

Minutes of HTA board meeting held on 12/25/22

Present: Ravinder Agarwal, Chander Sethi, Dr Harnath Singh, Gaurav Sharma, Arvind Kumar, Menakshi Bajaj, Surinder Tuli, Surinder Khurana, Ashok Verma, Trinath Naik, Rohit Aggarwal, Purnima Sharma

Agenda:

- 1) Election of executive committee for 2023
- 2) Vacation of priests
- 3) Priest's responsibilities in keeping the temple clean

Meeting started at 10:15 AM after the quorum was reached.

Agenda was to elect the executive committee for 2023.

1) Election of President

Surinder Tuli proposed the name of Ravinder Aggarwal for President of HTA for 2023.

Seconded by Dr Harnath Singh and Ashok Verma

Ravinder Aggarwal accepted the nomination.

There was no other candidate for the post of President.

All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Ravinder Aggarwal was elected as the President of HTA BOD for 2023.

2) Election of Secretary

Chander Sethi proposed the name of Rohit Aggarwal for Secretary of HTA for 2023.

Seconded by Surinder Tuli and Purnima Sharma.

Rohit Aggarwal accepted the nomination.

There was no other candidate for the post of Secretary.

All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Rohit Aggarwal was elected as the Secretary of HTA BOD for 2023.

3) Election of Vice President

Dr Harnath Singh proposed the name of Manju Walia for Vice President of HTA for 2023.

Seconded by Chander Sethi

Manju Walia was not present but later accepted the nomination.

There was no other candidate for the post of Vice President.

All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Manju Walia was elected as the Vice President of HTA BOD for 2023.

4) Election of Treasurer

Ravinder Aggarwal proposed the name of Chander Sethi for Treasurer of HTA for 2023.
Seconded by Dr Harnath Singh and Surinder Tuli
Chander Sethi accepted the nomination.
There was no other candidate for the post of Treasurer.
All present voted in favor of the nomination.
Chander Sethi was elected as the Treasurer of HTA BOD for 2023.

5) Election of Joint Treasurer

Ravinder Aggarwal proposed the name of Trinath Naik for Joint Treasurer of HTA for 2023.
Seconded by Dr Harnath Singh
Trinath Naik accepted the nomination.
There was no other candidate for the post of Joint Treasurer.
All present voted in favor of the nomination.
Trinath Naik was elected as the Joint Treasurer of HTA BOD for 2023.

6) Election of Joint Secretary

Surinder Tuli proposed the name of Gaurav Sharma for Joint Secretary of HTA for 2023.
Seconded by Chander Sethi
Gaurav Sharma accepted the nomination.
There was no other candidate for the post of Joint Secretary.
All present voted in favor of the nomination.
Gaurav Sharma was elected as the Joint Secretary of HTA BOD for 2023.

7) Election of Puja Committee Chair

Ravinder Aggarwal proposed the name of Dr Vaibhavi Pradhan for Puja Committee chair of HTA for 2023.
Seconded by Surinder Tuli
Dr. Vaibhavi Pradhan was not present to accept the nomination. Ravinder Aggarwal informed the board members that in an earlier discussion she had agreed to be the chair person of the Puja Committee.
There was no other candidate for the post of Puja Committee Chair.
All present voted in favor of the nomination.
Dr Vaibhavi Pradhan was elected as the Puja Committee Chair of HTA for 2023.

8) Election of Joint Puja Committee Chair

Dr Harnath Singh proposed the name of Menakshi Bajaj for Joint Puja Committee chair of HTA for 2023.
Seconded by Ravinder Aggarwal
Menakshi Bajaj accepted the nomination.
There was no other candidate for the post of Joint Chair of Puja Committee.
All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Menakshi Bajaj was elected as the Joint Puja Committee Chair of HTA for 2023.

9) Election of Communication chair

Ravinder Aggarwal proposed the name of Gaurav Sharma for communication chair of HTA for 2023.

Seconded by Dr Harnath Singh

Gaurav Sharma accepted the nomination.

There was no other candidate for the post of Communication Chair.

All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Gaurav Sharma was elected as the Communication chair of HTA for 2023.

10) Joint communication chair

Rohit Aggarwal self nominated himself as joint communication chair.

All present were OK with the nomination.

Rohit Aggarwal was elected as the joint communication chair of HTA for 2023. He will work closely with Gaurav Sharma to take care of communication related tasks of HTA as decided by the communication committee chair and/or the executive committee.

11) Fund raising committee chair

Ravinder Aggarwal proposed the name of Dr Harnath Singh as chair person for the fund raising committee of HTA for 2023.

Seconded by Surinder Tuli

Dr Harnath Singh accepted the nomination.

All present voted in favor of the nomination.

Dr Harnath Singh was elected as the chair person of the fund raising committee of HTA for 2023.

Dr Harnath Singh will form a committee consisting of 5 members and inform the board about the names of the committee members.

Agenda item 2--Vacation of priests

The secretary informed the board members that Pt Satyanarayan ji had asked for a 5 weeks vacation starting appx Jan 20th or so and that he had already booked his ticket eventhough the vacation had not been approved by the board.. Board members felt that it was a long period of vacation and would put undue strain on the other priest and will also impact temple working hours.

After some discussion it was agreed that the priests should be advised that

- 1) At any given time the vacation should not be longer than 2 weeks.
- 2) Priests should take vacation regularly and spread the same out throughout the year.
- 3) In case of travel to India is involved the vacation can be of 3 weeks duration but it must be approved by the board in writing prior to making any travel arrangements.

- 4) Vacation accrued during a year must be consumed in that year. Only two weeks vacation (maximum total) can be carried forward.

These will also be added to the priest's contracts at the time of the renewal of the contract.

Agenda item 3—Priests responsibilities for maintaining cleanliness in the temple:

The secretary informed the board that an exterminating company had been hired to take care of the rat's issue in the temple. It was their suggestion that any food items (Rice, flour, lentils, sweets, nuts etc) must be kept in containers so the rats do not have access to the same.

Three plastic boxes will be kept in the puja hall and any food grains donated by the devotees will be kept in these boxes. It will be the responsibility of the priests that all such items are kept in the boxes and the boxes are closed at the end of the day.

If anybody brings loose items for donation the same will be handed back to the devotee after it is offered to the God. If the devotee insists upon leaving it in the temple there will be a required donation of \$31 to take care of the clean up etc. Similarly if somebody wants to offer oil on the Navgraha idols there will be a donation of \$ 31.

Rohit Aggarwal will make a sign and post the same in the temple in several locations.

Meeting closed at 10:45 AM.