

Dear SONE members,

On behalf of Society of Overseas Nepalese Entomologists (SONE) of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), the election commission calls nominations for the following positions of SONE executive committee for the year 2017. Positions open for the SONE executive committee are as follows

- 1) President Elect-----1 position
- 2) Secretary-----1 position
- 3) Treasurer-----1 position
- 4) Executive members-----2 positions
- 5) Web master-----1 position

Please submit your nomination(s) by 11 pm (EST) election commission chair, Sudan Gyawaly (sgyawaly@vt.edu), with cc to commission members, Jhalendra Rijal (jrijal@ucdavis.edu) and Mukti Ghimire (mukti@ksu.edu).

Election Process/Schedule

The election commission adopts the following four step process

STEP 1. Nominations (Due 11 pm EST, Sunday, September 18, 2016)

Current SONE members can nominate another SONE member for any one open position with the consent of the nominee. Correctly filled and signed nomination form should be submitted to election committee via email within the due date. Self nomination without nominator support will not be accepted. In addition to the nomination form, one page candidates' biography and a high quality photograph must be included in nomination packages. Both nominator and nominee must sign the forms. The candidate biography will be posted online as such without further edition so make sure statements are true, clear and grammatically corrects.

STEP 2. Confirmation of Candidates (Due 11 pm EST, Wednesday, September 21, 2016)

Election committee will meet after the deadline of nomination and review all the nominations. The list of submitted candidates will be circulated to the candidates by email on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Nominee can withdraw his/her name by notifying the election commission (via email to above address) by 11 pm (EST) Thursday, September, 22. Otherwise his/her candidacy will be automatically confirmed. The final list of the candidates will be circulated among SONE members via email.

STEP 3. Voting for the candidates

If there is only one candidate for a position, the candidate will be automatically selected for that position, and there will be an election for the positions which have two or more candidates. All current SONE members can cast their votes anonymously via online. The time

line for online voting will be circulated to members via email after September 22. Only one vote per member per position will be allowed.

STEP 4. Ballot counting and winner announcement (Due: Monday, September 26, during SONE annual meeting)

The votes will be counted and the results will be declared in the evening of September 26, 2016 in Orlando, Florida during ESA meeting. The venue of the election will be the same place where business meeting and SONE member mixture will be held. We look forward to receiving your nomination. If you have any questions and concerns, please contact the election committee members. Best of luck.