

JCNC Elections 2012

Nominee Introduction - in their own words.

The following nominees have been validated and confirmed for these Elections. A separate notice was sent out to the community on the Elections process. All the nominees listed in this document are arranged in alphabetical order.

Position: Benefactor Board Of Directors (3 year term/3 seats) --- Received 4 nominations

(1) Nominee: Mr. Bipin Shah



My involvement with JCNC has been from mid-90's when we took on the project of construction of our temple. I was chair of the construction committee and worked with the city, community, the architect, the contractor and the committee to complete the construction in 2000. I then served a full 2 year term as President for JCNC and have been a board member for several years until my term expired in 2010. I have been involved in the creation of improved Bylaws for JCNC for the past three years and wish to return to the Board to contribute for the long term enhancement of the Center, its governance and its programs and for the eventual hand off of responsibilities to the next generation.

(2) Nominee: Mr. Pravin Madhani



Pravin Madhani has been an active member of JCNC for 14+ years. He has served as secretary of the JCNC board before and has also been chair of the board-appointed finance committee. Pravin and his family have strong Jain values and believe that a vibrant JCNC is important for all of us and our future generation. JCNC, through its religious programs, pathshala, and cultural events, can play a significant role in life of every Jain in bay area. Pravin believes in a strong JCNC board which sets up right policies, creates strong platform for Executive Committee and invests in right long term projects.

(3) Nominee: Ms. Prerana Saraiya



I have been an active participant and volunteer for JCNC for last 28 years. I was fortunate to be first VP of education after opening our Bhawan. We started Sleep Overs, Community Service and Continued Class room training and subsequently expanded into language schools. Six years ago, I was given an opportunity to start Senior Mixer program for senior citizens. The program includes religious discussions, yoga, lunch, trips, dancing, music, games and most importantly laughter. I've served in executive committee for over 9 years. I am looking forward to being a part of JCNC Board and be active member of the board by utilizing my years of volunteering at JCNC and other institutes and personal business experience.

(4) Nominee: Mr. Rakesh Shah



It would be a pleasure and an honor to continue to shape the future of JCNC, by defining right policies that would serve our community as one united place for all Jain Traditions. Since I joined the BOD last year, I have volunteered to be Chair of Technology Committee appointed by BOD and drive the efforts to define long term Technology Policies to resolve some very key and important issues. I would continue my contribution largely in Technology and other area's are required and be able to bring in my professional life experience to benefit JCNC, as you may have experienced in recent years, some examples you can see improvements are: Multiple Live Webcast's for all our JCNC events, Improved our Donation by using PayPal etc.

Position: Community Board Representative (2 year term - 2 seats) Received 5 nominations

(1) Nominee: Mr. Bhupendra Jain



Bhupendra Jain is a senior leader at eBay Inc and passionate volunteer at JCNC. He proudly supported his wife Monali while she led cultural and finance teams in JCNC Executive Committee. Bhupendra is devoted to Jainism since childhood. He believes in spiritual strength and healthy habits.

Next 2 years, he will like to build on JCNC's current successful thriving community where all sects worship under one roof. He is looking forward to lead initiatives that engage young and vibrant Jains. He sees great potential in sharing best practices across Jain Centers within USA. He will facilitate sharing of knowledge and literature created by Jain Shala volunteers to entire world by leveraging latest web, social and mobile technologies.
(Nominated by Monali Jain)

(2) Nominee: Mr. Kamlesh Mehta



It will be my privilege and honor to serve the JCNC Organization in the capacity of "Community Director" for a second term. It will be a great opportunity to contribute towards the long term strategies and new initiatives of JCNC. My objective and commitment is to serve our community in every possible way while continue to preserve and promote the Core Jain Principles. I am a Life member of the JCNC.
(Nominated by Shobha Vora)

(3) Nominee: Mr. Manhar Shah



I have been serving JCNC since 1975, I have held positions as VP of Operation in 1995, Treasurer 1999-2000, Chair person for religious committee during main pratistha FY 2000, Co-vp Religious, CO VP of Finance and last three years served as VP of Finance, 2009 thru 2011. I am very familiar with JCNC operation and continue serving JCNC by representing community. I would like to help by updating Finance Policies etc.

(4) Nominee: Mr. Nirmal Baid



Dr. Nirmal Baid is actively involved with the community. He is a Founding Director of the Jain Education and Research Foundation [JERF] that created the first ever endowed professorship in Jain Studies at Florida International University. He has served the Jain Center of Northern California executive committee in Education and PR roles. Nirmal has been on the executive committee of the Rajasthan Association of North America, and serves as a trustee of the Mahaprgya Adhyatam and Education Foundation. He is on the Endowment Committee of the Foundation for Excellence which provides scholarships to economically underprivileged and academically bright students in India. Nirmal earned his PhD in Jainology from Jain Vishva Bharti University, India. He currently resides in San Jose, CA (Nominated by Shobha Vora)

(5) Nominee: Mr. Yogesh Bapna



Yogesh served JCNC Board and Executive Committee number of times in past, contributed in Pathshala Programs from 2004-06 then served as Board Member in 2007-08 and now since last two years, Yogesh is tirelessly working in EC Religious Programs, facilitating year around all five traditions JCNC religious events and programs. Yogesh has strong family background with 6 family members took Jain Diksha and become monks (sadhujji & sadhviji), which inspires him to take the seva-opportunity with the sentiments of taking dharma laabh.

Yogesh is a learner. He is always ready to help do seva with any capacity particularly in futuristic planning, coordination and managements. Yogesh is selfless enthusiastic volunteer. He has tremendous seva-bhav to help unite all the Jains & facilitate their rituals & beliefs.

Position: Ex-President Director (2 year term - 1 seat) -- Received 3 nominations

(1) Nominee: Mr. Hasmukh Shah



I would like to serve JCNC as a BOD Director. I have held multiple positions in JCNC before (VPs and President). Also I have been BOD Director before.

(2) Nominee: Mr. Navin Dedhia



I have been an active volunteer member/leader of JCNC since 1986. I have held positions as President of JCNC 1987 – 1988, Member of the Executive Committee, VP & Co-VP of the Religious Committee and Member of the Religious Committee. I can contribute more to JCNC by representing community and making sure that their voice is heard in policy making and future strategies; I have a good understanding on the operational aspects of JCNC and community's wants and needs; with that in mind, my desire is to contribute effectively and efficiently for JCNC's progress and community's best interests.

(3) Nominee: Ms. Shobha Vora



I believe my extensive recent experience - JCNC EC President 2010-2011, Co-VP/VP Private Events 2008-2009, BOD Chairperson 2012 - makes me best suited for this position.

My goal is to help develop policy that can both serve the members of today as well as promote the growth of our young and growing Jain community far into the future.

I am regularly at the temple meeting with members, volunteering at events, and participating in policy meetings. This longstanding involvement will help me put together the best possible policies to serve the entire community.

I appreciate your vote and support. Thank you.

Position: VP of Facilities Administration (1 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Harshad Shah



I have been taking care of JCNC building related issues for the past twelve years. I have obtained all required permits for the building such as elevator, wheel chair, back flow prevention, fire system, storm drain and parking. Maintained all A.C. units and save \$8000/year. Also performed small repair jobs throughout the facility including electrical and plumbing since building was constructed. Successfully completed construction of fence and gate project by acting as a general contractor and save approximately \$ 60,000 for JCNC.

(Nominated by Rita Shah)

Position: VP of Finance Administration (1 year term, 1 seat)

(1) Nominee: Mr. Kaishal Dalal



I have been a long-time member of JCNC. I am a CPA and currently work for Bank of America. I had initially set-up accounting system and controls for JCNC. I had been a member of Executive Committee for 5+ years supporting Finance and Secretary functions. I have been long-time member of Jiv Daya committee and had also served in Board as community representative.

(2) Nominee: Mr. Parimal Sheth



I am serving as VP Of finance at present. I need to complete what I started this year. Automation of Accounting. Cleaner Financial statements. Save money by upgrades in bill processing and newer technology. I enjoy what I do for community and serving God.

Position: VP of Technology and System Administration (1 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Biren Shah



I am a senior manager of engineering at VISA, formerly worked at HP and Yahoo. I have a PhD in computer science. Jain by religion and have served in several cultural events when I was living in Louisiana.

Position: Co-VP of Cultural and Community Service (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Sachin Bhayani



I have worked in EC before in various roles. I want to help out in cultural and large event organizing. Looking forward to your support.

Position: Co-VP of Facilities Administration (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Devang Shah



I have been involved with JCNC since 1996. I have been fortunate to serve on the first Jain Bhawan EC in 2000-02. Since then I have been also involved for multiple terms as a JCNC Board of Director. It has been an amazing journey for me and my family to see JCNC community grow and Jain Bhawan offering something for everyone in the community. It has been 12 years since the Jain Bhawan was built and I would like to focus on helping out in the day to day maintenance as well as carrying out some deferred facility projects. I hope I get a chance to volunteer in the next EC and able to work with other dedicated volunteers to make the Jain Bhawan a better place to worship.

Position: Co-VP of Finance Administration (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Harish Shah



Harish bhai has been a long-time member of JCNC and has served in Executive Committee as both, VP and Co-VP of Finance. He has made valuable contribution to JCNC.

(Nominated by Kaishal Dalal)

Position: Co-VP of Membership and Public Relations (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Anuj Jain



Anuj is an energetic community leader with outstanding drive to make a difference for all of us, jains. Anuj has been serving as VP Rental and CoVP Rental for last 2-3 years and had made a tremendous difference in all aspect of JCNC Rental. His contributions have been thoroughly recognized by the EC and board. I requested him to continue to serve the community with the passion that he brings and focus on membership including community relations.

(Nominated by Pradeep Jain)

Anuj has served in EC for past two years as co-VP and VP in Rental dept. He is very dedicated and sincere about his work. I enjoyed working with him.

(Nominated by Nilesh Doshi)

Position: Co-VP of Private Events (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Prashant Singhai



I would like to nominate Prashant bhai to the position of co vp private events. He will be great value add to EC. His can do attitude and devotion in regular temple volunteer activities inspire me to recommend his name.- By Mr. Anuj Jain (VP private events 2012) (Nominated by Anuj Jain)

Position: Co-VP of Religious Programs and Activities (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Nimesh Parekh



It will be my pleasure to accept the Co-Vp Religious Position on the EC to serve the community and preserve the basic beliefs of Jainism.

I have been a volunteer of JCNC. I can contribute more to JCNC by representing community and making sure that their voice is heard in policy making and future strategies; I have an understanding of religious principles and do's and don'ts in religious activities based on knowledge acquired from Pujya Acharya Bhagwans and

other gurus from India. I have a desire to contribute effectively and efficiently for JCNC Sangh's progress and community based on religious principles.

Position: Co-VP of Technology and System Administration (2 year term, 1 seat)

Nominee: Mr. Pranay Shah



Our family has been fortunate to take full labh of Jain Derasar and JCNC community activities for last 20 years. I would like to volunteer and give back to the community by taking responsibility of technology and system admin needs of JCNC.