

Respected Members,

1. The election of the President & Members of the Governing Council are scheduled to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as per the following schedule:

- a) Filing of Nomination papers for the election of President and Governing Council Members : 17<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) to 16<sup>th</sup> September(Thursday) 2021 up to 1700 hrs( 5 p.m)
- b) Scrutiny of Nomination papers by Returning Officer and posting of valid nominations. : 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021(Friday) at 1600 hrs(4 p.m) and posting the same day at 1700 hrs ( 5p.m)
- c) Withdrawal of candidature : 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021( Friday ) by 1700 hrs ( 5 p.m).
- d) Posting of valid nominations : 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021(Saturday) by 1700 hrs (5 p.m.).
- e) Voting : Postal Ballot: To be accepted by 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021(Friday) till 1700 hrs (5 p.m).  
  
20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021(Saturday)-  
Physical On Site at IMF 1200 hrs(12 noon) to 1400 hrs ( 2 p.m).
- f) Counting of Votes : After 1400 hrs (2 p.m) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021(Saturday).
- (g) Announcement of Election Results : 1600 hrs (4 p.m. ) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Saturday)

2. The following Papers are enclosed for information and necessary action:-

- (a) Election Order
- (b) Polling Schedule
- (c) Electoral Rules
- (d) Nomination Form alongwith Conflict of Interest Declaration and Bio-Sketch of Nominee.

3. Members desirous of filling the nominations for the office of President and/ or Members of the Governing Council are requested to strictly follow the schedule as mentioned in para 1(a) to 1(e) above.

Thanking you,

Rita Gombu Marwah  
Chairperson –IMF Election Committee-2021

## ELECTION ORDER

1. Pursuant to the Notification for the conduct of election by the Governing Council on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, to be held in a “Hybrid-mode” of (i) physical on-site voting in the premises of IMF and (ii) by postal ballots, the IMF Election Committee announces election on the 20th November, 2021 for the following posts:

- (a) President, IMF : For term 2021-2023
- (b) Governing Council Members : For term 2021-2023 - 11 posts

2. Accordingly, nominations are invited for the following posts

- (a) President –IMF
- (b) Governing Council Members – 11

3. Date of filing nominations starts on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.  
Last date for receipt of Nomination at the IMF : 16 September, 2021, till 1700 hrs (5. p.m).  
Last Date for Withdrawal of Nominations : 24 September, 2021 till 1700 hrs (5 p.m).

4. Nomination Filing Process

(a) Nominations can be filed in the designated form attached herewith.

(b) The Conflict of Interest Form must be signed and submitted alongwith the Nomination Paper. Bio-sketch Form, of not more than 200 words, by all the two categories of contestants enumerated above in section to be attached. Nomination forms not accompanied by signed Conflict of Interest declarations will be summarily rejected as invalid.

5. The filled set of forms must be posted/scanned and emailed to [director@indmount.org](mailto:director@indmount.org) or IMF, Office latest by 16 September, 2021-1700 hrs(5 p.m.).

6. Last date for withdrawal of nominations: Any candidate wishing to withdraw his/her nomination may do so not later than 24 September, 2021-1700 hrs (5 p.m) be sent to IMF either by post or email to : [director@indmount.org](mailto:director@indmount.org)

### **POLLING SCHEDULE**

- (a) Polling Date & Timing: 20 November, 2021  
(a) Physical "On site"at IMF : 1200 hrs(12 Noon) – 1400 hrs(2 p.m)  
(b) Postal Ballots : 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 by 1700 hrs (5 p.m).
- (b) Polling Stations will be set up in the open spaces outside the IMF building.
- (c) Counting of Votes will begin after 1400 hours(2 p.m) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
- (d) Declaration of Results: As soon as the counting is over.

### **THE POLL PROCESS**

- Announcement: 17 August, 2021
- Nominations: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021
- Withdrawal: 24 September, 2021
- Voting: 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021(postal ballot till 1700 hrs(5 p.m) & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021(Physical On Site at IMF) -1200 hrs (12 Noon) to 1400 hrs(2 p.m)
- Counting: After 1400 hours(2 p.m.) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021
- Declaration –Result : 1600 hrs(4 p.m.) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

### **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

IMF Election Committee -2021, under Mrs Rita Gombu Marwah, Chairperson –IMF Election Committee 2021 and comprising the following members shall maintain authority and oversight over the entire electoral process, including final appellate adjudication:-

- (ii)Shri Akhil Bakshi
- (iii)Col Vijay Singh
- (iv)Dr Anil Gurtoo

Returning Office :Cdr Sunil Handa

## ELECTORAL RULES

1. Please confirm the receipt of ballot paper to IMF office by email, phone(011- 24111211) and whatapp(+91 9811300181).
2. Put x or √ in the square against the names for the posts listed in the Ballot Paper.
- 3 After recording your vote on the Ballot Paper, put the Ballot Paper in the bigger envelope marked “B” and seal it with glue.
4. Next, put the envelop marked ‘B’ in the business reply envelope provided, seal it with glue and post it so as to reach the IMF office by 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 by 1700 hrs( 5 p.m.).
5. The ballot papers received after 1700 hours ( 5 p.m ) on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 will be considered invalid.
6. The counting will start after 1400 hrs ( 2 p.m.) on 20<sup>th</sup> November , 2021 and the results announced soon after its completion.
7. Besides the Returning Officer, at least three members of the Election Committee shall remain present in the counting site. The contestants may send their nominees or be present themselves during the counting of votes.
8. Any objections/complaints shall be addressed by the members of Election Committee present on site and take a final and binding decision to resolve the grievance.
9. Ballot Papers will be Invalidated:-
  - (a)If the Ballot Paper is received at IMF after 1700 hrs( 5 p.m.) on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
  - (b)If the Ballot Paper is blank with no vote recorded or the mark is put in such a way that the voters choice of the candidate can not be identified.

- (c) If the voter puts his/her signature or records any mark on the Ballot Paper that reveals his/her identity.
- (d) If the envelope containing the ballot paper shows evidence of tampering.
- (e) Refer to Rule No (b) also.
- (f) In case one has already sent the Postal Ballot and is also physically present in the AGBM, he/she shall be not allowed to cast the physical vote.
- (g) If the Ballot Papers does not bear the signatures in blue ink of the four election officers.

10. Members may confirm the receipt of ballot papers to the IMF Office by email [director@indmount.org](mailto:director@indmount.org) or IMF office 011-24111211.

11. In case the original is lost, misplaced, spoilt or damaged while recording votes, duplicate ballot paper will be provided only on a written request by post addressed to Director, IMF. The signed and dated request for duplicate ballot paper should reach IMF office latest by 25 October, 2021.

If a member has received both the original and the duplicate Ballot Papers he/she will mark the vote in the duplicate Ballot Paper only and the original should be returned to the IMF office immediately without marking the vote on it. If votes are received on both ballot papers (original and duplicate), both will be invalidated.

12. Members wishing to cast votes physically at IMF must bring with them the postal ballot papers and deposit it with the Returning Officer. Time: 0900 hrs (9 a.m.) to 1400 hrs (2 p.m.) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

### 13. **For Contestants**

(a) All contestants must submit a signed ; Conflict of Interest (COI) Statement to the IMF Office alongwith their nomination papers.

Nominations received without the COI statement shall be declared invalid.

(b) Canvassing in any form and collection of ballot papers by contesting candidates and / or others is not allowed. If any candidate/member is found to have indulged in the same, he/she shall be disqualified from this election by the Chairperson of the Election Committee.

(c) Newly inducted (2021) Clubs with voting rights shall not be allowed to cast votes for this year 2021.

14. **Adjudication**: Grievances & Appeals will be dealt by the Election Committee under the auspices of its Chairperson.

### **RULE**

(a) In case the count of votes for the 11 GC members leads to a tie, then President can choose through a random draw of lots.

(b) The Nomination Form does not require any recommendation this year, keeping in view the extraordinary circumstances due to uncertainty of the Covid situation, the Election Committee decided a simple Nomination Form duly signed will be accepted.

NOMINATION PAPER  
ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT / GOVERING COUNCIL OF  
INDIAN MOUNTAINEERING FOUNDATION

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name & Address of the Candidate) wish to nominate myself for the post of  
President / Governing Council Member.

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(Signature of candidate)

Full name.....

Date:.....

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**TO BE FILLED IN BY THE RETURNING OFFICER**

1. The nomination paper.....received at  
.....(time) on.....(date) delivered by the candidate / post/ email.

Date.....

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(Signature of Returning Officer)

2. I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with IMF Rules and  
decide as follows:

\*ACCEPTED / \*REJECTED

Date:.....

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(Signature of the Returning Officer)

- Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATE**

1. I hereby undertake that I have no direct or indirect commercial interest in  
mountaineering or related adventure sports.

2. No member of my family directly or indirectly owns/partially owns/has any  
interest direct or indirect whatsoever in the projects or income of any vendor,  
contractor or competitor, supplying any item or giving any service of any kind to the  
IMF directly or indirectly.

Date:

(Signature)

Place:

Name



**BIO SKETCH (NOT MORE THAN 200 WORDS)**