

NON RESDIENT NEPALI-
NATIONAL CORDINATION COUNCIL, CANADA
(NRN-Canada)

Election Guidelines
July 2008

Background:

It is important to note that where this guideline will conflict with the existing By-Laws of NRN-Canada, these guidelines, will prevail effective its approval by the meeting of the Provisional Executive Committee of NRN-Canada.

Part one: Election Commission

1. The PEC of NRN Canada shall form an Election Commission (hereinafter called Commission) and nominate a National Election Commissioner (hereinafter called Commissioner) and appropriate number of members to conduct election of NRN NCC. The Commission shall consist of at least one of its members from each participating province. The Commissioner shall take full responsibility to coordinate, guide, and monitor the activities of the Commission in all provinces. The tenure of the Commission shall complete on the day it officially hands over the report of the election results to the newly elected NCC.
2. The members for Commission shall voluntarily come forward to be nominated by the Commission. If there is a valid and written objection to anybody's nomination as a member of the Commission, "He/She" shall not be inducted in the Commission and voluntarily withdraw the nomination as a "Good Will Gesture" to the organization.
3. Besides acting under this guidelines as well as PEC directions, The Commission may seek and receive the feed back suggestions from all members to arrive at a commonly agreed "Election Platform".
4. The purpose of the Commission shall be to hold the election based upon approved "Election Platform" and guidelines. The Commission shall have the sole authority to deal with and make decisions on election matters.
5. Members of the Commission can not contest for any "Electable Posts" of NRN-Canada organization.
6. It is highly expected that everyone shall cooperate with the Commission in performing and completing its duties, while PEC shall be responsible for

coordination in providing the logistic supports to the Commission. The PEC members and other volunteers shall be working closely to provide the needed support to the Commission.

7. Upon completion of all election procedures without any disputes, including the announcement of the election results and submission of the Commission's report to newly elected executive committee; the Commission shall be officially dissolved. The results of the election shall be accepted by all general members of NRN-Canada.
8. The Commission shall have the prerogative to decide and give resolution to any dispute or claim.

Part two: Election Procedure

1. The Election of National Coordinating Council (NCC) shall be carried out in each municipality based on number of general members.
2. The Commission shall publish election programs and procedure by posting them on the NRN-Canada's official web site as well as circulating to PEC members and community organizations in order to inform the general members.
3. General members shall elect board of directors through voting from their municipality of residence, whereas the general membership list prepared, accepted by PEC and posted on web site shall make up the final voters' list for the purpose of election conducted in 2008.
4. Interested qualified members can submit his/her candidacy by consenting one proposer in writing with a non-refundable \$100.00 Candidate application fee enclosed, along with at least one valid Photo ID as well as a proof of residence.
5. Upon receiving application of a candidate, the Commission shall scrutinize the candidacy and shall prepare final municipality-wise candidates' list.
6. In the event that any person has been denied to his /her candidacy, a documented reason for denial shall be issued to the candidate, while the candidate so denied may request with the Commission to review her/his candidacy.
7. Nepalese Community Organizations in local areas of each province shall be approached by the Commission for help and cooperation to complete the election.
8. The Commission shall request members to vote in prescribed manner. Due to vast geographical extent of Canada, method of voting shall be made convenient and flexible to the voters in the local areas. The Commission shall follow one or more method of voting (such as paper balloting by mail, direct casting votes at the election booth, electronic balloting etc) as may be deemed appropriate under the prerogative of the Commission.

9. The Commissioner shall have the power to develop and implement further details of these guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the election to its completion, but none of the details so developed shall contradict with this general guidelines passed by the PEC or the NRN-Canada by-laws.
10. The Commission shall post all relevant information such as the membership list, contestants' list, election rules and regulations and activities deadlines on NRN-Canada's official website. The Commission may also use other means of communications to insure effectiveness.
11. Declaring the voting result: After voting deadline and review of results, the election results shall be declared authenticated by the Commissioner.

Part Three: National Coordination Council

1. The number of elected members to represent in the NRN NCC from various municipalities shall be determined based on the number of general members of each municipality.
2. The newly elected NCC shall have the right to nominate maximum of 9 board members from the general members. Selection of nominated members shall be based on gender, ethnicity and provincial balance and expertise requirement at NCC as stated in the in By-laws of the NRN-Canada.
3. Executive committee: The NCC will have an executive committee of 11 members. The elected NCC members among themselves shall elect an executive committee comprising a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Spokesperson, an international affairs coordinator and 3 executive members.
4. The tenure of the NCC and the elected executive committee shall be for two years as stated in the By laws of NRN- Canada

Part four: Qualification for NCC Membership

1. A person of Nepali origin, 18 years of age or older, with power under law to contract.
2. Must be a general member of NRN-Canada.
3. Must be a Permanent Resident or Citizen of Canada. If not must live in Canada legally for more than 183 days (six months) or as defined by NRN-ICC and the government of Nepal.

Part five: Qualification for General Members

1. The People of Nepali origin, 18 years of age or older, with power under law to contract.

2. Must be a Permanent Resident or Citizen of Canada or have legal status of residency in Canada. In case of any other category (not stated above), the interested person must be living in Canada legally for more than 183 days (six months) or as may be defined by NRN-ICC and the government of Nepal.

Provincial and territory representation in the National Coordination Council (at the minimum i.e. regardless the number of membership throughout any particular Province/Territory):

Province /Territory Allocated	Seats
1. British Columbia	3
2. Alberta	3
3. Saskatchewan	2
4. Manitoba	2
5. Ontario	8
6. Quebec	2
7. Nova Scotia	1
8. New Brunswick	1
9. New Found land and Labrador	1
10. Prince Edward Island	1
11. From All Three Territories	1
Total (Minimum): 25	

This is the minimum number by each province and territory, which NRN-Canada will strive to maintain at the minimum level. The actual number of the members in the National Coordination Council beyond the minimum may vary.

Representation in the National Coordination Council from municipalities

Number of eligible elected members from each municipality will be determined by the corresponding number of general members in the municipality. This criteria is developed to simplify the actual process of conducting the election.

<u>Number of general members per municipality</u>	<u>Maximum number of Elected members to NCC</u>
0 to 6 members	0
7 to 25 members	1 seat
26 to 50 members	2 seats
51 to 75 members	3 seats
76 to 100 members	4 seats
101 to 150 members	5 seats
Over 151 members	6 seats

Note: In case there is a municipality with less than 7 general members in the final voter's list, the Election Commission will have the discretion to group such municipality into the adjoining municipality (nearest one in terms of geography) within the same province. Also, The Commission can waive the requirement for the minimum number of membership in some municipalities, for example, in the Eastern Provinces where not many Nepalese currently reside.

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