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The Muslim Community Association of San Francisco Bay Area
3003 Scott Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

MCA EB and BoT Election Nominations For Hijri Year 1442 (2020-2021)

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

InshaAllah, the MCA Elections for 1442H will be held via an online ballot (see separate letter from MCA Elections Committee) on Sep 11-13, 2020.

The Election Committee received nominations for this year's election and has vetted the eligibility of the following nominators, seconders and nominees:

Nominee	Nominator	Seconded	Position	Date Received	Status
<i>President</i>					
Khaled Hamade	Mohammed Bhuiyan	Syed Mahmood Reza	President	08/16/2020	Not Accepted *See Note*
Mohammed Nadeem	Mesbah Karim	Sameena Usman	President	08/18/2020	Accepted
Fouad Khatib	Syed Reza	Mustafiz Choudhury	President	08/18/2020	Accepted
Abdul Latif Taylor	Nhada Ahmed	Nora Abushaaban	President	8/18/2020	Not Accepted *See Note*
<i>2 Open positions for Board of Trustee (BoT)</i>					
Azeem Syed	Faisal Ahmed	Raziuddin Mohammed	BOT	08/18/2020	Accepted
Syed Fahim Ahmed	Mohammed Abdul Razzack	Abdul Mateen Mohammed	BOT	08/18/2020	Accepted
Munther Qtaish	Tarek Mourad	Mohammad Al-Shehabi	BOT	08/18/2020	Accepted
Gulled Roble	Abdifatah Elmy	Sumaya Jouranti	BOT	08/18/2020	Accepted
Ziad Abu-Lebdeh	Mesbah Karim	Mahad Abdi	BOT	08/18/2020	Withdrawn *See note*
<i>3 open positions for the Executive Board (EB)</i>					
Muhammad Asim Khan	Hisham Said	Ameen Ashraf	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Aisha Elmeligi	Nhada Ahmed	Nora Abushaaban	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Abdirahman Farah	Abdirahman Dirir	Ahmed Hamud	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Shabeena Ahmed	Mehtab Buksh	Taslina Quadir	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Chafik Ziadeh	Lubna Shaikh	Mohammad Al-Shehabi	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Iqra Shaikh	Arifa Aziz	Nhada Ahmed	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Abdullah Ibrahim	Ihab Badr	Osman Aziz	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Mizanur Rahman	Abdur Rahman	Mohammed Akhtaruzzaman	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Mahad Abdi	Warda Mahamed	Jamad Muse	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Abdur Rahman	Somaiya Rahman	Fazle Elahi Noorani	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Zafar Haq	Raziuddin Mohammed	Sarah Wajihuddin	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted
Ali Abushanab	Huda Abushanab	Asma Ahmed	EB	08/18/2020	Accepted



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We request that any **nomination withdrawal** be submitted by **September 1, 2020**.

*** Note Re: Eligibility of Br. Khaled Hamade for Nomination/Election for President:**

Br. Khaled was nominated for MCA President as part of the upcoming elections. At the same time, Br. Khaled currently sits on the Executive Board as Vice President and his term does not end until next year (2021).

It came to the attention of the MCA Elections Committee that, pursuant to MCA Constitution Article XV, Section 5, Br. Khaled is precluded from running for MCA President while sitting on the Executive Board in a position where the term is not ending.

Here is the constitutional provision at issue:

Section XV, Section 5:

Candidates in an election may only run for one position at a time. Before members of the Executive Board or Board of Trustees may run for other elected positions, they must first resign from their current position before accepting nominations for candidacy in the upcoming election unless this is for a re-election of the same position or if their term is naturally ending at the end of the current term.

Given this provision and Br. Khaled's current circumstances, he was provided the opportunity to decide whether to maintain his current position on the EB and therefore become ineligible to run for MCA President or alternatively resign his position on the EB which would then make him eligible to run for MCA President.

On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Br. Khaled informed the MCA Elections Committee via email that he chose not to resign from the EB. Therefore, pursuant to the MCA Constitution, he is not eligible to run for MCA President and the MCA Elections Committee has decided not to accept his nomination.

*** Note Re: Eligibility of Abdul Latif Taylor for Nomination/Election for President:**

After our review of the membership records for Br. Abdul Latif Taylor and a re-reading of the MCA Constitution, it appears that he was not a member for 3 years of the 5 previous years as defined in and required by the Constitution. Therefore, he is not eligible to be nominated or elected for MCA President and this nomination was not accepted by the MCA Elections Committee.

*** Note Re: Eligibility of Ziad Abu-Lebdeh for Nomination/Election to BoT:**

After our review of the membership records for Br. Ziad Abu-Lebdeh and a re-reading of the MCA Constitution, it appears that he was not a member for 3 years of the 5 previous years as defined in and required by the Constitution. In 2016/2017, Br. Ziad registered for membership on March 10, 2017 which meant that you were only a member for approximately 106 days of that Hijra year and not 180 days of that



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year which is required to be considered a member for the entire year pursuant to the MCA Constitution Article XII, Section 5.

That said, it became the understanding of the current MCA Elections Committee that during last year's election cycle, Br. Ziad, who had been nominated for a position on the BoT, was informed by the MCA Membership Committee and/or the MCA Elections Committee that his membership from 2016/2017 *did* count as a year toward the 3/5 year requirements and that Br. Ziad relied on that information in advance of this year's election cycle. In addition, a review of Br. Ziad's membership history and profile on the MCA website would arguably lead him, and any other viewer for that matter, to believe that he was a member in 2016/2017 for 1 year in addition to his being a member in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

Although Br. Ziad technically fell short of the eligibility requirements to be nominated for the BoT given the number of days of his membership in 2016/2017, the MCA Elections Committee, by a majority vote, decided to find Br. Ziad Abu-Lebdeh eligible to be nominated for the BoT and to accept his nomination under these unique circumstances pursuant to the spirit of the MCA Constitution and because of the potentially confusing, inaccurate information he was provided last year and that is present on the MCA Website that he actively relied upon.

Thereafter, the MCA Elections Committee communicated this decision to Br. Ziad. To further the best interests of the community and promote unity, ***Br. Ziad decided to withdraw from candidacy as of August 22, 2020.***



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Please keep in mind the following upcoming dates/events:

- **Candidates Forum:**
 - Sunday, August 30, 2020 from 8:00pm-10:00pm via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/93987998711?pwd=aGhHTGUyTIVQb09URlg2RHN0UkpVdz09>

Meeting ID: 939 8799 8711; Passcode: 697824

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- **Election Dates (to be conducted via online ballot- see separate letter from MCA Elections Committee):**
 - Friday September 11, Saturday September 12 & Sunday September 13, 2020.
 - **To vote, you must have been a member on or before July 12, 2020.**
 - To ensure that **all MCA members can vote via an online ballot, all individual members must have a current, valid, unique email as each ballot will only be sent to the unique email associated with each individual member.** It is also imperative that we have current cell phone numbers for each member.
 - *In advance of the elections and as soon as possible before September 8, 2020, members, if they have concerns about whether the MCA Elections Committee has their current contact information, are urged to verify and update their phone number on the [MCA Membership page](#) and to contact the MCA Membership Committee at membership@mcabayarea.org to verify and/or provide a current, valid, unique email for each member.*
 - *Specifically, if a member previously signed up for family membership for 2 or more people, it is imperative that this category of members email membership@mcabayarea.org and provide current, valid, unique email addresses for each family member.*

The MCA Election Committee can be reached via email for any questions or concerns:

election@mcabayarea.org

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