b>	<b>(Eastern):</b>	<b>DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV &amp; Washington, DC</b>
<b>Region 03</b>	<b>(New York):</b>	<b>NY</b>
<b>Region 04</b>	<b>(Southeast):</b>	<b>AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN</b>
<b>Region 05</b>	<b>(South):</b>	<b>AR, LA, OK, TX</b>
<b>Region 06</b>	<b>(Great Lakes):</b>	<b>IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI</b>
<b>Region 07</b>	<b>(Rocky Mountain):</b>	<b>AZ, CO, ID, KS, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY</b>
<b>Region 08</b>	<b>(Pacific):</b>	<b>AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA</b>



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### Nomination form for the Central Governing Council Member (for 11/2008-10/2011)

**We propose the name of:**

Shree/Shreemati \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last Membership number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home tel. Work tel. Email address

**Signatures of proposing and seconding members:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Proposed by date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(B) Seconded by date

**(A) Proposing member:**

Shree/Shreemati \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last Membership number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home tel. Cell No. Email address

**(B) Seconding member:**

Shree/Shreemati \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last Membership number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home tel. Cell No. Email address



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**CONSENT & BIO-DATA FORM OF THE SUGGESTED NOMINEE  
FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNING COUNCIL OF  
VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD OF AMERICA**

Shree Nikhil Buch  
The Secretary  
Nomination Committee for the Governing Council Elections  
Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, Inc.

I have been nominated to serve as a Governing Councilor of the Central Governing Council of Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America. I have received a copy of GOVERNING COUNCILOR: REQUIREMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS, read it and understand my obligations.

I have worked with VHPA in my community (describe):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have been involved in Hindu activities (describe):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If elected, I would be honored to serve as a Governing Council Member of the Central Governing Council of VHP of America for the November 2008 - October 2011 term. My Contribution to VHP of America will be:

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### **GOVERNING COUNCILOR: REQUIREMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS**

(In the following text, he and his are used to indicate he/she and his/her.)

According to the constitution of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, one third of the Governing Council retires every year thus affording inclusion of new and promising workers in the Council and at the same time providing continuity. Retiring members are eligible for nomination.

(01) A nominee must be a current VOTING **MEMBER of VHPA** at least from the beginning of the calendar year in which he is being nominated. ***(In certain cases, the Governing Council can co-opt a member for a term of two years, if he does not meet the criterion but has other necessary qualifications.)***

(02) A nominee who has been actively involved in VHPA activities in his area will have a preference over other applicants.

(03) A nominee **should not** be holding a position in any political party or a political group. If a Governing Councilor, once elected **assumes a position in a political party or a political group**, he stands **disqualified** as a Governing Councilor.

(04) Once elected as a Governing Council member, his **primary dedication** should be to VHP of America. He should not accept any position with any other organization that may hamper his ability to work effectively for VHPA without consultation with the President and the General Secretary. Failure to do so may result in the said member **being asked to resign from the Governing Council**.

(05) Throughout his term as the Governing Councilor, he must maintain his membership in good standing, meaning his membership should not lapse. For this reason, Governing Councilors are encouraged to become Patrons or Life Members; however, if this is not possible, they are requested to pay long term (3 to 5 years) membership to cover their term.

(06) He should understand, believe in and respect the aims and objectives of the VHPA.

(07) He should provide general direction for the VHPA work in the spirit of cooperation in his Region.

(06) He must stand for the total Hindu Unity rising above the narrow considerations of caste, sect, province or language.

(08) He should provide continuity for activities and programs of VHPA at local level.

(09) He should initiate new chapters of VHPA and strengthen existing ones.

(10) He must act in resonance with members of the local chapters, especially executives of the chapters. **(A Governing Council Member is an ex-officio member of the executive boards of all the chapters in his region.)**

(11) He must be willing to help start and run activities like Bal Vihar, Youth Camp, Hindu Awareness Yatra, monthly meeting, hosting visiting dignitaries and arranging programs for them etc. However, not everyone is expected to do all the things by himself/herself. Idea is to create a team around oneself to carry out various tasks.

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(12) He must be enthusiastic about enrolling new members- primary as well as life and patron.

(13) He must make all efforts to attend annual two and a half day Governing Council meeting. No compensation is paid for travel expense.

(14) If selected to be on the Executive Board, additionally, he should be able to attend one more two day meeting during the year.

(15) He must attend the year 2007 Governing Council Meeting which will be held on **November 14, 15 & 16, 2008 in Atlanta, GA** in order to be seated in the Governing Council. If the elected Governing Council Member fails to attend this meeting, then his election would be null and void.

(16) He must send his nomination form by the date specified on the form to the nomination committee; without this form, no nominee can be considered. **(Date: September 10, 2008) Electronically submitted forms are not valid.**

VHPA work also requires **organizational qualities** such as:

- Willingness to sacrifice and work with people.
- Providing representation at regional and national level. This duty will require some travel.
- Supporting and carrying out as a team all the centrally planned programs and activities.
- Promoting cooperative spirit and unity amongst institutions and organizations in one's area.
- Avoiding activities leading to false competition and creation of divisions in the society.

***Get up and set your shoulder to the wheel! - How long is this life for?***  
***-Swami Vivekananda***

I have read the document "**GOVERNING COUNCILOR: REQUIREMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS**". I agree with it in entirety; if elected, I will abide by these guidelines.

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Signature of the Nominee

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Name of the Nominee (first, last)

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Date

Please sign and send this page with the nomination form.

**Please retain a copy of this document for your records and future use.**



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### Personal Information of Nominee

(Please print clearly)

Name of the Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
First middle last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. [H] (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ [O](\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cellular Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Electronic Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please do not give office email address)

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Children:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ]

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ]

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Governing Council conducts bulk of its business using electronic media. Therefore having an active email address is a prerequisite for nomination. Forms without an active email address and a cell phone number will not be accepted.**

