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## **9TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF SAGARMATHA GURKHA/NEPALESE COMMITTEE ASHFORD, KENT, UNITED KINGDOM ON SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2021**

1. General – Sagarmatha Gurkha/Nepalese UK's 9th historical General Convention/Election for all Main, Ladies committee and Youth Committee will be held via Zoom on Saturday 3rd April 2021 from 1200 hrs to 1800 hrs at your comfort of your own home or convenience. As you are all aware that this information was disseminated and was made aware to all our members at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb 20, and to those who attended on that day about SGNCAK Election meeting.

2. The above 9<sup>th</sup> SGNCK General convention was scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020. As you all are well acquainted that due to the pandemic it was put on hold or deferred and as there is no guarantee that this invisible enemy will be completely eradicated or when the lock-down will be fully lifted. Therefore, the present Chairman and it is all committees have decided it conduct the General Convention/Election Via zoom.

The General Secretary is requested to arrange a suitable zoom link with password for all members who wish to attend the convention on the day.

3. The General Convention will be facilitated by SGNCA Kent, UK. The SGNCAK UK is responsible for coordinating all the necessary administrative matter to conduct this convention efficiently, in a professional and transparent manner in liaison with the Election Commissioner's team and SGNCAK.

4. Further to the chairman's/ General Secretary's letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 20, as you have probably seen the notification published on Viber, e-mail and at our website in the past and present.

5. Nomination for Candidacy. A nomination for a candidate must reach the Election Commission in writing by COP Weds 31<sup>st</sup> of Mar 2021. An application form for a candidacy can be found at Annex A to this instruction. Nomination can be withdrawn by 1st of April 2021 notifying the Election Commission again in writing. Any challenge in the nomination will be heard prior to the voting on the same day of the election. A full structure of each executive committee can be found at Annex B to this instruction. The postal address for filing the candidacy is follows:

Courtside Stanhope Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 5RN

6. Election Commissioner's team and their contact details for notifying the Election commission will be as follow:



S/N	NAME	APPOINTMENT	TEL	E-MAIL
1	Siriprasad Limbu	Chief Election Commissioner	07737010280	sirilimbu@aol.com
2	Tul Chhyantel	Deputy Election Commissioner	07478742018	Tul7418@hotmail.com
3	Popiraj Rai	Secretary Election commissioner	07891684347	raip777@hotmail.com
4	Mrs Shanti Tamang	Asst Sec Election Commissioner	07400757595	Shanteetamang65gmail.com
5	Mrs Balkumari Gurung	Election Commissioner Member	07588617530	Ba_kumari@hotmail.co.uk

7. General Election Criteria. The following election criteria will be applied:

- a. A candidate must be a full member and must be met criteria as per SGNCAK's constitution ser 23, sub-para 23.1 to 23.3.
- b. A candidate for the any posts must have a full member.

8. Election Rules. The following rules and guidelines should be followed during the General Election/Convention:

- a. No voting will be required if there is a sole candidate however, if there are two or more candidates for a post, a voting will be conducted as per SGNCAK's Bidhan ser no 71 sub-para 70.1 to 70.4 where only the members present at the election will have right to cast their vote and simple majority will determine the winner. In the event of equal vote, the incumbent chairperson of the Main Executive Committee will have a casting vote. If any post becomes unfilled, a nominated person by most the members present at the Annual General Convention Meeting will fill the vacant post. This nomination applies to application process. If the post remains vacant after such procedures, the newly elected chairperson may appoint such committee member.
- b. No other methods of voting i.e., postal voting system, will be applied except the voting at the ballot box on the day of the election.
- c. No panel entry or group nomination will be accepted; therefore, each individual candidate must complete the application form for candidacy.
- d. A photographic proof of identity is required at the ballot if verification is sought by the Election Commission.



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- e. Any irregularities or disputes raised concerning the election will be dealt by the Election Commission with the consultation of the Executive Committee, and their decision will be the final.
9. Responsibilities – Individual responsibilities are as follows:
- a. Reception/admin via Zoom – SGNCAK UK is entirely responsible for arranging, registrations, checking membership number, guests' ushers and all administration matters etc. SGNCAK Gen secretary is asked to provide the election team updated committee membership list and enough membership registration forms on by COP 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 21 in liaison EC Sec Popiraj.
- b. Election Commissioners - They are fully responsible for conducting SGNC UK Phase 2 General Convention once the outgoing committee President hands over the organisation's authority to the Chief Election Commissioner. They are also kindly requested to produce election rules and regulations for the Election Day as per SGNCAK's constitution. The Election Commissioner's team are fully authorised as per the meeting's authorisation Chairman's letter attached Annex J. If there are any differences that occur, then the Election Team are expected to handle the issue professionally, efficiently as governed by SGNC's "Bidhan". We hope that SGNCAK's advisors and executive members will provide counselling and support, as necessary.
10. Timings: Once the outgoing Chairman of SGNC dissolves the old communities and hands over the organisation's authority and responsibilities the Election Commissioner's team shall promulgate timings for Phase 2 and run it concurrently as per Annex -E and Phase 1 schedule will be produced by General Secretary. Please remain flexible as this a just guideline timing.
11. Conclusion – It is expected that all members will support this historical event and make their presence felt by attending. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continuous support on behalf of all SGNC. I hope everyone can attend via Zoom this important event to support SGNC's aspiration and looking forward to seeing you all for your support and assistance to help make it a success. I hope that the best candidates are voted and selected for the roles, who will lead our community and make a positive impact in the society,

#### ANNEXES:

- Annex - A – Application for nomination of candidacy.
- Annex - B – Main, Ladies, and Youth Committees Requirement
- Annex – C – Election commissions Team
- Annex - D – Oath
- Annex – E – Phase 2- Close Session Programme
- Annex - F – Close session rules and general guides.
- Annex – G – Dispute Resolution Form



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Annex - H – SGNCAK’s Constitution (Bidhan).

Annex – I - SGNCAK Candidacy Withdrawal Form.

Annex – J – SGNCAK authority letter from Chairman.

Signed

Siriprasad Limbu  
Chief Election Commissioner  
On behalf of the Election Team