

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

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| Name: | S.S. Siri Mukta Singh Khalsa |
| City & State/Country: | Espanola, NM, USA |
| Email: | sirimuktakhalsa@gmail.com |
| Name of Spouse: | None/Single |
| Occupation: | Retired |
| Length of Participation in 3HO/Sikh Dharma: | 48 years |
| Length of time as an Ordained Minister of Sikh Dharma: | 39 years |
| Are you a KRI certified teacher or trainer? If so, what is your certification level and when did you acquire your certification? | KRI Level I certified teacher since when Yogi Bhajan was alive. |
| Ashram Communities lived in: | Madison, WI; Boulder, CO; Miami, FL; Washington DC; Phoenix, AZ; LA, CA; and Espanola, NM |

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| 3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions: | Assistant to Siri Singh Sahib/Yogi Bhajan Executive Secretary, Boulder, CO |
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Questionnaire

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

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| I am called to serve the mission Yogi Bhajan brought to the West. 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. |
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2. What relevant areas of experience and expertise qualify you for this position and will make you an asset to the board?

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| I have experience teaching Kundalini Yoga around the world. I am in close contact with the yoga community as well as the Sikh Dharma community. Over the years, I have participated in serving in many different capacities in all the ashrams I have lived in. |
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3. Please summarize your prior and current service to the Dharma. If you have served in leadership positions please note them.

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| I have served in many different ashram communities over the years. Everywhere I went, I believe I had a positive impact on the community and felt I was an integral part of its growth. Since my current goal is to unify and preserve the teachings of Yogi Bhajan, the Siri Singh Sahib, I am intimately involved in working on this endeavor for our worldwide community. |
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4. Please describe your experience of the Siri Singh Sahib as a teacher and your experience of his teachings.

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| I was Yogi Bhajan's personal assistant for many years. I had the opportunity to be around him daily. For me, it was an invaluable experience, one that I will never forget and will cherish for the rest of my life. Sitting at his feet in classes, Solstices and Gurdwaras for decades changed my life and led me to serving my destiny. The |
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vastness of his knowledge about every aspect of life - from consciousness, to diet, to yoga and meditation, to marriage, business and more, are sure to serve the Aquarian Age as he predicted.

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?

Every time I see this quote it makes me want to relate to other people's souls. In a practical sense, it means I must try to relate to others on this level even when we don't agree. It reminds me to listen carefully and consider all points of view when making decisions. I would apply this philosophy when called upon to make decisions in service of our communities and organizations.

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

The SSSC sets the future direction of this Dharma. With that in mind, I intend to put in many hours in furtherance of these goals. I believe in transparency, and I would like to have much more participation between the sangat and the SSSC. My touchstone is always the Siri Guru Granth Sahib and all decisions would be made with that in mind.

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?

Using Zoom as a platform to connect these past few years has proven invaluable for me in meeting and getting to know people around the world.

Although I value a certain level of transparency in order to gain feedback about the goals of the Board, I understand that private discussions and certain information must remain confidential. We would decide that as a Board, and I would adhere to those decisions.

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. Man or woman, doesn't matter to me. 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.

I would be in support of any motions that come before the board in support of furthering these goals.

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 our organization and community are:

1. Maintaining the purity of the Siri Singh Sahib's teachings (in their unaltered and original format)
2. Restoring Siri Singh Sahib's public reputation. I realize that the community has many varying opinions on this matter, but I commit to making every effort to bridge the gaps between the various points of view.
3. I would like to see the SSSC Board focus on reestablishing in person summer and winter solstices as was done in our history. I would also like to see Miri Piri Academy reestablished.

It is also very important to me that we maintain good relations with our international community as well as our Sikh friends in India.

As a Board Trustee I consider myself a compassionate listener as well as a practical person who wants to get things accomplished. I would solicit more representation from our international community and would work towards more inclusion in the future.

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 am a retiree and would be able to spend as much time as needed to fulfill these requirements.

I would like to focus on the future and not the past if elected to the Board. I am interested in healing any wounds that may exist in our sangat, but I am 100% committed to preserving the Siri Singh Sahib's legacy and not compromising on any of our Dharmic or Yogic traditions. I anticipate that this desire of mine may be the most difficult as some people disagree with those views.

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, I have no conflicts of interest in serving on the SSSC Board and consider it my duty to serve in this capacity.