



München Tamil Sangam e.V.

Election Ordinance

Governing Board – Election 2026



1. Introduction

München Tamil Sangam e.V. is a non-profit organization located in München, Bayern, Germany. München Tamil Sangam e.V. is founded in 2018, to create a space for social interaction and promote Tamil cultural heritage.

The Governing Board of München Tamil Sangam e.V. is elected by the members of the München Tamil Sangam e.V. with the tenure of 2 years according to the article §5 of by-laws. It is the time for the interested, active and engaged representatives to be part of the governing board München Tamil Sangam e.V. Elections will be held before August 30th, 2026 for electing the next board of succession (with tenure from September 2026 to August 2028).

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Election Ordinance is to effectively conduct the election of the Governing Board Members in accordance to the article §19 of the by-laws of München Tamil Sangam e.V.

The Governing Board Member posts are,

- i. The President
- ii. Vice President
- iii. General Secretary
- iv. Joint Secretary
- v. Cultural Secretary
- vi. Treasurer
- vii. Joint Treasurer
- viii. Public Relations



Note: Refer München Tamil Sangam e.V. website for the [roles](#) of the Governing Board Member posts.

3. Electoral Board

- a) The Electoral Board is constituted by the existing Governing Board of München Tamil Sangam e.V. on 24.04.2026 in accordance to the article §19 of the by-laws. The duties of the electoral board will include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Administer and conduct elections within the München Tamil Sangam e.V. boundaries in a manner that will ensure fair and honest elections.
 - ii. Distribution of the Notice of Election(s) to the members of München Tamil Sangam e.V.
 - iii. Publicly posting and distributing the list of qualified candidates for upcoming elections.
 - iv. Recordation of nominations, election results, and related documents.
 - v. Ensure that elections are conducted fairly and are within the requirements of the by-laws of München Tamil Sangam e.V.
 - vi. Safekeeping of election documentation, materials and results for the tenure of Electoral Board.
 - vii. Being impartial and unbiased.
 - viii. Maintain confidentiality.
 - ix. Facilitate filing of vacant positions in accordance with the by-laws of München Tamil Sangam e.V.
 - x. Cancel/postpone the elections, in case of insufficient nominations, any unfairness, and technical issue with the voting.



- xi. May add additional procedural regulations solely for the purpose of conducting the election, provided that such regulations do not contradict the München Tamil Sangam e.V. by-laws.

b) The Electoral Board consist of:

Chief Electoral officer and 2 Electoral officers, they are;

- i. München Tamil Sangam e.V. members appointed by the Governing Board members.
- ii. The electoral officer is a member of München Tamil Sangam e.V.
 - I. Who is eligible to vote.
 - II. Who bequeaths his right to contest in the election.
 - III. Whose family members are not contesting in the election.

c) Electoral Board Meetings:

The electoral board is responsible for the planning, preparation, implementation and recording of the elections. The electoral board meets weekly, or as deemed necessary after the initiation of the election process.

d) Special Governing Board Meetings:

A special Governing Board meeting shall be scheduled upon receipt of a special request, wherein the Governing Board members shall promptly notify the electoral board for overseeing the voting and decision at a Special Governing Board meeting.

e) The Term of Electoral Officer: The length of term for any electoral officer shall be;

- i. Until the electoral officer resigns from the electoral board.
- ii. Until the family member of the electoral officer submits the nomination to become an election candidate.



- iii. As determined by a Governing Board resolution.
 - iv. Until the end of tenure of the Electoral Board (article §19.1 of the by-laws).
- f) Dismissal: Failure to perform the duties and requirements of the electoral officer as described in this chapter or engaging in conduct bringing the electoral officer into disrepute shall be grounds for dismissal from the electoral officer by the Governing Board.
- i. Electoral officer can request a hearing with the Governing Board in the event they are dismissed for the cause.
 - ii. The Governing Boards resolution or determination after hearing regarding the dismissal shall be final, and the dismissed electoral officer shall not be eligible for reappointment to the electoral board.

4. Eligibility to Vote

The members are requested to verify and update their personal details (example: family members details, email-ID, etc.,) through [Membership – München Tamil Sangam e.V.](#) In case of issues in updating or missing members data, contact München Tamil Sangam e.V., Governing Board (muenchentamilsangam@gmail.com) with the valid proof of membership within 7 days from the publication of this ordinance.

The members who are eligible to vote in the Governing Board Member election are,

- a) All members of the Association who are 18 years old on the date of the election.
- b) All members personal details (example: Name, Date of Birth, Membership ID, etc.,) are matching with the voters list provided to Electoral Board.
- c) All members of the Association who are in no due of the membership subscription or other sums (if any) to the Association before the **end of nomination date**.
- d) All members of the Association who are not suspended from the membership before the **end of nomination date**.



5. Nominations for Board Candidacy

The following are required in order to accept the nomination as a candidate for the Governing Board election.

- a) A self-nominating petition of a München Tamil Sangam e.V. member,
 - i. Who have been part of the association for a minimum of one calendar year.
 - ii. Who is proposed by at least 2 members of the current Governing Board or 10 members of the Association.
 - iii. Who is eligible to vote.
 - iv. Who is not contesting for more than 2 position of Governing Board.
 - v. Who is not the member of current Governing Board.
 - vi. Who is not associated with the Electoral Board of this election.
- b) Proof of residence with in Bavaria, Germany.
- c) München Tamil Sangam e.V. membership for the next one year from the date of nomination.
- d) No dues to München Tamil Sangam e.V.

6. Public Notification of Qualified Candidates

A notice containing the list of qualified candidates will be posted at a minimum one week prior to the Election Day, as stated in the by-laws of München Tamil Sangam e.V.

7. Unqualified Candidates

- a) If a nominee does not meet the required criteria to be a candidate based on the verification, the electoral board will issue a notification to the disqualified candidate by email advising them that they have been denied certification as a



candidate, the reasons therefor, and that their name will not appear on the ballot.

- b) Appeal of Certification: Any nominee(s) denied certification as a candidate shall appeal once with the valid proofs to the electoral board within five days from the date of denial notice. Upon receipt of a timely appeal, the electoral board shall review the appealed denial of the disqualified candidate and make a final determination, which shall not be subject to further appeal.

8. Withdrawal of Nomination

Qualified candidate(s) must file a signed withdrawal form with the Electoral Board if that candidate chooses to withdraw from the upcoming election. The withdrawal form shall be submitted by the candidate within 3 days from the date of reception of qualified candidate list.

9. Insufficient Nominations

If insufficient number of nominations are received for the Governing Board member election, the Governing Board member posts will be filled as below.

- a) If no nominations are received, the Electoral Board will extend the tenure of the current Governing Board for an additional one year (article §19.5 of the by-laws).
- b) If only one valid nomination is received for a position, then the Electoral Board will declare that the candidate is chosen to office without opposition and no voting will be conducted for that position (article §19.5 of the by-laws).
- c) If fewer than 5 valid nominations are received (i.e., less than 5 candidates including all positions),
- All the candidates who have been nominated will be declared to have been chosen to office without opposition and no voting will be conducted (article §19.5 of the by-laws).
 - The Electoral Board will extend the tenure of existing Governing Board members to fill-up the remaining positions on the Board such that the



Governing Board constitutes at least 5 members according to article §5-1 articles of the Association (article §19.5 of the by-laws).

- iii. The Governing Board member(s) who has served for the least amount of time and who accepts to continue to serve on the Governing Board will be extended. In case of ties on the account of the duration of time spent as a Governing Board member, the member who will continue on the Governing Board will be chosen by picking lots (article §19.5 of the by-laws).

10. Deceased Candidates

In the unlikely event, if a deceased candidate wins election on Election Day, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will be declared as the winner.

11. Campaigning and Electioneering

- a) Campaigning must be conducted respectfully and in accordance with the association's values.
- b) Respect the privacy of the voters and campaign respectfully.
- c) Do not spam voters via individual messaging.
- d) Maximum of two campaign messages are only permitted per day in MTS e.V. WhatsApp group.
- e) Campaigning on MTS e.V. WhatsApp group shall not be done on the Election Day by the candidate or the supporters.
- f) No campaigning, canvassing, or influencing of voters shall be permitted within the designated voting area.



12. Voting Procedure

- a) Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- b) Each voter shall verify their identity prior to casting a vote.
- c) Only the voter shall be permitted to enter the voting booth.
- d) Electoral Officers or Electoral Clerks appointed by the Electoral Board may be approached solely for clarification or assistance during the voting process.
- e) Each eligible voter shall cast only one vote per post and may vote only once in the election.
- f) Any vote cast for more than one candidate for a single post shall be deemed invalid.
- g) A ballot shall be considered invalid if it is illegible, improperly marked, or contains identifying marks.
- h) A blank ballot shall be recorded as an abstention and shall not be counted as a valid vote.
- i) Only ballots issued by the Electoral Board shall be accepted as valid.
- j) Voting shall take place only during the voting period. No votes shall be accepted after the close of voting.
- k) Voters shall comply with the instructions of the Electoral Officers during the voting process. Failure to do so may result in denial of the right to vote.

13. Recording the Vote

Electoral board shall record the total number of votes casted against the total number of voters as marked on the voter's list.

The electoral board will separately record the total number of:

- i. Absentee votes.
- ii. Valid votes.
- iii. Invalid votes.
- iv. Tie-breaker vote.



When totals are reconciled and agreed upon by the Electoral Board, the results will be publicly announced.

Note: Tie-breaker vote is decided by a toss of coin, in case of Tie.

14. Tie Vote

In the event of a tie vote between two or more qualified candidates, and where such tie must be resolved,

- a) the winner of the election will be decided by a toss of coin and will be declared to have won the election.
- b) The coin will be tossed by one of the election officers presents at the venue.
- c) The sides of the coin will be assigned to the contestants by picking lots.

Note: In case, more than 2 candidates (for the same position) get the equal votes, the electoral board may add additional Tie-breaker votes (toss of coin).

15. Results of Counting

Results of the vote counting will be announced along with the recorded vote counts by the Electoral Board. Winner of the position will be identified based on,

- a) The candidate who gets the highest number of valid votes will be announced as winner for the position.
- b) In case, if the same candidate wins both the positions he/she contested,
 - i. The candidate will be announced as the winner for the highest position (order as mentioned in chapter 2) what he/she contested.
 - ii. The candidate who gets the next highest number of valid votes will be announced as winner for the 2nd position.



The winning candidate shall send the signed acceptance of winning the election and taking the position form to Electoral Board within a day from the date of announcement of results.

In case the acceptance is not received, it is considered as denial of taking the position after winning the election and the candidate who gets the next highest number of valid votes will be announced as winner for that position.

16. Dates for Election and Related Events

The dates for the Governing Board Member election and the related events are,

- a) Publication of Election Ordinance: **13.05.2026**.
- b) Call for Election: **13.05.2026**.
- c) Start of Nominations: **13.05.2026**.
- d) End of Modification of voters list: **11.06.2026**.
- e) End of Nominations: **11.06.2026** at **20:00** hours.
- f) Publication of Candidates list: **13.06.2026**.
- g) Withdrawal of Nominations: **16.06.2026** at **20:00** hours.
- h) Publication of Final Candidates list: **21.06.2026**.
- i) Election Date: **28.06.2026** (**9:00** to **13:00** hours).
- j) Counting and Result Announcement: **After 13:00** hours on **28.06.2026**.
- k) Acceptance of taking position: **29.06.2026** at **20:00** hours.

Note: Electoral Board may change the dates mentioned for the events due to valid reasons.



17. Data Privacy Notice

München Tamil Sangam e.V. (MTS) is a registered non-profit organization based out of Munich, Germany (Registration Number: VR 207826, Registergericht: Amtsgericht München).

The Electoral Board of München Tamil Sangam uses member's details to facilitate the voting of new board members for the upcoming tenure.

München Tamil Sangam e.V. is the controller of your personal data. Member's data are received through various membership drives conducted by MTS. Members have the right to update their personal information any time by either contacting MTS (email address: muenchentamilsangam@gmail.com) or using their personalized membership link received during the registration.

Deletion of member's personal data can only be processed by MTS upon membership cancellation. Please write to muenchentamilsangam@gmail.com if you wish to cancel your membership. MTS membership team will apprise you, once your personal data are permanently deleted from our databases.



You may contact the Electoral Board, in case of clarification on this Election Ordinance. Only clarification issued via email ID mtselection2026@gmail.com is official.

Electoral Board email id: mtselection2026@gmail.com

Nomination form: [MTS Election Nomination Form 2026.pdf](#)

Withdrawal of nomination: [MTS Election Withdrawal Form 2026.pdf](#)

München Tamil Sangam e.V. Website: <https://muenchentamilsangam.org/>

By-laws of München Tamil Sangam e.V.:

German: [München Tamil Sangam Satzung](#)

English: [Munche-Tamil-Sangam Satzung.pdf](#)

Resolutions of München Tamil Sangam e.V.: None

Chief Electoral Officer: Angeswaran Thangaswamy

Electoral Officers: Paulraj Gnanapandithan, Vasudevan Parameswaran