



May 1, 2017

Subject: Nomination of Candidates for 2017 MCC Elections

Dear MCC member:

Assalamu alaikum. This is to seek nominations from you for candidates for the upcoming elections in December of this year, *inshallah*. The positions open for this year's elections are a President, two Directors in the Women category, three Directors in the Young Muslims (in the age range of 18 to 35 years as of Feb 1, 2018) category, and two Directors in the General category. The nominations will be processed according to the MCC Bylaws and Nomination Procedure; you may familiarize yourself with them, and also understand the process of Nomination-by-Petition, by seeking copies from the MCC/MEC Office. This year we are starting the nomination process earlier than usual to allow more time for the Election Committee to plan and conduct the elections.

Please note that the qualifications of Director or President shall include sound Islamic beliefs and practices, voting membership of MCC (in good standing) since at least December 2016 for Director & December 2014 for President,, and familiarity with organizational work; the requirement for voting membership since December 2016 does not apply to the Young Muslims category. Additional qualifications to consider are printed on the back side of this letter. Please refer to bulletin boards at our Elston Avenue and Morton Grove locations for a list of current voting members and a list of those who are not eligible to be nominated. For your quick reference, the following are not eligible to be nominated for Directors because they are already on the Board or have reached their term limit(s):

Khadija Ahmed, Afsar Ali, Shahjehan Baig, Mohammad Basheeruddin, Masood Bijapuri, Anas Gandhi, Mazhar Khan, Omer Khan, Kulsum Sadiq, and Atiya Usman.

Additionally, M. Sarwar Nasir is not eligible to be nominated for any position as he has reached his term limit. You are highly encouraged to participate in the nomination and election processes by nominating the best candidates to serve the organization; make your opinion count.

The Nomination Committee requests you to please complete the Nomination form and mail it or bring it to MCC/MEC office so it reaches no later than 2 PM, August 13, 2017.

Afsar Ali
Chairman, Nomination Committee

PS: (IMPORTANT) If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please do so by sending in your membership dues along with your Nomination Form. Your nominations cannot be processed if you are not a current voting member of MCC.

DESIRABLE QUALITIES TO BE CONSIDERED IN NOMINATING

AN INDIVIDUAL FOR AN OFFICE AT MCC

An office in MCC is a position of trust and leadership. The following are desirable qualities that one should consider when nominating an individual for a vacancy:

1. The foremost criterion is as expressed by the Prophet (pbuh): We will nominate no one to a position of authority who affirmatively seeks it. [Ahmed]
2. The nominee has basic knowledge of Islam and displays wisdom, initiative, and tolerance in its application.
3. The nominee is a practicing Muslim (Male or Female).
4. The nominee is in agreement with the objectives and goals of the MCC and is willing to contribute to its achievements for the sake of Allah alone.
5. The nominee has demonstrated a degree of commitment by involvement and association in MCC activities.
6. The nominee has the capability of working with others in a team.
7. The nominee has the time and energy to shoulder this responsibility after taking care of family, other obligations and prior commitments.
8. A person with previous experience of working in an Islamic organization is preferable.
9. A person who regularly takes part in programs and activities of the MCC is preferable.
10. It is desirable to have the make-up of the Board representative with respect to ethnicity, sex and age.
11. A person holding an executive position in another organization having objectives and programs similar to MCC should not be given preference for an elected office in MCC.

MCC - NOMINATION FORM for YEAR 2017

Notes:

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2. Please visit the MCC or MEC Bulletin Boards for lists of people eligible for nomination.
3. For a family membership, please use both sides of this form, one for each spouse.
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2. DIRECTOR (WOMAN)			
3. DIRECTOR (WOMAN)			
4. DIRECTOR (YOUNG MUSLIM)*			
5. DIRECTOR (YOUNG MUSLIM)*			
6. DIRECTOR (YOUNG MUSLIM)*			
7. DIRECTOR (GENERAL)			
8. DIRECTOR (GENERAL)			

* There are 3 vacancies in Youth Category, two for 3-year term, and one for 1-year term; the two candidates with most votes in December's elections will be given the 3-year terms, and the one with 3rd most votes, the 1-year term, inshaAllah.

Please MAIL or BRING this form so it reaches either of the following addresses no later than 2 PM on Sunday, August 13, 2017:

Muslim Community Center
 4380 N. Elston Ave.
 Chicago, IL 60641
OR
 Muslim Education Center
 8601 N. Menard Ave.
 Morton Grove, IL 60053

MCC Member's Signature:

Full Name:

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