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To,

NEHTI Members

Ranjit Singanayagam, Chairman Ranjini Ramaswamy, President Chokku Manian, Treasurer Solai Annamalai, Secretary

10 March, 2014

Dear Members.

Subsequent to the earlier letter dated 2/10/2014, I would like to inform you that we have now FIVE open trustee positions to get elected this time as against the earlier communication of FOUR trustee positions, due to the resignation of a trustee during his second year of 3 year term. Of these 5 trustees, the 5th trustee elected will have a term of 1 year. The first four trustees will have a term of 3 years.

To become eligible to vote in the election, it is necessary for annual members that the annual membership dues to be fully paid by 3/31/2014. I urge all annual members to make their membership current *as soon as possible*, well before March 31, 2014 deadline. Annual members who have not paid their dues by March 31, 2014 will not be eligible for voting in the coming election.

Recently the BOT discussed to remove the nomination fee without any trustee seconding the proposal. I have already received some nomination applications along with the \$500 nomination fee instituted this year. These prospective candidates requested that the check paid by them be used as the nomination fee as originally intended even though the board reversed its decision.

May Sri Lakshmi's blessings be always with you and your family!

Yours Sincerely,

Solai Annamalai

Secretary

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NEHTI Bylaws Requirements for Nominations by Signature Petition and Eligibility to Vote in Board Elections

Nomination by Signature Petition:

- 1. A candidate for the post of trustee must be a NEHTI member in good standing who has paid membership dues for at least eight consecutive quarters preceding the **March 31**st **2014**. Please make sure that your membership is current and meets these requirements before filing your nomination.
- 2. Nominations by signature petition (using the attached Nomination Form) should be sponsored by at least seven NEHTI members (excluding the candidate) in good standing who have paid their membership dues for at least four consecutive quarters preceding the nomination date.
- 3. The Nomination Form should be signed by the candidate, indicating his/her acceptance to stand for the election.
- 4. Please verify the status of your membership and also of the members signing your Nomination Form. Please contact Board Secretary secretary@srilakshmi.org for queries related to membership. It is the responsibility of the nominee to ensure that they meet all eligibility criteria set forth in the bylaw.
- 5. The completed Nomination Form, accepted in writing by the nominated candidate with his/her signature, should be mailed to **New England Hindu Temple Inc, P. O. Box 1716, Framingham, MA 01701, before 31**st March **2014**. Temple front office will not accept nomination forms and we are not responsible for postal delays.

Eligibility to Vote in NEHTI Board Elections:

- 1. Any NEHTI member in good standing who has paid membership dues by **March 31st**, **2014** for at least four calendar quarters preceding the election date (**April 27th**, **2014**) is eligible to vote in the upcoming election.
- 2. If you are an annual member, please check the status of your membership by contacting Board Secretary via an email to **secretary@srilakshmi.org**.
- 3. If you want to get a ballot by mail, please make sure that your dues are paid latest by 31st March 2014.