



JSMW ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

2025

To Be Filled By Nominator:

I _____ hereby nominate _____
(Name of Nominator) (Name of Nominee)

for the position of _____

Signature of the Nominator: _____ Date: ___/___/___

To Be Filled By Nominee:

I accept the above nomination and if elected, agree to serve the JSMW to the best of my abilities. Furthermore, I certify with my signature below, that I have read the current Constitution, approved in **February 2025**, and General Rules and Regulations in its entirety.

Signature of the Nominee: _____ Date: ___/___/___

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Home, Cell, Office Phone) (Circle one)

Nominator and Nominee should be familiar with constitutional eligibility requirements prior to submitting a nomination. **A completely filled nomination form with signature of Nominator and Nominee must be submitted via email to elections@jainsocietydc.org by midnight on November 7, 2025.**

The list of nominees will be shared by Sunday November 16th, 2025. Elections will be scheduled for Sunday December 7th, 2025 and election results will be announced after the successful completion of ballot count and certification.

This form is based on the amended constitution, approved in February 2025. Please find the approved amended constitution online at www.JSMW.org



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

1) The positions that are open for the 2025 Election are:

- Executive Committee – Each position is for a 2-year term from 2026-2027
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Joint Treasurer
 - f. Director of Education
 - g. Director of Facilities
 - h. Director of Food Services
 - i. Director of Marketing and Communications
 - j. Director of Public Relations
 - k. Director of Religious Events
 - l. Director of Social Events
 - m. Director of Sponsorships
 - n. Director of Technology
 - o. Director of Volunteer

Constitution Article VII describes Executive Committee positions

- Board of Trustees – 2 Positions for a 3-year term from 2026-2028

Constitution Article VIII describes Board of Trustees positions.

2) Rules of Election (As per Constitution Article XI.3)

- a. A member can be nominated for only one elected position. The nominator must be eligible to vote at the elections.
- b. The voting shall be by secret ballot.
- c. There shall be no absentee ballots or proxies.
- d. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- e. In case of a tie, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall cast a final tiebreaking vote. If the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is not present, the President shall cast a final tiebreaking vote.
- f. The term of the six elected Trustees shall be three years with two Trustees retiring each year and two new Trustees being elected each year.
- g. Only members who have paid membership dues before June 1st of the election year will be eligible to vote for elections.



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- h. Elections will be held in person as deemed appropriate by the Elections Committee, with implementation support from the Executive Committee.
- 3) Qualifications for election to the Board of Trustees (As per Constitution Article VIII. i, ii & iii listed below)
- a. Trustees - Members shall become Trustees of the Jain Society by fulfilling any one of the three criteria given below in sub-paragraphs i, ii, iii. The Historian, in coordination with the Treasurer, shall maintain the list of the Trustees.
- i. A member and his/her spouse who have paid at least \$5,000 in donation to the Jain Center Fund prior to September 30, 2012.
- ii. Any person and his/her spouse who have paid a minimum of \$25,000 donation to the Jain Center Founders' Fund. This donation will make both spouses Life Members of the Jain Society.
- iii. A member and his/her spouse who have paid a total donation of \$50,000 or more to the Jain Society after January 1, 2010.
- 4) Board of Trustees - Board of Trustees shall comprise six elected Trustees including one Chairperson. The President of the Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Board of Trustees.
- 5) Qualifications for election to the Board of Trustees:
- a. Trustees must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for election to the Board of Trustees.
- i. Must be a life member for a minimum of 3 years prior to the year of the elections.
- ii. Must have fulfilled the requirement for Trustee as enumerated in Article VIII Paragraph 1, at least 30 days prior to the elections.
- iii. Only one person from a member family shall be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees. The same person cannot be elected to the Executive Committee during the same period.
- iv. The candidate must be a resident of Maryland, Virginia, or District of Columbia
- 6) General Rules and Regulations:
- a. The Nominations and Elections Committee members are volunteers from the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington. All interactions with them should be conducted with respect.



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- b. During the entire election process through the announcement of election results and including the Annual General Body meeting, causing any disruption may result in the disqualifications of the candidate from the Election, suspension of voting rights of such members or face ejection from the Election venue by the Elections Committee. Disruptions include the following but are not limited to raising their voices beyond reasonable volume, inappropriate verbal, or email communications.
- c. The Elections Committee shall provide Membership list [Name, Address, and Primary Phone Number], upon written request, to Nominees that are deemed eligible by the Elections Committee. Such a list should ONLY be used by the eligible candidates and ONLY for election campaigning purposes. Eligible candidates shall be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement that clearly communicates that such Membership list shall be solely used for the election purposes and cannot be misused, sold to others or shared with anybody for any reason. If any member has requested their contact information not to be publicly published, such information shall be excluded from the Membership List.
- d. The Elections Committee or their representative(s) will ask for a photo identification to identify each voting member.
- e. The counting of ballots will be done by, and in the presence of the Elections Committee only. If required, the Elections committee may recruit volunteers at their sole discretion.
- f. Ballots that are determined to be fraudulent, duplicate or contain any inappropriate comments written by a member may be disqualified at the Election Committee's discretion with just cause.