

2024 RAKKASAN NATIONAL ELECTION

The Rakkasan Constitution and Bylaws provide that Regular, Regular Life, Charter Life and Charter Founding Life members can become candidates for election as National Officers and Directors. Reserve members can become candidates for election as Secretary, Treasurer, Director or the National Reserve Representative. Paid up Regular, Regular Life and CFL and Reserve members can nominate other Paid up Regular, Regular Life, Charter Life, Charter Founding Life and Reserve members for these offices. All candidates will appear on a ballot to be voted on by all Regular, Regular Life, Charter Life and Charter Founding Life and Reserve members.

December 1, 2023 Official NOMINATION and CANDIDATE DECLARATION forms are printed in the Winter edition of the SHIMBUN. The forms are to be used by Paid Up Regular, Regular Life and CFL or Reserve members to nominate members to serve as national officers or directors, and by members wishing to declare their willingness to serve. This begins the period during which nomination forms can be mailed to the Secretary of the Association Office, address:

The RAKKASANS, 187th Association
2606 Cebo Cove
Austin TX 78745

January 15, 2024, Postmark deadline for NOMINATION and CANDIDATE DECLARATION forms. All nominations close. This means that the nominator (member who nominates another member) must speak or write to his nominees (member he wants to nominate) and inform them that in order to be bona-fide candidates they must, by **15 January 2024**,

- have a nomination signed by a **Paid Up Regular member** postmarked to the Secretary;
- postmark to Secretary a signed declaration form indicating willingness to serve if elected.

February 15, 2024 Postmark deadline for Campaign articles in the Summer SHIMBUN. The Secretary will notify the SHIMBUN editor of the bona-fide candidates' names whose candidate declaration statements have met the deadline. Bona-fide candidates each get one free full page campaign statement. Statements should be submitted camera ready, but at least typewritten.

Send to: Info@rakkasanassociation.org, or mail to

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The names of all bona-fide candidates will be published by the Secretary online. Official Ballots will be mailed to all registered members by the Association Secretary. **Ballots must be received back to the Proctor by April 30, 2024 to be counted.**

Positions open in this 2024 election are Vice President, Secretary, Board Positions 6 and 8.

NOMINATION FORM

For RAKKASAN National Officers and Directors 2024-2026

Governed by the RAKKASAN Constitution, if and only if, you are a Paid up Regular, Regular Life, CFL or Reserve member, you are eligible to nominate a Paid up member of the same type (i.e.: Regular, Regular Life or CFL, or Reserve) for the following offices using this form.

15 January 2024, is the Postmark deadline for receipt by the Secretary of this nomination form and your nominee's acceptance declaration. That means you must speak or write to the member(s) you want to nominate, and ask them if they want to become a candidate. They must fill out and sign the declaration form printed on the following page, by **15 January 2024**. The person(s) who want to become bona-fide candidates must:

- * have a nomination signed by a Paid up Regular, Regular Life or CFL member sent to the Secretary
- * send to the Secretary the signed declaration form indicating their willingness to serve if elected
- * (optional) have their campaign article to: Info@rakkasanassociation.org, Shimbun Editor. The addresses for the Secretary and Shimbun Editor are found with this letter.

Please fill in your personal membership information as follows. It is needed to verify your eligibility to nominate anyone.

Please sign your name following your nomination.

Member Number

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

REGULAR MEMBER NOMINATION(S) REGULAR NOMINEES

First Name

Last Name

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Vice President

Secretary

Director 6

Director 8

Nominating Member Signature _____

CANDIDATE DECLARATION FORM 2024

15 JANUARY 2024, postmark deadline. Mail to Secretary, address below.

If you have been nominated and agree to be a candidate to serve on the RAKKASAN Board of Directors in one of the following positions, please print your membership information which is necessary to verify your eligibility to serve. Then please identify the position by checking the proper box and confirm it in your declaration by writing in the name of the position for which you are a candidate.

Member First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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DECLARATION:

I, (signature) _____, hereby
declare my candidacy for the position of
_____.

If elected, I will serve the two year term of office to the best of my ability.

Please mail or email (Secretary@rakkasanassociation.org) this statement to the Secretary postmarked by 15 January 2024, so that your candidacy can be announce and your name can be placed on the ballot.

You may (optional) also send a campaign article not longer than one page, to be received by 15 FEBRUARY 2024 to info@rakkasanassociation.org the SHIMBUN editor for the Spring 2024 issue.

Thank you for considering the opportunity to serve in this important role. The elected Board of Directors is required to manage the Association's assets and conduct it's affairs, and is authorized by our RAKKASAN Constitution to make necessary decisions in the interests and on behalf of the entire membership.

RAKKASANS 187th Association
Erik Lind, Secretary
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