

Candidate Statement

Please email this statement to SSSC_Election@armaninoLLP.com by midnight Pacific Time on Friday, August 26, 2022. Please include a recent photo of yourself to be displayed to voters.

Instructions

1. Please respond to each question individually in the boxes provided.
2. Please answer each individual question. A general narrative/essay/story/letter will not be accepted.
3. Armanino will review your statement. If your statement is found to contain incomplete and/or inappropriate content, you will be asked to remove, revise, or update the content. "Inappropriate content" includes, but is not limited to, derogatory and/or inflammatory statements.
4. Several of the questions are identical to those asked of Candidates in previous elections. If you also submitted a statement in a different election, it is permissible to reuse your previous answers to those particular questions.

Personal Information

Name:	Livtar Singh Khalsa
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Name of Spouse:	Livtar Kaur Khalsa
Occupation:	Ecommerce
Length of Participation in 3HO/Sikh Dharma:	Since 1969
Length of time as an Ordained Minister of Sikh Dharma:	Approximately 45 years
Are you a KRI certified teacher or trainer? If so, what is your certification level and when did you acquire your certification?	Level 1 Grandfathered in at the beginning.
Ashram Communities lived in:	Atlanta

3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions:	Mukhia Singh Sahib, Southeast US Regional Director, Khalsa Council
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Questionnaire

1. Why do you feel called to serve on the SSSC Board?

I'm part of a slate of pro-Yogi Bhajan candidates committed to preserving the reputation and teachings of our Teacher, the Siri Singh Sahib, Yogi Bhajan. The Siri Singh Sahib Corp. is for the furtherance of the Siri Singh Sahib's mission. I would like to keep in on track for that.

2. What relevant areas of experience and expertise qualify you for this position and will make you an asset to the board?

I was head of the Atlanta ashram, starting in 1970. I served on the Khalsa Council for several decades. I have taught the Dharma all around the world.

3. Please summarize your prior and current service to the Dharma. If you have served in leadership positions please note them.

In addition to being head of the ashram, I traveled with Siri Singh Sahib ji in the Southeastern US and Carribean for many years. I was the first head of the Sound missal at both Winter and Summer Solstices for decades.

4. Please describe your experience of the Siri Singh Sahib as a teacher and your experience of his teachings.

From the first moment of meeting Siri Singh Sahib ji , I remembered that we have been together in past lifetimes. It was instant and never changed. In the first few months of learning and practicing what he taught, the teachings were proved to me through my experience. I raised my kundalini and saw the Oneness of all. That was the proof of him as a teacher, that what he taught was true and pure. He played multiple roles in our lives at the same time as father, teacher, Yogi, and Siri Singh Sahib. Through years of being with him in person, I never saw him shy away from giving.

Even when he was in terrible pain or discomfort, he always rose to the occasion.

5. Please describe what the Siri Singh Sahib's saying means to you: "If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all." In practical terms:

- a) How would you apply this saying in your day to day service on the board?
- b) How would apply this perspective to help our community and organizations move forward together?

That saying does not say "all people", it says "All". There is only ONE, there is no other. Everything I do in life, including serving on the board, is with that in mind. I am only serving the ONE since all is myself.
I would try to encourage people to come from within to without.

6. What do you understand the Role of the SSSC to be? How do you see the SSSC carrying out that role on a:

- a) Practical level
- b) Spiritual level

Practically, we should be serving in every way possible. We should be looking at all aspects of our community and how we can improve that.
Spiritually, we should be setting an example. Let our own Simran and Seva set the tone.

7. As an SSSC Trustee you are accountable to the Sangat.

- a) How would you build and enhance the relationship between the Sangat and the SSSC?
- b) The SSSC is part of a close knit community. Given that board members are likely to have strong connections to that community, explain how you will be able to adhere to the SSSC confidentiality policies that apply to board members?

To be as transparent as possible is the first step.
To constantly keep the Sangat apprised of our activities.
Having said that, confidentiality, where appropriate and required, should be honored

just like any agreement should be.

8. The SSSC strives to practice diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- a) What experience do you have incorporating these practices into your personal and professional life?
- b) How would you incorporate them into our Organizations?
- c) How will you advance the organizational goals of diversity, equity and inclusion?

I have always believed in the values of diversity, equity and inclusion, and incorporated these practices in all of my interactions with the sangat over many decades.

I would like more diversity within the SSSC board. I believe we need much more international representation and would like to nurture and mentor our future leaders. I would like the most qualified people to serve on the Board.

I believe we can accommodate this by nominating people who represent a more diverse range of age groups, ethnicities, and international representation.

9. How do you see the 3HO/Sikh Dharma family of Nonprofit and For-profit organizations serving humanity in these times?

- a) What do you see as the three (3) greatest challenges facing the Sikh Dharma/3HO Community and the family of For-profit and Nonprofit entities?
- b) What would you do as a Trustee to overcome these challenges?
- c) What skills, tools, and techniques will you bring to the SSSC Board of Trustees to help it move toward the vision you described above?

I believe the three greatest challenges facing the organization and community are:
1. Restoring the Siri Singh Sahib's public reputation.
2. Sharing the totality of the Siri Singh Sahib's teachings in their integrated and unadulterated form.
3. Ensuring a successful future for Miri Piri Academy and a healthy relationship with the global Sikh community.

As a Board Trustee I would support legislation advancing these goals.

I believe I have the professional experience (law, finance, counseling) and the

necessary diplomatic and interpersonal skills to help bring these goals to fruition.

10. Board service regularly requires 20 to 40 hours per month (or more) in evening and weekend board and committee meetings. These meetings are generally held at 8:00 pm Eastern time (20:00 hours). In addition, there may be multiple Face-to-Face meetings per year.

- a. Can you fulfill these requirements?
- b. If so, how will you balance these requirements with your other personal and professional responsibilities?
- c. What do you anticipate being the most difficult part of serving as a Trustee on the SSSC Board?

I can fulfill these requirements. My business is online, not location based so that is not a problem.
I can't say beforehand what will be the most difficult. I would assume it will be coming to consensus, since that is the reason for having a board in the first place.

11. Are you related by blood or marriage to an officer, director, employee, or paid contractor of any of the constituent organizations (nonprofit or for-profit) including all subsidiaries?

- a. If yes, to whom are you related, how are you related to them, and what is their position?

no