

November 9th, 2024

This Email is intended only for the members of CIG.

Dear Members of CIG,

Salamun Alaikum,

According to the decision of the Executive Committee (EC) of The Council of Islamic Guidance Inc. (CIG), the Election Commission (ECM) of the CIG hereby announces that the Election for 4 Board of Governors (BOG) members and 12 office bearers of the Executive Committee (EC) will be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Al Mahdi Islamic Centre, 510 Concession 3 Road, Pickering Ontario L1X 2R4.**

The Elections of the BOG and Executive Committee will be held according to the Election Bye Laws. The Election Bye Laws are part of the CIG Constitution and provide guidelines to conduct the elections of the CIG, and are available on CIG website at www.cig.ca

The Election Schedule, Nomination Form, and Withdrawal/Retirement Form are attached with this Notice and are been displayed on the Notice Board of Al Mahdi Islamic Centre, Pickering. Members of CIG who wish to contest the election as an Office Bearer of the Executive Committee (EC) can drop their duly filled Nomination Form(s) in the Drop Box placed at the Male side entrance of the Al Mahdi Islamic Centre on following days:

- Filled Nomination forms can be emailed to Election Commissioner (ECR) at following address cigelection@yahoo.ca.
- Drop box facility will be available during programs at CIG on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays between November 1st and 10th, 2024.

The closing date for submitting Nomination Forms by email is Sunday, November 17th, 2024.

The Provisional Electoral Roll (PER) is ready for verification with the Election Commission. The names of all members (and their spouses, if family membership) of CIG in good standing (who have paid their outstanding membership fee of CIG) are included in the PER (Voters List). All members of CIG who have paid their outstanding membership fee up to 2024 are eligible voters provided that they do not disqualify for other reasons mentioned in the Constitution of CIG.

Members who have not paid their membership renewal fee for the year 2024 can become eligible voters by paying their membership renewal fees by 10th December 2024.

Members of CIG are also requested to fill in the attached Members Data Update Form for any change in their profile/particulars.

Any member who wants to confirm his/her name in the voters list can send an email to the Election Commission at: cigelection@yahoo.ca with following information:

Last Name, First Name, Address, Telephone No. and Email Address

Members can file their objections over the PER with the Election Commissioner (ECR) personally or by email.

The final electoral roll shall be available during CIG programs for verification. The names of only those members of CIG who are in good standing shall appear on the electoral roll.

All contesting candidates (as included in the final list of Candidates) shall be eligible to procure the final electoral roll from ECM upon payment of fee determined by the ECM.

Following are some guidelines from the CIG Constitution - Election Bye Laws for the voters and potential candidates:

BASIC PRINCIPLES

As provided in Article 5 and Article 10 of the Constitution of CIG, the Members of the CIG entitled to vote at a Meeting of Members shall elect 4 Governors (including 1 female Governor) for a 4 year term.

As provided in Article 3 and Article 10 of the Constitution of CIG, the Members of the CIG entitled to vote at a Meeting of Members shall elect twelve (12) Officers of the Executive Committee (EC) for a 2 year term.

Officers mean:

President, Vice President, Chairlady, Ladies Operations Director, Program Director, Assistant Program Director (Gents), Assistant Program Director (Ladies), Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (Gents), Assistant Treasurer (Ladies)

As provided in Article 10, the female Members of the Council shall elect, from among themselves, four (4) members of the Ladies Committee for a period of 2 years term. Ladies Committee means a committee comprised of the Chairlady, Assistant Program Director (Ladies), Ladies Operations Director and Assistant Treasurer (Ladies).

Subject to the provision of the Bye Laws hereunder the office bearers of the EC, and the members of BOG and LC shall be elected by direct secret ballot to be casted by members (female members in case of LC) of the CIG in the manner hereafter provided.

A Member can contest for only one position of the BOG or EC. Candidature of a contesting Member shall stand cancelled for all positions, if he/she fails to withdraw all nomination papers filed except one, before the date of withdrawal. The office bearers of BOG and EC shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast.

The voters shall be permitted to cast his/her vote only on production of any valid photo identity acceptable in Ontario.

Subject to the provisions of Election Bye Laws all eligible members of CIG in good standing shall be entitled to vote unless otherwise disqualified or ceased to be members of the CIG.

All eligible voters shall cast their votes in person.

New members who have applied for membership at least 90 days before polling date and whose membership has been approved by the EC shall be eligible to vote.

Members who have not paid their membership renewal fee for the year 2024 can become eligible voters by paying their membership renewal fees by 10th December 2024.

All decisions made by the ECM during the entire election process shall be final and binding on all concerned.

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Only members of CIG in good standing having more than 90 days standing, not having incurred any disqualification under the Constitution or these Bye-Laws, shall be eligible to contest the election as a candidate for member of LC and any office of EC except for President, Vice President and Secretary.
- To be eligible for the office of President, Vice President and Secretary, the candidate must have served a minimum one full term as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Every member of CIG contesting any election under these Bye Laws shall file a nomination form as herein prescribed (Form 'D'), duly proposed by a member and seconded by another member, both of whom must be eligible to vote. Provided that where a member has proposed or seconded more than one candidate for the same post, the nomination papers of all such candidates shall be considered invalid.
- Following shall be deemed to be inherent disqualification of any candidate contesting election for any office of various bodies of CIG:
 - a) Certified or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind.
 - b) Convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.
 - c) Adjudged bankrupt.
 - d) Not the follower of Shia Ithna Asheri faith of Islam.
 - e) The ECR, AEC, the eight (8) members of the ESC and other workers appointed by the ECR, i.e. Polling Officers, Supervisors, and Scrutinizers etc. shall not be eligible to contest the elections.

All correspondence with the Election Commissioner should be directed to following email address: cigelection@yahoo.ca

With duas and salaams,
Saiyid Wajahat Hasnain
Election Commissioner - CIG