**Notice of General Election of Nepali Ghar** 

Date: April 20, 2024

To: All Members, Nepali Ghar

Nepali Ghar (https://nepalighar.org/), located in Westminster, Colorado, announces the

commencement of its general election process starting from April 20, 2024, to elect

Executive Committee officers and Board of Directors members for the term 2023-2025.

Nepali Ghar is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of this election. We

earnestly request all members, executives, and directors of Nepali Ghar to thoroughly review

this document. Your understanding and cooperation are vital, and we look forward to your

extended support and active participation.

The Nepali Ghar Executive Committee has appointed a three-member Election Committee

(EC), comprising:

1. Dr. Sangeeta Shrotriya (Coordinator),

2. Mr. Bhushan Lal Shrestha (Member), and

3. Mr. Kapil Dev Subedi (Member).

The Election Committee has been entrusted with drafting the policies and procedures governing the election, as outlined in this document. Additionally, the Committee is tasked with overseeing a transparent and impartial election process to select the Eleven Executive Officers and Twelve Board Members for the upcoming term.

| Positions for Election:                            | Number    |
|--|-----------|
| <ul> <li>President</li> </ul>                      | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Vice –President</li> </ul>                | 3 (three) |
| <ul> <li>General Secretary</li> </ul>              | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Treasurer</li> </ul>                      | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Public Relations Officer</li> </ul>       | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Resources and Facility Officer</li> </ul> | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Information Technology Officer</li> </ul> | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Communication Officer</li> </ul>          | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Cultural and Event Officer</li> </ul>     | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Student Representative</li> </ul>         | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Women Representative</li> </ul>           | 1(one)    |
| <ul> <li>Board of Directors</li> </ul>             | 10(Ten)   |

# Method, Date, and Location of Voting:

- Method of voting will be Ballot.
- The voting will be by ballot voting only.
- The voters should have a valid form of photo ID (License/state ID/Passport) to vote.
- The voters with valid membership of Nepali Ghar can only participate in the election.
- Date: 26 May 2024 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Location: Nepali Ghar (4001 W 76<sup>th</sup> Ave Westminster CO ,80030)

#### **Ballot voting:**

The voters must cast their votes on 26 May 2024 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 pm MST

### **Election Result**

- 26 May 2024 4:00 pm MST onward:
- Election Committee counts the votes, declares results and will be published on Nepali Ghar's website

#### **Voter Eligibility:**

- Must be consistent with Bylaws Section IV Article 3.
- Voting eligibility is extended to Nepali Ghar members whose memberships remain valid as of May 26, 2024. Additionally, members who submitted their membership applications online prior to March 31, 2024, and have been approved are eligible to vote
- The list of Nepali Ghar members has been published and posted on the Nepali Ghar website. Please visit this link <a href="https://nepalighar.org/about-us/members/">https://nepalighar.org/about-us/members/</a> and scroll down to view the list of members.
- Members are requested to verify from this list whether their membership remains valid.

## **Candidate Eligibility:**

- Candidates for executive positions must have active membership and remain valid at least until 26th May 2024.
- Candidates for other BOD positions must be an eligible voter, as specified above.

#### **Nomination Process and Fees:**

- No Board Member will be considered eligible to hold the same position or office for more than two terms. This provision will not be an obstruction to apply the Article 2.1 of this section.
- A candidate to a position must nominate himself or herself. Nomination by others won't be valid. A person cannot file a nomination for more than one position.
- Nomination must be submitted online starting May 6, 2024. A link to apply is here:
   <u>bit.ly/4aEwJmL</u> Nomination made by sending an email to the election
   commissioner's email address <u>nepalighar.election2024@gmail.com</u> with signed
   copy of nomination form and proof of payment of nomination fee is also acceptable.
- Nomination must be filed by the deadline specified below in the election schedule.
- Nomination fee could be sent electronically via Zelle at <a href="mailto:nepalighar.it@outlook.com">nepalighar.it@outlook.com</a> or be deposited in Nepali Ghar's bank Account at the time of filing the nomination.

Name: Nepali Ghar Bank: FirstBank ABA: 107005047 Account: 386-124-7454

- The applicable nomination fees for the positions are:
  - o President: \$ 100
  - Other executive positions: \$50Other BOD positions: \$25
- The candidate must write a professional bio about their candidacy and a few points of their vision towards being successful in their role and position they are applying to.
   This bio will be made available to the voters and will be published in the Nepali Ghar website along with the list of candidates.
- A nomination will be considered valid only if the nominee meets the candidate eligibility and satisfies all the above conditions.

### **Election Activity Schedule:**

| Date          | Activities   |
|---------------|--|
|               | Election committee publishes election notification on the Nepali Ghar                                  |
| 20 April 2024 | website: <a href="https://nepalighar.org">https://nepalighar.org</a> ( URL will be updated)            |
|               | The election committee will be posts voters lists for election on the                                  |
|               | Nepali Ghar website <a href="https://nepalighar.org">https://nepalighar.org</a> ( URL will be updated) |
|               | Members meeting fundamental requirements of active membership as                                       |
| 25 April 2024 | mentioned in Article1 and 2 of this section will be granted voting                                     |
|               | privileges (As per Nepali Ghar's constitution 2010 Article 3: Exercise of                              |
|               | voting right)  |
|               | Election Committee publishes Final voter list on website   |
| 28 April 2024 | https://nepalighar.org ( URL will be updated)  |
|               | Election commission finalizes the online nomination form and manual                                    |
| 29 April 2024 | nomination form.   |
|               | Election commission starts accepting application. Candidate will be                                    |
| 6 May 2024    | able to apply online or send signed and scanned copy of nomination                                     |
|               | form to election commission. Candidate must apply before midnight of                                   |
|               | May 12 <sup>th,</sup> 2024.  |
| 13 May 2024   | List of candidates Published on website (updated URL will be shared)                                   |
|               | Election Commission will commence accepting complaints and   |
| 16 May 2024   | promptly investigate any such grievances.  |
| 18 May 2024   | Final list of candidates will be published   |
| 21 May 2024   | Withdrawal deadline for the candidates   |
| 22 May 2024   | Election Committee publishes the final candidate list on website.                                      |
|               | (updated URL will be shared to candidates and voters)  |
| 26 May 2024   | Election Day   |

# **Complaints Resolution:**

- Any member (eligible voter for Nepali Ghar election 2024) may file complaints to the Election Committee related to candidacy, voter eligibility, correction of names and addresses, and any other issue directly related to the election within 24 hours of the posting of the related information and/or list.
- A complaint must be written and the person filing the complaint needs to be identified.
- The Election Committee shall examine the complaint and render its decision within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. The Election Committee's decision shall be final.

### **Election Committee's Contact Detail:**

- E-mail address: nepalighar.election2024@gmail.com
- For more details visit Nepali Ghar website: <a href="https://nepalighar.org/">https://nepalighar.org/</a>

# Thank you!

Dr. Sangeeta Shrotriya Coordinator, Election committee – 2024