



## FOKANA General Election 2026

Dear President,

The biennial election to the various positions (as shown in the nomination forms) of FOKANA will be held as per the schedule given below.

***Time and Date: 8 AM on Friday, August 07, 2026***

***Venue: Kalahari Resorts, 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA 18349***

Completed Nominations with required fee from the nominee must reach the Chairman of the Election Committee on or before **June 21, 2026**. The number of delegates/representatives representing your Association to the General Council of FOKANA is based on the paid membership of your Association and is decided as follows,

Up to 99 dues paying members	one (1) Representative.
100 to 199 dues paying members	Two (2) Representatives
200 to 299 dues paying members	Four (4) Representatives
300 to 399 dues paying members	Six (6) Representatives
400 to 999 dues paying members	Seven (7) Representatives
1000 and above dues paying members	Ten (10) Representatives

A copy of the current membership list with telephone numbers, list of delegates/ representatives, and FOKANA membership dues (\$200 for 2-year term) payable to "FOKANA" must be received by the Chairman, 2026 FOKANA Election Committee, 304 Indian Trace, PMB # 425, Weston, Fl. 33326-2996 on or before **June 06, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please address your questions to the Chairman, FOKANA 2026 Election Committee, or any of the Election Committee members.

Thank You

***Georgy Varughese***

Election Committee Chairman

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Election Committee Member

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Election Committee Member

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## Application for Membership (Renewal / New)

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ctiy \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Web address \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Number of paid members \_\_\_\_\_

5. Year the organization formed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Month of Annual election \_\_\_\_\_

Date of State Registration (For new members only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership fees / dues should be paid through Association's check only. (\$100.00 per yea / \$200 for renewal)**

7. Details of Current Executive Committee

Date of Election: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

1. President \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. V. President \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. Jt. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

5. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

6. Other \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

7. Other \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

8. We apply for new membership / renewal of membership in the FOKANA. Our association is registered in the state of \_\_\_ and is renewed for 2026.

9. Signature: President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

(Association check only, payable to FOKANA)

An organization seeking membership to FOKANA shall apply in the prescribed form, along with the following documents.

- a. A copy of the certificate of incorporation.
- b. A copy of the constitution and or by laws.
- c. A current list of elected officers with titles, date of their election and term ending date, address, phone # and email addresses in the official letterhead of the organization.
- d. A letter signed by president and secretary indicating the total number of current paid members with their name and address list and phone #.
- e. Membership fees / dues (\$100.00) per year should be paid through Association 's check only.

**Any organization of Malayalees which satisfies all of the following criteria is eligible for membership of FOKANA**

- a. The organization has been in operation in North America for at least one year and incorporated with the State for a minimum period of one year.
- b. Has adopted and functions under a duly written constitution and / or bylaws.
- c. Elects its officers at regularly held meetings as laid down in its constitution / by laws,
- d. Is a "Not for profit" organization.
- e. Subscribes to the objectives of the FOKANA constitution and by-laws.
- f. Agrees to pay prescribed membership dues
- g. Membership is granted subject to the constitution of FOKANA
- h. An organization that has not renewed membership in the past 2 years or more (Inactive Status) shall renew membership by completing this application and paying additional \$100 fee with required forms.

For FOKANA Official Use Only:

Membership Issued On: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewed On: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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**List of Delegates/ Representatives (Page 1)**

Name of the Organization			
Address	Street / PO Box	City	State/ Zip
Total Number of paid members of the organization.			
Number of the eligible representatives from the Organization based on total paid members.			

**List of Board of Directors and Representatives**

NAME (Use CAPITAL letters)	ADDRESS (Required)	Phone # & EMAIL (Required)
Current President - Board of Directors	Street	Phone #
	City                      State                      Zip	EMAIL
Immediate Past president - BOD	Street	Phone #
	City                      State                      Zip	EMAIL
1, Representative	Street	Phone#
	City                      State                      Zip	EMAIL
2, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City                      State                      Zip	EMAIL
3, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City                      State                      Zip	EMAIL

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**FOKANA General Election 2026 -List of Representatives** (Page 2)

4, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
5, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
6, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
7, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
8, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
9, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL
10, Representative	Street	Phone #
	City State Zip	EMAIL

**I certify that the above members are the representatives / Board of directors of our organization and the number of paid members is based on the book of records of the organization.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Signature of President / Secretary/Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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**FOKANA General Election 2026**  
**Nomination Form** Page 1

Duly completed nomination form with required signatures must reach Chairman, FOKANA 2026 Election Committee, 304 Indian Trace- PMB # 425, Weston, Fl. 33326-2996 on or **before June 21, 2026**. The election committee is not responsible for any nominations lost in the mail. Only qualified candidates will be allowed to participate in the election. Completed nomination form, along with a nomination fee of Presidential candidates \$1000, General Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Vice President and Women's Forum Chairperson candidates \$750 each, Vice President, Associate Secretary, Additional Associate Secretary, Associate Treasurer, Additional Associate Treasurer and Board of Trustee Members \$500, Regional Vice Presidents and National Committee Members \$250 each, and all Youth Committee Candidates and Youth Board of Trustee Member \$150 each). Check made payable to FOKANA must be forwarded to the Election Committee Chairman at the above address. Please email a copy of the nomination to [Fokanaelection2026@gmail.com](mailto:Fokanaelection2026@gmail.com)

I, Mr. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ (President/ Secretary/ Treasurer of member association) nominate the following individual(s) for the office (s) as listed below.

<u>Name of Office/ Position</u>	<u>Name of the nominee (Candidate)</u>	<u>Nominee Phone #</u>	<u>Nominee email (Candidate)</u>	<u>Nominee Signature (Candidate)</u>
President				
Executive Vice President				
Vice President				
General Secretary				
Associate Secretary				
Additional Associate Secretary				
Treasurer				
Associate Treasurer				
Additional Associate Treasurer				
Women's Forum Chairperson				

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**FOKANA General Election 2026- Nomination form** (Page 2)

<u>Name of Office/ Position</u>	<u>Name of the nominee (Candidate)</u>	<u>Nominee Phone #</u>	<u>Nominee email</u>	<u>Nominee Signature</u>
Committee Member: USA 15 positions				
Committee Member: CANADA 2 position				
Youth Member USA 5 positions (Ages 18-30) <b><u>Attach proof of age</u></b>				
Youth Member CANADA – 2 positions (Ages 18-30) <b><u>Attach proof of age</u></b>				
Board of Trustees 2 positions 4-year term				
Board of Trustee Youth 1 position (Ages 20-35) <b><u>Attach proof of age</u></b>				
Internal Auditors. (2 positions)				

**Names of the nominating persons**

**(This form must be signed by at least two of the three officials i.e. President/ Secretary/Treasurer of the Member Association)**

We certify that above nominee(s) are current member/s of our organization and that our organization has paid to FOKANA all membership dues until 2026.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (President/Secretary/Treasurer). Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (President/Secretary/Treasurer) Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the Nominee/Candidate**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOKANA General Election 2026: RVP Nomination Form**

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I, Mr./ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ (President/secretary/ Treasurer of member association) nominate the following individual(s) for the office (s) as listed below.

<b><u>Name of Office/ Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name of the nominee (Candidate)</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee Phone #</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee email</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee Signature</u></b>
Region 1 - RVP				
Region 2 - RVP				
Region 3 - RVP				
Region 4 - RVP				
Region 5 - RVP				
Region 6 - RVP				
Region 7 - RVP				
Region 8 - RVP				
Region 9 - RVP				
Region 10 - RVP				
Region 11 - RVP				
Region 12 - RVP				
Region 13 - RVP				
Region 14 - RVP				
Region 15 - RVP				
Region 16 - RVP				

**Names/Signatures of the nominating persons**  
**(This form must be signed by at least two of the three officials i.e. President/ Secretary/Treasurer of the member Association)**

We certify that above nominee(s) are current member/s of our organization and that our organization has paid to FOKANA all membership dues until 2026.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (President/Secretary/Treasurer). Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (President/Secretary/Treasurer). Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the candidate \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pledge by the Candidate**

I (name of the Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_ contesting for the position  
of \_\_\_\_\_ at the FOKANA general  
election 2026 solemnly hereby pledge that if I am elected to this Position, I will uphold the constitution  
and By-Laws of FOKANA. Also, we, individually and collectively as members of the National  
Executive Committee 2026-2028, agree to Indemnify FOKANA and its trustees against any financial  
losses or expenses that we as office bearers have incurred during the term of our office.

Witness Name and Signature

Candidate's Signature

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Mailing Address

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Rules for FOKANA General Election 2026

1. FOKANA General election 2026 is scheduled to be held on Friday August 7, 2026, at Kalahari Resorts, 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA 18349
2. All nominations should be in the prescribed form published by the FOKANA Election committee. The president /secretary/treasurer of the member associations or members at large should nominate the candidates.
3. Two out of the three of the above officials (President/Secretary/Treasurer) should sign the nomination form.
4. Deadline to renew Association membership and Payment of Renewal fee is June 06, 2026.
5. Deadline for nomination is June 21, 2026.
6. The deadline for nomination withdrawal is June 27, 2026, and the nomination withdrawal must be in writing.
7. An individual can be nominated for one position only. All nominees must be representative of the member association/members.
8. Candidate should submit required nomination fee:  
**Presidential Candidates \$1000.00**  
**General Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Vice president and Women's Forum Chairperson \$750.00 each.**  
**Vice President, Associate Secretary, Additional Associate Secretary, Associate Treasurer, Additional Associate Treasurer and Trustee Board Members \$500.00 each,**  
**Regional Vice Presidents and National Committee Members \$250.00 each,**  
**Youth Committee Candidates and Youth Board of Trustee Member \$150.00 each.**  
along with his/her nomination form.
9. All member associations are needed to submit a copy of their 2024/2025/2026 membership list with the address and telephone numbers, signed by the president or secretary to verify the number of eligible delegates.
10. All delegates must carry a picture ID for verification while attending the general council meeting and election. The representatives / delegates must be from the same locality of the member association.
11. Candidates contesting as Regional Vice Presidents should be a representative from a member organization of that respective region.
12. Regional Vice presidents should be elected only by the representatives of that region including current president and immediate past president of the member organizations.

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13. Renewal fee of Association must be paid by Association check only. Money orders, company checks, cashier's check, cash, personal checks will not be accepted.
14. If this renewal packet / email is received by previous year's officials of member association, please hand over / forward to the current officials of the Association.
15. All elections are conducted by secret ballot electronically or by paper ballot.
16. Any nominations received after due date of June 21, 2026, will be disqualified.
17. Only representatives from member organizations who has paid the membership dues and renewed their membership will be allowed to attend general council meeting or participate in the election.
18. All representatives must be present at the general council to exercise their voting rights. No proxy voting or postal voting will be allowed, if the elections are conducted during the convention. If the convention is postponed due to the pandemic or unforeseen circumstances the election committee will have full authority to change the date and mode of voting.
19. Election committee shall not be responsible for delayed or lost nomination forms. You are encouraged to also email a copy of the nomination form to the Election Committee at [Fokanaelection2026@gmail.com](mailto:Fokanaelection2026@gmail.com)
20. There shall not be any change of the representative /delegate after July 23, 2026.
21. A member association cannot nominate for more than 2 positions to any FOKANA elected positions.
22. Candidates contesting for the position of President, General Secretary, and Board of Trustees must have served at least one term in the FOKANA National Committee or Board of Trustees.
- 23.. Candidates contesting for any positions in FOKANA shall not hold any office at another organization of similar type.
24. Decision of the election committee shall be final and binding.
25. Delegates/ Candidates should be nominated from the respective local Associations from the local area.
- 26) Current and exact emails of the delegates/representatives/candidates shall be provided in the respective forms. This will be a requirement when we conduct electronic voting. Election Committee will not be responsible if incorrect emails are provided.
- 27) All delegates are required to provide their phone numbers and emails while submitting the list of delegates.



## **GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS. (16 regions)**

Region 1. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Region 2. Metro New York: Manhattan, Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Long Island

Region 3. Upstate New York: Westchester, Rockland, and all counties north of Westchester

Region 4. New Jersey

Region 5. Pennsylvania and Delaware

Region 6. Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia,

Region 7. Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee. North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Region 8. Florida

Region 9. Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan

Region 10. Texas

Region 11. Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

Region 12. California, New Mexico

Region 13. Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

Region 14. Ontario

Region 15. Quebec, Nova Scotia, Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Region 16. British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon

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