

## INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## **CIRCULAR-I**

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Subject: Election of National Council of Indian Meteorological Society for the term 2024-2026.

To

All Members of Indian Meteorological Society (IMS)

Dear Member,

The National Council of IMS has appointed me as Returning Officer for conducting the election of the National Council of Indian Meteorological Society for the term 2024-2026. The election will be conducted through an e-Voting system. Each member will receive a personalized web-link sent to their registered Email ID as recorded with IMS. The list of IMS members, as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, has been published on the IMS website. I urge all members to verify and update their Email IDs promptly. This can be done either by contacting the IMS Secretariat over the phone (011-49967783) or through Email communication. For all election-related correspondence, please use the following Email ID:

## ims.election2024@gmail.com

Nominations are hereby invited for the following positions of the National Council of IMS for the term 2024-2026 in the prescribed form (Format Attached).

President - One
 Vice-Presidents - Two

3. Secretary - One

4. Joint Secretary - One

5. Treasurer - One

6. Council Members- Eight

- The nomination of contesting members should reach on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by Email / by hand.
- The nomination is to be proposed and seconded by the members only clearly stating their membership number and the nominee (contesting candidate) should also be an IMS member. The nomination is to be accompanied by the acceptance from the candidate whose name has been nominated for contesting in the election. The nominee should simultaneously keep his brief bio-data, not exceeding 200 words ready, stating his current position and contribution to the field of Meteorology. The bio-data (in MS Word format) are to be sent only for all the posts along with a passport-size photograph (preferably soft copy in BMP or JPG or TIFF format). This will be published in the e-Voting website to facilitate the Members in making informed choices. The defaulters will not be considered for the election. The copy of the bio-data (in MS-Word) with photograph and nomination form of the nominee should reach the Returning Officer on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by e-mail (ims.election2024@gmail.com).
- We have prepared an electoral list of members with registered Email IDs. These members will cast the vote through the weblink sent on their Email ID through secured-online voting system, which ensures that Email notice reaches every voter. Voting is conducted using a simple, easy to use, tech-friendly ballot. Members with outdated or unregistered Email IDs must contact the IMS Secretariat to update their Email and mobile phone information. Local chapter council members are also requested to ensure that all members verify and update their Email IDs.
- The following are the important dates:

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Start date for Submitting Nominations:	:	0930 hrs - 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Last date for Receiving Nominations	:	1800 hrs - 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
		(Wednesday)
Announcement of Valid Nominations	:	1800 hrs - 01 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (Friday)
Last date for the Nomination withdrawal request must be submitted to the Returning Officer either in Person or by Email.	:	1800 hrs - 08 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Friday)
Declaration of Final List of Nominations	:	1800 hrs - 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Monday)
Electronic Voting Period	:	START: Voting begins at 0900 hrs on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Wednesday).  END: Voting concludes at 1700 hrs on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Friday).
Announcement of the results on IMS website (https://imetsociety.org)	:	1730 hrs on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Friday)

- The efforts of local chapters are crucial in enhancing member involvement in evoting. Local chapters are kindly requested to undertake extensive initiatives to notify members in their regions about forthcoming elections to cross-check/update Email IDs of against the Email database already present on the IMS website, and communicate the updated Email addresses of members (whose Email addresses have been changed) to the IMS Secretariat. Such concerted efforts by the local-chapters not only helps to maintain an up-to-date database but also ensure widespread member engagement in the e-voting process. Parallely, the IMS Secretariat will be committed to notifying every member to update the Email ID and about the elections. Subsequently, the updated list of member Email IDs will be published in IMS website on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- Members who wish to contest the elections, are reminded to adhere to the following rules from the constitution of IMS while submitting their nominations:
- 1. A member is eligible to contest for one post only.
- 2. A minimum of two members should nominate the contesting member.
- 3. The Returning Officer is not eligible to contest the election.
- 4. Retiring council members, except for the President, are eligible for re-election, provided no office is held by the same individual for more than two successive terms.
- 5. The retiring President is not eligible for re-election but will assume the role of Past President for the next term.
- 6. As the registered office of the society is in Delhi, the positions of Secretary, Joint Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected from members based in NCR-Delhi only.

The nomination form is attached for your convenience and is also available on the IMS website (<a href="https://imetsociety.org">https://imetsociety.org</a>).

Thank you in advance for your anticipated valuable support for the successful execution of the upcoming election and for ensuring widespread member participation in e-voting.

(G. Suresh) Returning Officer, IMS