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Office of the Election Committee: Bangladesh Association Houston Election 2014

Dear Members,

The election of the Bangladesh Association Houston is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, 14th, 2014. Accordingly, following Article IX of the Constitution of the Association, a three member Election Committee has been formed to conduct the 2014 election in order to elect a seven-member Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 term. The Committee will be in charge of securing nominations and conducting this upcoming election. By this letter, the Committee is inviting you to participate in the upcoming election on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14th, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The election will be held at the Bangladesh-American Center, Houston (BAC) located at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083. Mail in votes will not be allowed; all votes must be cast in person.

Nominations: The Committee is inviting eligible members to submit nominations for the seven open positions of the Board of Directors, which are as follows: 1. Chairperson; 2. Vice-chairperson; 3. Secretary General; 4. Director of Finance and Budget; 5. Director of Organizational Affairs; 6. Director of Cultural Affairs; and 7. Director of Sports Affairs.

The official nomination form is hereby enclosed, which must be used for nomination of a candidate. A candidate for any position must be a valid member of the Association in good standing for at least 730 days prior to August 31st, 2014, and he/she must be nominated by a member and seconded by another member. The form must be filled out completely, signed by all three parties mentioned above, and should be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$350.00 per candidate, payable to Bangladesh Association, Houston, in the form of a check, money order, cashier's check, or bank draft (cash will not be accepted). The nomination form can be submitted to any member of the Election Committee on or before Thursday, Nov 13, 2014. It can also be mailed, but must reach the EC before the same date as stated above.

Voter List: A copy of the officially certified voter list will be made available to the candidates once their nominations are accepted by the Committee and the required fee is received from the candidate. This validation process may generally take between 3 to 4 business days after receiving the nomination form. However, the candidates will be contacted if the process is completed earlier. It is important to note that the Election Committee does not generate the voter list. It receives the officially certified voter list from the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association. If any member wants to ensure that he/ she is included in the voter list, the candidate is encouraged to call the General Secretary of the Association and or any member of the Election committee on or before Thursday, November 13th, 2014. If there is any error in the voter list, the member must correct it through the Association. If the error is corrected, the member must submit a written letter from the Association justifying the correction, accompanied by proper documentary evidence. Further, if any member has any knowledge about another member who may have changed address recently, please inform the Chairman of the Committee as soon as possible.

Family Membership Category: The voter list contains several categories of membership, one of which is the "family" category, which includes the husband, wife, and dependent children of voting age (elderly parents living with the family will not be counted as part of the "family" for voting purposes unless they registered separately as members). This category includes any dependent children (may be living with the parents or, not living with the parents, but currently enrolled in an educational institution) of voting age (18+, but below 21) as of December 14, 2014 i.e. he/ she must be born on or before December 14th, 1996. However, some voting age children may not be listed in the current voter list. This may create confusion and may cause delay on the Election Day. To avoid this problem, the Committee is strongly urging members to take the following two steps: (1) contact the Chairman of the EC as soon as possible to register any voting age children in the voter list on or before Thursday, November 13th, 2014 and (2) bring the voting age children along with the parents on the Election Day along with their State issued ID or DL or a passport.

Early Voting: The Constitution allows early voting before the regular Election Day. This voting is intended for voters who may be out of town on the Election Day. The early voting will be held only on the day listed below under the Summary of Deadlines, Dates, and Procedures Section. Voting Procedure and Voter Identification: Both regular and early votes must be cast in person at designated location(s) by eligible members through a secret ballot. To be eligible to vote, the voter must present valid photo identification and must provide his/her signature on the voter list.

Summary of Deadlines, Dates, and Procedures: To conduct a fair election, the committee will strictly observe the following deadlines and procedures:



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Bangladesh Association, Houston

A Nonprofit Organization, *Established in 1978*, Charter #3-00084-4754-9
13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083

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1. Voter list adjustment and/ or correction - November 13, 2014
2. Deadline for submission of nomination form – November 13, 2014
3. Announcement of candidates – on or before - November 23, 2014
4. Withdrawal of nomination – November 28, 2014 before 5.00 p.m.
5. Early Voting Dates–
 - Saturday, Dec 6, 2014 at Bangladesh-American Center 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
 - Sunday, Dec 7th, 2014 at Darber Restaurant @ 12421 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston, TX 77089 between 1:00 pm to 6 pm
 - Friday, Dec 12, 2014 at Alibaba Restaurant on FM 529 Houston, TX between 5:00 pm to 9 pm
6. Date of General Election – Saturday, December 13th, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and December 14, 2014, between 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
7. Venue of General Election – Bangladesh-American Center, 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083

The Election Committee is strongly committed to conduct the election in a completely free, fair, and peaceful manner. To achieve this goal, to uphold the Bangladesh Association Constitution, and to preserve the democratic tradition of the Association, the Committee is seeking all possible cooperation and help from the members and the candidates. Your cooperation and help would be highly appreciated. More instructions regarding election rules and regulations will follow in the future correspondence from the Committee, if necessary. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Election Committee. Name and email address of each committee member is listed below for your convenience.

You may also bring your nomination form along with the fee to the Election Commission on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Bangladesh-American Center between the hours of 7 pm to 9 pm.

Yours sincerely,

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Bangladesh Association, Houston, Texas Nomination Form – Election 2014

Date: _____

Election Committee will check the candidate's background and a \$100.00 non-refundable fee will be required during the submission of this nomination form. The voter list is Bangladesh Association's proprietary information and nominating candidates must use the list for canvassing purpose only; any other use and making duplicate copies without the written consent of Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) is prohibited.
Note: Incomplete and non-members form will NOT be accepted.

Candidate Information (Candidate must be a valid member of the BAH for 730 days prior to August 31, 2014)

Last Name:	First Name:	Member: Life <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/>
Address:	City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Email:	
Texas Driver's Lic #:	Social Security #:	
Have you been convicted of, or pleaded no contest to a felony within the last 10 years? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please explain:		
Position Seeking:	Signature/Date:	

Nominated By (Nominator must be a member of the BAH)

Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City:	State/Zip:
Phone:	
E-mail:	Signature/Date:

Seconded By (Secondary must be a member of the BAH)

Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City:	State/Zip:
Phone:	
E-mail:	Signature/Date:

Bangladesh Association – Positions Available for contest

The nominating Candidate must be familiar with the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of the Association and pledge to abide by them once elected. Pledge to carry out the wishes of the general body and decisions of the Board of Directors to best of his abilities. Pledge to carry out the decisions of the Election Committee 2014.

Following positions are available; Please choose one and initial next to it.

1) Chairperson	2) Vice Chairperson	3) Secretary General
4) Director of Finance and Budget	5) Director of Organizational Affairs	6) Director of Cultural Affairs
7) Director of Sports Affairs		

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Administration: Check Payable to Bangladesh Association (Cash is not accepted)

Money Order/Bank Draft/Check:	Date:
Received By:	
Withdrawn:	Rejected:
Pass/Fail the Background Check:	
Comment:	