

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Report of Election of Office Bearers of Local Jamā'at / Imārat/ Halqa

2013



Jamā'at:	
	Total Eligible Voters:
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	Quorum: Yes No:
Place:	First Call: Second Call:
Presided by:	Check only one: Imārat:

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Preface - Elections in Local Jamā'at

The Office Bearers of local Jamā'ats are elected for a three year term. An election is called near the end of term where all eligible voters are invited to participate in the election process.

The election is held as per the Rules of Tahrik Jadid under the supervision of Amir Jamā'at or his representative. *Please refer to the rules of elections in the following section*.

The election is held openly, where Chanda paying members vote by show of hand. A voter may propose a suitable name for an office and another voter may second the name. If no one seconds a name then the name is dropped.

Once all names are proposed and duly seconded, then a member(s) may speak in favor of a proposed name. However, speaking against any one or making any negative remark is not permitted. After this, the voting is called and voters cast their vote for the most appropriate person, in their opinion, for the respective office. Every eligible voter present must vote. One cannot abstain from casting the vote for any reason.

It is expected that those who propose or second a name and those who vote for a person, do it according to their best judgment and after sincere prayers, that Allah the Almighty may guide them to choose the best person for that particular office.

While considering a person for a particular office, it is important to consider the following:

- 1. The person is eligible to be elected for an office of the Jamā'at as per rules.
- 2. The person is righteous, regular in prayers and follows the traditions of the Jamā'at.
- 3. The person is suitable for that particular office and has the qualities required to manage that office.
- 4. If there are more than one person in consideration for an office who are righteous and suitable for a particular office, then in that case, it is preferable to choose a person who has the leadership qualities, who can provide help and assistance to other members and one who can lead by example.
- 5. Factors like availability, other commitments and general level of Tarbiyat should also be considered.



6. It is important that the person in consideration for an office is regular in Jamā'at programs, has absolute faith in Nizam-e-Jamā'at and is expected to show obedience and commitment to higher office bearers and love and compassion to all those under him.

It should be understood that the results of the elections are only a recommendation for Markaz. Based on the result of elections, recommendation of Amir and many other factors, the Markaz makes a decision and the approval is sought from Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih (May Allah strengthen his hands).

Once the approval is received, the new office take charge and start functioning in respective capacities.

Holding an office is a privilege and honour. However, one should not wish for any office or make effort to acquire a position. But when he becomes an office bearer either by election, or by appointment, he is expected to be a committed and obedient person whose priority is to carry out and fulfill all the responsibilities of his office.

It should be remembered that the office bearer is not elected or appointed to 'rule' but to 'SERVE' the members of the Jamā'at with love and kindness!

May Allah enable all of us to become true servants of Islam-Ahmadiyyat! *Ameen!*

Dr. Aslam Daud National General Secretary

April 21st 2013

Establishment of Local Jamā'ats / Imārats / Imārat

The local Jamā'ats are established at all such places where at least three Chanda paying members reside. All the Local Jamā'ats in a country constitute the National Jamā'at. A Local Jamā'at is headed by a Local Amir or a President. A local Jamā'at headed by a Local Amir is also called Local Imārat. A Local Imārat is further divided into Halqas which have their own Majlis `Amila. The President Halqa reports to the Local Amir.

Majlis 'Amila (Executive Committee)

Following shall be members of Majlis 'Amila of a local Jamā'at/Imārat/Halqa:

- 1. Amīr/President
- 2. Nā'ib Amīr/Vice President
- 3. General Secretary
- 4. Secretary Tablīgh (Preaching)
- 5. Secretary Tarbiyat (Religious Training)
- 6. Secretary Ta'līm (Education)
- 7. Secretary Ishā'at (Publications)
- 8. Secretary Ishā'at Sam'ī wa Basarī (Audio and Visual)
- 9. Secretary Rishta Nāta (viz. matters related to marriages)
- 10. Secretary Umūr Khārijiyya (External Affairs)
- 11. Secretary Umūr 'Āmma (General Affairs)
- 12. Secretary Diyāfat (Hospitality)
- 13. Secretary Māl (Finance)
- 14. Secretary Wasāyā (Wills)
- 15. Secretary Ta'līmul Qur'ān & Waqf'Ardi
- 16. Secretary Tahrīk Jadīd
- 17. Secretary Waqf Jadīd
- 18. Secretary Jā'idād (Properties)
- 19. Secretary Waqf Nau

- 20. Secretary Zirā'at (Agriculture)
- 21. Secretary San'at-o-Tijārat (Industry and Trade)
- 22. Muhāsib (Accountant)
- 23. Amīn (Treasurer)

The above are elected offices. In addition to the above, following are also member of the Local Majlis `Amila:

- 1. Central Missionary / Missionaries appointed by Tahrik Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya and posted in the Jamā'at
- 2. Za'im Majlis Ansarullah
- 3. Qa'id Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

In addition to the above, following are also elected offices at the local level.

- 1. Additional Secretary Māl (Finance)
- 2. Additional Secretary Waqf Jadīd Nau Mubā'i'īn (for new Ahmadīs)
- 3. Auditor

Note:

- These are the only appointments, which may be made at the local level. In smaller Jamā'ats, it is not necessary that all appointments be held by separate persons. If an office is not filled, President shall be responsible to perform its functions himself.
- (2) Amir/President has the privilege to act as *Imamus Salat*, i.e. to lead the daily prayers. However, if he decides not to act as *Imamus Salat*, he may, after mutual consultations, appoint another Ahmadi to act as *Imamus Salat*, who (i) can recite the Holy Qur'an better, (ii) has learnt a reasonable portion of the Holy Qur'an by heart, (iii) has good reputation, (iv) can attend the mosque daily and more conveniently, and (v) is regular in prayers. An *Imamus Salat*, in that capacity, shall not have any administrative powers.
- (3) Secretary Wasaya shall necessarily be a Musi.

Advice to Voters

(Excerpts from the Khutbas (sermons) of Hadhrat Musleh Mau`ud (ra))

Forming an Opinion

Election is not something where one can say that he does not have an opinion. It is necessary to form an opinion, without which things would not work. Not giving one's opinion means either the person was sleeping and did not fulfill his obligation or the person considers himself of such high stature that it would be demeaning for him to participate in such activity. Both of this is regrettable. Therefore at the time of election, everyone must vote. No one can say that he has not formed an opinion as yet. He can say that when the names were presented, he could not figure out who is more capable, but regardless he has to make a decision based on his best knowledge and understanding,

(Friday Sermon – November 7, 1954)

Un-Influenced and Un-Biased Opinion based only on Qualities

A person with an honest opinion is one who has the strength to make judgment by himself. He is not influenced by someone else's views or someone else's mistake. When he is making a decision, he should imagine as if he has no relationship with anyone. For example, if a person has a brother-in- law, who is regular in prayers and active in Jamā'at and acts responsibly. Now if that person does not vote for his brother in law only because he has bad terms with his wife and her brother, then we cannot call that person with an honest opinion. He has considered person his personal relationships while making a decision. Similarly, if a person votes for another person only because he is his friend but who is not religious, or intelligent and is not active in Jamā'at work. Then again this person does not have an honest opinion.

To be a person with honest opinion means to have the quality of discarding irrelevant matters while making decisions. For example, while appointing an Imam, the person making the decisions, should not consider the fact that someone is his brother or father or a close relation to him. Instead, while making decision, he should only see whether the person in consideration is regular in prayers, is religious, and has more knowledge of Holy Qur'an than others. In this case, being religious, being regular in prayers and having good knowledge of



the Holy Qur'an are all relevant for the position of Imam. Office and relationship is not relevant for becoming an Imam.

Once someone wrote to me that a certain person in our Jamā'at is very influential, and is very important for us, however the problem is that he has once been expelled from the Jamā'at and his religious state is not very remarkable. Now one should ask these people, whether this person is greater than Roosevelt, Eisenhower or Chiang Kai-shek? If the world has survived without these people, then why can't you continue without him?

If the Jamā'at elects a person as their Amir, only due to the fact that this person is a colonel in army, is not a correct decision. If a peon is more religious, then it would be more appropriate for the Jamā'at to elect the peon as their Amir – however, only if this person has the ability to lead and discipline others. If that peon starts saluting when a colonel comes, then that peon is not suitable for this position.

A religious peon who can uphold the grace and dignity of his office is more suitable to become the Amir, than a colonel. Members of the Jamā'at should evolve this type of discipline in themselves. One should not waste his vote; it should be correctly utilized.

(Friday Sermon – November 7, 1954)

Past Performance and Qualifications

One should look for the qualification and past performance of the person(s) in the election of an office. Family tree and background is irrelevant.

Those who work will be brought forward, those who would not, will ultimately fall. We acknowledge that a family has served at some point, but if they are not active any more, then why should the Jamā'at bring them forward?

The Jamā'at appreciates only those who exhibit high standard of sacrifice and devotion...If the Jamā'at has to survive then it should get rid of those who claim respect only because of family history. It is shameful to appoint someone as a leader who does not work.

(Friday Sermon – October 24, 1953)

Advice to Office Bearers

(Excerpts from the *Khutbas* (sermons) of Hadhrat Musleh Mau'ud (ra))

One Should Not Desire for an Office

If there is faith in your heart, then Allah Almighty will Himself appoint you for that position for which you are suitable. You yourself should not desire for an office.

Some people only wish for a position of power. They do not have any desire to work. Their style is that they will show up at the election of the president or secretary and then would not show their face again. However, when the next election comes they will again come with their friends to get elected. They think that by becoming president or secretary the purpose of their life is fulfilled. These people are a curse for the nation and a curse for themselves. These are the same people for whom Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

So woe to those who pray, وَ وَدُلُنُ الْمُصَلِّينَ فُونَ لَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّالّالِي الللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللّ

The wish to become a leader is a foolish thinking. It is Allah's job to make leaders. When Allah wishes to make someone a leader, He grabs him and makes him the leader.

(Hadhrat Musleh Mau`ud (ra) - Friday Sermon – 1st April, 1938)

It is important that the office bearer has the quality of implementing decisions. He should not be a coward person.

(Friday Sermon – November 7, 1954)



It is extremely important that there is no propaganda at the time of election. This is Islamic instruction and one who disobeys this, is a criminal. A person exhibits his personal opinion by voting.

A person who solicits vote for himself or for others is a criminal of the Jamā'at and such person should be duly punished so that it is inculcated in the heart of members of the Jamā'at that in future we should not listen to someone else's suggestion.

Only personal opinion should be presented in elections. Indeed, by the example of companions of the prophet, it is apparent that during the election meeting, one has the right to present his views in favor of some one.

(Address – Annual Ijtima` of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, 18 October 1942)

Role and Responsibilities of the Office Holders

Excerpts from the Friday Sermon of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah strengthen his hands) (Delivered on December 5, 2003)

'And it is by the great mercy of ALLAH that thou art kind towards them, and if thou hadst been rough and hard-hearted, they would surely have dispersed from around thee. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them, and consult them in matters of administration; and when thou art resolved, then put thy trust in ALLAH. Surely, ALLAH loves those who put their trust in HIM.'

(Holy Qur'an Ch 3:160)

Training from Cradle to Grave

"... The Jamā'at Ahmadiyya system is such that binds all young and old from cradle to grave in a relationship of love and kindness. When a boy reaches the age of seven, he becomes a part of the Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya organization. Similarly, when a girl reaches the age of 7, she joins the Nasiratul Ahmadiyya organization. This is where they are trained to be team players and this is where the spirit of obedience of their elders and organizers is instilled in their hearts and minds. When they reach the age of fifteen, boys join Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and the girls become part of the Lajna Ima`illah and they become familiar with more of the Jamā'at structure.

Now they have reached an age and a level of consciousness where they are able to elect, from among themselves, their office holders who run their respective organizations and perform the training of their membership. As a result of this continuous participation and training when these youngsters grow older and get involved in Jamā'at activities, they prove to be very useful workers...

Mildness in Manner

... As the Jamā'at grows, the responsibilities of the Jamā'at office holders also increases. They need to pay more attention to *Tasbih* and *Istighfar* (praising Allah and begging for His forgiveness) as pointed out by the verse 4 of Chapter 110:

'Glorify thy Lord with His praise, and seek forgiveness of Him.'

They should take note of this advice and soften their attitude. This should make them realize that they need to develop mildness in their manners, they need to perform their duties more diligently. Personal ego or desire should not play any part in the performance of their duties. While fulfilling your duties you should completely suppress and

set aside all personal interests, haughtiness and pride, and complete your obligations to the best of your ability...now more than ever! There is no need to squabble over minor incidences. You should increase your love and relationship with the members of the Jamā'at, attentively listen to what they have to say, and remember them in your prayers more than ever, only then it will be evident that you are fulfilling your duties or at least attempting to do so ...

... Jamā'at workers should give up the habit of getting angry over even the smallest mistakes. They should develop the habit of being kind and loving to the members, to listen attentively to their requests, and to pray for them. Then and only then, can it be said, that the office holders are discharging their duties properly...

Leaders of the Nation are Their Servants

... In Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, the office holders are not selected or appointed to sit on stages or walk with pride among the members. They are elected with the Hadith "Leaders of the nation are their servants" in mind...

... Holy Prophet (sa) had such deep feelings of love and kindness for his companions and others around him that they were involuntarily drawn towards him like bees to the honey, With this in mind, who are we not to show the same kind of feelings of love and kindness for people around us and then expect that they will obey all our instructions? ... Following the example of our beloved Master, the Holy Prophet (sa), we must deal with people with sincerity, love, and kindness...

Office Holders Represent the Khalifa

... All office holders, whether of Jamā'at or of auxiliary organizations, represent the Khalifa in their respective areas of responsibilities. If they are not fulfilling their obligations towards the Ahmadis in their charge, if they do not participate in their sorrow and happiness, if they do not treat them with love and kindness, or if the Khalifa of the time asks for a report on a certain matter concerning someone and they send a report without any investigation or without complete investigation, or due to some personal grudge send a wrong report, then they commit a grave sin.

Guardians

Holy Prophet (sa) said that a person whom Allah has appointed guardian over a people and he does not discharge his duties fully with respect to those people, then on his death, Allah will make him ineligible to enter paradise. In another Hadith, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that every one of you is a guardian over someone; you will be answerable about the people you are appointed guardian over. All office holders are made guardians in their areas of responsibilities. They will be answerable. We should fear the very serious consequences of this as stated in the first Hadith quoted earlier.

Thorough Investigation

... If a Majlis `Amila needs to form an opinion about someone they must not do so in haste. They must do a complete and thorough investigation. If there is any doubt, the benefit of that doubt must go to the person who stands accused. In a Hadith the Holy Prophet (sa) has stated that try to save a Muslim from punishment. It is better for the Imam to make an error and forgive than for the Imam to make mistake and punish.

... Your responsibility is to listen and obey, and obey, and obey "

May Allah enable us to do so! Ameen!

(Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aa) - Friday Sermon – December 5, 2003)

Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) said:

""Surely! Everyone of you is a guardian and is responsible for his charges: The Imam (ruler) of the people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects; a man is the guardian of his family (household) and is responsible for his subjects; a woman is the guardian of her husband's home and of his children and is responsible for them; and the slave of a man is a guardian of his master's property and is responsible for it. Surely, every one of you is a guardian and responsible for his charges."" (Bukhari)

RULES OF ELECTIONS

LOCAL JAMA'AT HEADED BY A PRESIDENT

- President, Vice President(s) and all the office bearers of a local Jamā'at shall be elected by Chanda paying members of the Jamā'at concerned through a majority vote, except Secretary Rishta Nāta who will be appointed the National Amīr/the National President at his own discretion.
- 216 It shall be necessary that in a local Jamā'at at least three names are proposed for the office of local President. As far as the other offices are concerned, it shall be necessary that during the election at least two names are proposed for each office. It is not allowed to propose only one name for any office.
- 217 These elections shall be approved by the National Amīr/the National President.

LOCAL JAMA'AT HEADED BY AN AMĪR

- 218 A local Amīr shall be appointed with the approval of Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh. His nomination or election shall be processed by the Wakālat 'Ulyā.
- 219 A local Amīr and the local office bearers except the Nā'ib Amīr and Secretary Rishta Nāta shall be elected by Chanda paying members of the Jamā'at concerned through a majority vote or through the Majlis Intikhāb as directed by the Markaz.
- 220 It shall be necessary that in a local Jamā'at at least three names are proposed for the office of local Amīr. As far as the other offices are concerned, it shall be necessary that during the election at least two names are proposed for each office. It is not allowed to propose only one name for any name.

Note:

- (i) Secretary Rishta Nāta shall be appointed by the National Amīr at his own discretion.
- (ii) If the local Amīr needs one or more Nā'ib Amīrs to assist him, he shall seek the approval of Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh through Wakālat 'Ulyā justifying his need. The local Amīr shall submit his request to Wakālat 'Ulyā through the National Amīr.

General Rules

- **221** It should be kept in view that office bearers:
 - a) Have beard. In exceptional cases permission should be obtained from Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh.
 - b) Are God fearing (Muttaqī) persons to the best of one's knowledge.
- 222 (a) Following persons should not be eligible to vote in any election:
 - A defaulter in payment of obligatory Chandas.
 - A person under the age of 18 years.
 - Persons against whom Jamā'at has taken disciplinary action.

Note: Such a person shall be permitted to vote in elections only when a period of three years has lapsed after his pardon by Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh.

- Office bearers suspended by Nizām Jamā'at (for the period of their suspension).
- (b) Such defaulters, as pay their chandas after the announcements of the date of election, shall not be permitted to participate in that election. Payment of Chanda for the sake of participation in elections must be strongly discouraged.
- (c) A new Ahmadī shall be eligible to vote in any election one year after his Bai'at provided he fulfills all other conditions laid down in the rules.

Note:

- i. A Chanda paying member is one who is not in arrears of Chanda 'Ām or Chanda Hiṣṣa Amad for more than six months whereas for Chanda Jalsa Sālāna he should not be in arrears for more than one year. This condition shall not apply to those who have taken permission from the Markaz to pay up the arrears in installments or have been permitted to pay Chanda at a reduced rate, however such persons shall not be elected to any office or membership of Majlis Intikhāb except with prior permission of the Markaz
- ii. A person who is in arrears of Chanda Majlis for more than six months and of Chanda Salana Ijtima for more than one year of his respective Auxiliary Organization (Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya/Majlis Ansarullah) shall not be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.

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ELECTION OF LOCAL JAMA'AT OFFICE BEARER

- 223 (a) When elections of a local Jamā'at are held, the quorum, for such a meeting shall be one half of the eligible voters.
 - (b) If an election meeting is adjourned for lack of quorum, the quorum shall be one third of the eligible voters for the adjourned meeting.
- 232 (a) A regular employee of the Jamā'at (whether honorary or paid) cannot be elected to any office without prior permission from the Markaz.
 - (b) Names of Central Missionaries cannot be proposed for any office at local or national level without prior permission of Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh. However they are eligible to vote in local elections where they are posted as well as in national elections.
 - (c) The Qādīs and Auditors appointed by the Markaz cannot simultaneously be elected to any other office. In exceptional cases, prior permission from the Markaz should be sought.
- 233 The date and place of elections should be publicly announced in advance, at least 15 days before the appointed date. A genuine effort should be made that all members who are eligible to vote are informed.
- For all election meetings of the local Jamā'at, the Amīr/ President or the General Secretary must inform all members of the Jamā'at of the date, time and place of the meeting.
- 235 An election report shall be sent as follows:
 - (i) Total number of eligible voters.
 - (ii) Number of eligible voters present in the election meeting.
 - (iii) Number of votes cast in favour of a person.
 - (iv) Brief introduction of persons elected, along with their postal addresses and telephone numbers.

Note: All elections of local Jamā'ats shall be conducted under the supervision of the National Amīr/President and the reports concerning these elections shall be sent to him by the presiding officer along with signatures of two other persons who were present during the election but their names were not proposed for any office.

236 If a complaint is received about propaganda having been carried out in favour of a person and the complaint is substantiated in subsequent inquiry, the election shall be held null and void and those involved in propaganda will be held accountable and a fresh election shall be held and those involved in such propaganda shall not be permitted to participate in this subsequent election. For taking this action prior approval of Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh will be necessary.

Note:

In an election a person can neither propose his own name for any office nor can he vote for himself. If his having done so is established, he will not be considered eligible for this office and also, he will be removed from any other office which he holds at that time.

- Any action, which is aimed at influencing opinion in favour of or against an individual, shall be considered propaganda. However, it is considered appropriate to say a few words in favour of a person during the election meeting. Adverse remarks against anyone are not permitted.
- Whenever under the rules it is required to take some disciplinary action against a person, this disciplinary action can be taken only with the prior approval of Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh.
 - To debar someone from participation in Jamā'at's election, to remove him from an office or deprive him from serving the Jamā'at is also a disciplinary action. No office bearer has the right to take any disciplinary action on his own.
- 245 The National Amīr/President shall give approval of election of all the office bearers of Local Jamā'ats headed by a President. He shall have the power to reject any election and ask the Jamā'at for re-election of all the office bearers, or a particular office bearer. The National Amīr/President shall submit the reasons of such a rejection to the Markaz. If he feels necessary he may make nominations of certain office bearers with the prior approval of the Markaz.
- 246 If in case of a particular Jamā'at the National Amīr/President feels that election should not be held and all office bearers should be nominated, he shall immediately obtain prior permission from the Markaz and then make the nominations.
- 247 If the interest of the Jamā'at so warrants, any office bearers of a local Jamā'at may be removed by the National Amīr/President with the approval of Markaz.

248 In case of a local Jamā'at headed by an Amīr the approval of all the local office bearer shall be sought from Wakālat 'Ulyā. Wakīl A'lā shall submit all such cases to Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh for final approval.

Miscellaneous

- 249 All office bearers shall be elected for a term of three years. However, a mid-term change may be made with the approval of Markaz.
- 250 There shall be no restrictions on the re-election of any office bearer when he has completed one term of three years.
- A defaulter in the payment of Chandas shall not be eligible to hold an office. A defaulter is one who is in arrears of obligatory Chandas (viz. arrear of Chanda 'Ām or Chanda Hiṣṣa Āmad for more than six months whereas for Chanda Jalsa Sālāna he should not be in arrear for more than one year).

A person who is in arrears of Chanda Majlis for more than six months and of Chanda Salana Ijtima for more than one year of his respective Auxiliary Organization (Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya/Majlis Ansarullah) shall not be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.

Note: In exceptional cases, Markaz may be approached for relaxation.

- 253 Following persons shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Jamā'at.
 - a) A person not eligible to vote under Rule 222.
 - b) A Mūsī, whose Wasiyyat has been cancelled by Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.
 - c) A Mūsī, whose Wasiyyat has been cancelled by way of disciplinary action.
 - d) A person putting Jamā'at funds into personal use (As explained in Rule 280) and also a person putting funds of an Auxiliary Organization into personal use. Such a person shall not be elected or nominated to any office for a period of three years after the reimbursement of used amount and pardon by Hadhrat Khalīfatul Masīh. If such a person commits the same mistake a second time he shall never again be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.



- Note: (1) If the Wasiyyat of a Mūsī is cancelled due to some reasons other than those mentioned in (b) and (c) and he is paying his obligatory Chandas regularly and he is not a defaulter as per Rule 252, there is no objection against his appointments or election as an office bearer.
 - (2) If a person is removed from an office a second time, by way of any disciplinary action, he shall never again be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.
- 254 Every election report shall be signed by the Presiding Officer along with two other persons who were present during the election but their names were not proposed for any office.
- 255 An existing office bearer shall continue to hold office until a new office bearer is approved.
- 256 The existing office bearers shall hand over the charge of their respective offices, along with relevant records, funds and inventories etc. to the new office bearers as soon as approval of the Markaz is received.

SAYINGS OF HOLY PROPHET (SA)

The Holy Prophet (sa) said:

"Do not ask for a position of authority, for if you are granted this position as a result of your asking for it, you will be left alone, and it you are granted it without making any request for it, you will be helped"

"Whoever obeys me, obeys Allah, and whoever disobeys me, disobeys Allah, and whoever obeys the ruler I appoint, obeys me, and whoever disobeys him, disobeys me."

"You should listen to and obey, your ruler even if he was an Ethiopian (black) slave whose head looks like a raisin."

"Any man whom Allah has given the authority of ruling some people and he does not look after them in an honest manner, will never feel even the smell of Paradise."

"If any ruler having the authority to rule Muslim subjects dies while he is deceiving them, Allah will forbid Paradise for him."

"The worst of all mankind is the double-faced one, who comes to some people with one countenance and to others, with another countenance."



GUIDELINES

for Conducting Elections of Local Office Bearers

a. ITEMS TO ACQUIRE FROM NATIONAL MARKAZ TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS

- 1. Eligible Voters' List
- 2. List of Moosian with Good Standing
- 3. Election Package
- 4. Guidelines for Conducting Elections of Local Office Bearers

b. ACTIONS ITEMS OF ELECTION PROCEDURE

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1	Get the list of eligible voters from President and Secretary Mal. This is the list that will be used to announce eligible voters. National Markaz' list will be used only in case of a dispute.	
2	Take attendance of eligible voters and mark on the list.	
3	Read rules about who is eligible voter and who is not.	
4	Request non-eligible members to sit on a side or at the back. Request eligible voters not to leave.	
5	Make sure that all eligible voters are sitting in proper rows in a fashion for easy counting. Appoint 2 – 4 non-voting members to help in counting votes.	



6	Ensure quorum is met.	
7	Read Rules of Election. If time permits, read "Advise to Voters and Office bearers" along with Ahadith.	
8	Announce the names of the offices to be elected.	
9	Perform Dua.	
10	For each election to be held, briefly explain duties and responsibilities of office bearers and invite names.	
11	Call to those who are interested in proposing names. Make them stand up and mention their own names and then the name of the person they would like to propose.	
12	Ask those would like to second. Note the name of person who seconds the proposed name.	
13	Once all names are taken, ask if anyone wants to speak in favour. Take all names. Call one by one to speak only in favour.	
14	Note the member code of all proposed names and verify that they have beard.	
15	Call for voting. Count votes and total them.	
16	Fill out the bottom portion of the all forms once after completing all elections.	

c. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. ELIGIBLE VOTER BASED ON CHANDA

If a member's name is not in the voters' list provided by the President, and he insists to be a voter, then his names should be checked in the voters' list provided/approved by National Markaz. If his name appears in that list, then he is a voter.

2. ELIGIBLE VOTER BASED ON LOCATION

If there is dispute about the current address of a voter, then if the voter says that his permanent address is in that Local Jamā'at, then he is a voter.

If a voter is planning to move out of that Local Jamā'at in near future, he can vote, but his name cannot be proposed for an office.

If a voter's permanent address is outside that Local Jamā'at, but he has already bought or leased a residential property in that Local Jamā'at for personal residence, then he is eligible to vote, and his name can also be proposed for an office.

3. DEFINITION OF ONLY SPEAKING IN FAVOUR OF A CANDIDATE

A person can introduce a person whose name is proposed by giving his name, qualification, relevant past experience or offices held.

Endorsing, convincing voters, comparing with other office bearers or previous office bearers is not permitted.

Not only can a speaker refer to person by name in a negative way, but also he cannot refer to a person's actions in a negative way.

4. COUNTING CONFLICT

A conflict in counting should be resolved by recounting the votes.



d. Criteria to Decide about Offices for which Elections would be Held

Number of Eligible Voters	Primary Office	Additional Offices Assigned							
Less than or equal to 10	1. President	Secretary Tabligh, Secretary Tarbiyat, Secretary Ta`lim & Ta`limul Qur'an Secretary Waqf Nau, Secretary Isha`at, Secretary Sam`i wa Basari, Secretary Umur `Amma, Secretary Umur Kharijiyya Secretary Zira`at, Secretary San`at-o-Tijarat, Secretary Rishta Nata							
	2. General Secretary	Secretary Ja'idad, Secretary Diyafat							
	3. Secretary Mal	Secretary Tahrik Jadid, Secretary Waqf Jadid, Secretary Wasaya, Amin & Muhasib							
	1. President	Secretary Zira`at, Secretary San`at-o-Tijarat, Secretary Rishta Nata							
	2. General Secretary	Secretary Ja'idad, Secretary Diyafat							
More than 10 but less than 20	3. Secretary Mal	Secretary Tahrik Jadid, Secretary Waqf Jadid, Secretary Wasaya, Amin & Muhasib							
	4. Secretary Tabligh	Secretary Tarbiyat, Secretary Ta`lim & Ta`limul Qur'an Secretary Waqf Nau							
	5. Secretary Isha`at	Secretary Sam`i wa Basari							
	6. Secretary Umur Kharijiyya	Secretary Umur `Amma							
20 or more	All offices mentioned in the Election Package.								



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Office	Chanda Paying Members
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Reason for Request	·
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Current Office(s) held	Education •
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