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Fill in the information below

Name	GurumeetKaur Khalsa
City	Espanola
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Occupation	Assistant to the Bhai Sahiba , Minister of Divinity of Sikh Dharma, Kundalini Yoga Teacher, Professional Teacher Trainer, Consultant and Coach
Length of Participation in 3HO/Sikh Dharma	57 Years
Are you a KRI certified teacher or trainer? If so, what is your certification level and when did you acquire your certification?	Level One (Grandfathered) Certified June 6, 2000 Level Two Certified December 4, 2009 Professional Teacher Trainer Certified August 31, 2009
Ashram Communities lived in	• San Rafael, CA; • Los Angeles, CA; • Houston, TX; • Espanola, NM
3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions	• 1969-1971 Ashram Co-Founder, Ashram Secretary, San Rafael, CA • 1971-1973 Correspondence Secretary to the Siri Singh Sahib, Los Angeles, CA • 1973-1975 Ashram Secretary, Guru Ram Das Ashram Houston TX • 1976-1983-Personal Assistant to the Siri Singh Sahib, Accounting Secretary for the Siri Singh Sahib and the Secretary General (SPK) in Espanola, New Mexico • 1983-2003 Bodyguard for the Siri Singh Sahib in Espanola New Mexico • 1981-2014 Patrol Officer, Branch Manager, Proposal Manager in Akal Security • 1975-Present Assistant to the Bhai Sahiba • 2021-Present Trustee on the Siri Singh Sahib Corp Board

Q2

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Q3

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

I believe we stand at an important crossroads in our history. We are the custodians of a precious legacy, and we have a responsibility to provide responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us; honor the wishes of our founder, the Siri Singh Sahib Yogi Bhajan; and do all that we can to protect vital institutions such as Miri Piri Academy (MPA) for future generations.

While progress has been made, the work is not finished. We must continue to strengthen our institutions, preserve the teachings and legacy of the Siri Singh Sahib, dedicate necessary resources to protect MPA, resolve outstanding issues surrounding the Yogi Tea trademark that continue to affect our community, and ensure that the for-profit organizations he established fulfill their intended purpose of supporting our dharmic nonprofit organizations.

At this stage of my life, I have the time, experience, and commitment to serve. I am willing to ask difficult questions, engage in respectful dialogue, build consensus where possible, support transparency with our Sangat, and stand firmly for the principles that will preserve and strengthen our legacy.

Q4

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

I have more than fifty years of service within Sikh Dharma, including direct experience with the vision, governance, and institutions established by the Siri Singh Sahib. Having served in positions to which he personally appointed me, I gained firsthand insight into his priorities for preserving the teachings, protecting the legacy, and ensuring that the organizations he established would serve future generations.

I was a co-founder of one of our first ashrams in San Rafael, served as the Siri Singh Sahib's correspondence secretary in Los Angeles, his bodyguard, personal assistant, Secretary of Intelligence, and a member of his household in both Los Angeles and Española. I also served on the business development team that helped grow Akal Security into the largest privately owned security company in the United States, working under his guidance as Chief Management Authority.

In 1972, the Siri Singh Sahib asked me to make a lifelong commitment to stand by his wife, Bhai Sahiba Bibiji Inderjit Kaur, and help care for his family. I have honored that commitment for more than five decades and continue to serve in the Office of the Bhai Sahiba through Sikh Dharma International.

For the past five years, I have served as an SSSC Trustee, participating in collaborative decision-making required to guide our institutions through today's challenges. We have made meaningful progress, and significant work remains.

These experiences have given me a deep understanding of our institutions, a steadfast commitment to stewardship, and the perspective needed to help preserve and strengthen what has been entrusted to us.

Q5

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

- Trustee on the Siri Singh Sahib Corp for 5 years
 - Minister of Divinity of Sikh Dharma International for 42 years.
 - Kundalini Yoga Teacher for 45 years.
 - Professional Level Teacher Trainer for 12 years.
 - Assistant to the Bhai Sahiba for 54 years.
 - Director of Create Inner Peace for 14 years.
 - Member of Bodyguard team to the Siri Singh Sahib for 14 years
 - Personal Assistant to the Siri Singh Sahib for 10 years
 - Correspondence Secretary to the Siri Singh Sahib, Los Angeles, CA 3 years
 - Ashram Secretary, Houston, TX for 2 years
 - Ashram co-founder and Ashram Secretary, San Rafael, CA for 2 years
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Q6

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

As my teacher, he grilled me, healed me, and never gave up on me. My experience of his teachings was challenging and enlightening, grueling, daunting, and ultimately always uplifting. In sharing his teachings, I have been the most blessed. I experience and observe firsthand how healing these teachings are to everyone.

Q7

If you can not see God in all you can not see God at all ~ Siri Singh Sahib

Describe what this saying means to you?

This teaching means I must seek out, embrace, and listen to those who have different perspectives to my own. I seek opportunities to learn to expand my knowledge and listen deeply within myself as I listen to others, while slowing my breath and feeling my heartbeat to embrace that which is unknown to me. I strongly believe that nothing is outside me and that everything is within, knowing that healing the world begins with healing myself. I strive to view the other person as myself so that I can expand my understanding and consciousness, my compassion and common ground in every conflict encountered and thereby remember I am a teacher and seek to discover how we can expand our mutual understanding and common ground.

a)How would you apply this saying in your day to day service on the board?

I will continue to listen, embrace differing perspectives, create space for respectful dialogue, and seek common ground. By applying the Five Sutras, I will work toward mutual understanding and consensus whenever possible.

b) How would apply this perspective to help our community and organizations move forward together?

I will participate in and encourage other Trustees to participate in our new Sangat-wide discussion forums, creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue rather than one-way communication.

Q8

What do you understand the Role of the SSSC to be and how do you see the SSSC carrying out that role on a:

Practical Level

On a practical level, the SSSC can continue the Siri Singh Sahib's example of listening to and responding to everyone. Our new communication forum has been created and we can greatly benefit by our expanded participation. To be relevant and impactful the SSSC can lead the way toward bridging and strengthening our relationships among our global Sangat by developing opportunities to share information and perspectives. Building this level of transparency can impart values of good will and mutual respect that can only lead to vibrant and inclusive growth and prosperity. This can be effectively done while including checks and balances that assure honoring the integrity of confidentiality of the SSSC on matters where it is essential.

Spiritual Level

On a spiritual level, the SSSC is challenged to work to rebuild our relationship with the SGPC and the Indian Sangat, as well as to continue to support taking an active role in interfaith work globally. Spirituality pervades across religious and cultural boundaries and finding common ground in service with other spiritual organizations—Sikh and non-Sikh—brings greater service and visibility and education about Sikhs to the most people.

Q9

As an SSSC Trustee you are accountable to the Sangat.

How would you build and enhance the relationship between the Sangat and the SSSC?

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?

Strong relationships are built through visibility, accessibility, and listening. I will actively participate in the new Sangat-wide online communication forum, encourage greater SSSC participation at Solstice and other major gatherings, and advocate for regular Zoom forums where the Sangat can ask questions, share concerns, and contribute ideas. Meaningful dialogue strengthens trust and helps the Board make better-informed decisions.

During my years of service, I have demonstrated the ability to handle sensitive information responsibly, exercise discretion, and maintain appropriate confidentiality when required. The SSSC's ability to function effectively depends upon trust, and that trust includes honoring our commitment to transparency where appropriate and feasible, as well as confidentiality obligations entrusted to Board members. Serving on the SSSC Board carries a fiduciary duty that must take precedence over personal relationships, friendships, organizational affiliations, or community pressures. While we have a close-knit community, I understand the distinction between information that is appropriately confidential and information that should be communicated openly to the broader Sangat. I will honor the Board's confidentiality policies while continuing to advocate for transparency whenever information can appropriately be shared with the communities we serve.

Q10

The SSSC strives to be an inclusive organization and cultivate a diverse and intergenerational community that supports the long-term sustainability of the organization. How would you help foster connection, engagement, and collaboration across generations and communities within the SSSC?

I will promote actions to demonstrate the SSSC seeking to know and understand Sangat concerns and challenges, as well as their ideas for solutions, their plans, their visions, their hopes and dreams for the future. To more effectively reach underserved areas, the use of our new online discussion forums will play an effective role toward building upon inclusivity of those who would otherwise not have an opportunity to contribute. It is also vital to build upon our collaboration with the Khalsa Council as the Advisory Body to the SSSC. Our relationship with the Sangat will naturally deepen as people experience meaningful opportunities to participate, contribute, and help shape our future.

Q11

The Siri Singh Sahib taught that we should be known for our service

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?

- Ensuring the long-term stability and protection of Miri Piri Academy while rebuilding and strengthening our relationship with the SGPC and the Sikh community in India.
- Developing sustainable sources of revenue so that our nonprofit organizations—including 3HO, KRI, SDI, SDEI, LYF, and our other mission-based entities—have the financial resources they need to fulfill their unique missions of service.
- Strengthening unity of purpose among our for-profit and nonprofit organizations so they work together in alignment with the vision and values established by the Siri Singh Sahib.

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

By preserving and strengthening Miri Piri Academy for today's children and future generations; rebuilding meaningful relationships with the SGPC and the global Sikh community; ensuring that 3HO, KRI, SDI, SDEI, LYF, and all of our nonprofit organizations have the resources needed to fulfill their missions; developing new sources of revenue to sustain those missions; and strengthening unity among all of our organizations so they serve humanity with shared values, purpose, and excellence.

What would you do as a Trustee to overcome these challenges?

Advocate for dedicating the resources necessary to protect and strengthen Miri Piri Academy and rebuild our relationships with the SGPC and the Sikh community in India. I will advocate for expanding sustainable revenue through new business opportunities, grants, and other responsible income sources to help ensure that our for-profit organizations fulfill their intended purpose of supporting our dharmic nonprofit organizations. As Trustees, we have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that 3HO, KRI, SDI, SDEI, LYF, and all of our nonprofit subsidiaries have the financial support and resources necessary to successfully carry out their missions of service. I would also continue working to build greater unity in our shared values across all of our organizations so that we honor the vision of the Siri Singh Sahib and move forward together.

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 bring decades of experience, including the privilege of serving in positions to which I was appointed by the Siri Singh Sahib. I have a deep commitment to his vision and values, a disciplined daily sadhana, the ability to listen, build consensus, and make thoughtful fiduciary decisions. My goal is to help ensure that every organization entrusted to the SSSC has the leadership, resources, and support needed to fulfill its mission in service to humanity.

Q12

Board service regularly requires 20 to 40 hours per month (or more) in board and committee meetings. In addition, there may be multiple Face-to-Face meetings per year.

Can you fulfill these requirements?

Yes, I do as a current Trustee, and will continue to do so.

If so, how will you balance these requirements with your other personal and professional responsibilities?

I meet these responsibilities in my current service as a Trustee and am prepared to continue doing so. At this time in my life, my personal and professional responsibilities provide me with the flexibility needed to devote the necessary time, attention, and travel required to fulfill the duties of a Trustee.

What do you anticipate being the most difficult part of serving as a Trustee on the SSSC Board?

I consider prioritizing and balancing the important and often competing priorities facing the Board to be an important challenge, while remaining true to our fiduciary responsibilities and the long-term vision of the Siri Singh Sahib. I consider serving as a Trustee a privilege, and I am committed to approaching every decision with discernment, integrity, and the best interests of our Sangat and the institutions entrusted to our care.

Q13

Directors must maintain reliable access to email and demonstrate basic technology proficiency — including the ability to use a computer, manage calendar invitations, and read and respond to board communications in a timely manner — recognizing that board-related correspondence may occur on a daily basis. Can you fulfill these requirements.

Yes, I have the necessary skills and access to technology that are needed.

Q14

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

No. I am not related by blood or marriage to any officer, director, or employee of any constituent organization or subsidiary. I do serve as a paid contractor for Sikh Dharma International in the Office of the Bhai Sahiba and appropriately recuse myself from any Board discussions or votes involving that relationship.

Q15

Please upload your resume or CV here.

GurumeetKaur Khalsa CV 2026.pdf (145.2KB)

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Please upload your photo here, if elected as a board member this photo will be used.

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Q17

Please add anything else you would like to say so voters can better understand you.

I believe our future depends on honoring the legacy entrusted to us while working respectfully with one another toward a common purpose. If we can remove the barriers that divide us, we can focus on healing, uplifting, and serving humanity through these sacred teachings, as envisioned by our Founder. By preserving what has been entrusted to us, strengthening our institutions, and working together with respect and humility, we can fulfill the vision of the Siri Singh Sahib for generations to come.
